

Laboratory Twinning activities in the Middle East

In the framework of the on-going OIE Laboratory Twinning activities worldwide, several projects are in process this year in countries of the region, namely, Lebanon on BT, UAE on Brucellosis, Egypt on Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease, Qatar on Avian Influenza, Syria on Food Safety and Veterinary Medicinal Products, KSA on FMD, Oman on Brucellosis and Rabies and Yemen on Bees diseases.

The RR-ME actively supports all application of countries in the region to request twinning process with OIE reference laboratories or collaborating centres with the aim to have in the near future a regional network of laboratories covering major diseases prevailing in the region.

Exchange of expertise with parent laboratories and regional ones will contribute to improve the animal health status in the region and promote trade in animals and animal products.