

RESOLUTION No. 18

Procedures for the designation of OIE Collaborating Centres

CONSIDERING THAT

1. At the 61st General Session in May 1993, the Assembly adopted a formal set of Mandates and Rules for OIE Collaborating Centres, and the Rules setting out the procedures for applications, designations, entitlements and obligations, which were included in the OIE's *Basic Texts*,
2. At the 79th General Session in May 2011, the Assembly adopted new Terms of Reference and Internal Rules for OIE Reference Centres,
3. The scientific integrity and credibility of the OIE relies heavily on this network of over 50 OIE Collaborating Centres,
4. All OIE Collaborating Centre applications are assessed using standardised criteria by the relevant Specialist Commission and endorsed by the relevant Regional Commission and once approved by the Council, proposed to the Assembly for adoption,
5. The need for clear criteria and procedures for designation and de-listing OIE Collaborating Centres has been identified,
6. The Biological Standards Commission, in consultation with the three other OIE Specialist Commissions, identified six main topics, each with a number of specific focus areas (Annex 3 of Doc. 86 SG/12/CS2 A) of strategic interest to the OIE for future Collaborating Centre applicants,
7. Existing Collaborating Centres will be asked where their core activities and expertise lies within this list so that they can retain their designation, when relevant by forming a consortium with Centres having the same specialty in the same region with the aim of having within 2–3 years, only OIE Collaborating Centres for defined focus areas of strategic interest to the OIE, creating greater opportunities for collaboration and networking; and improving Collaborating Centre support offered to the OIE and its Member Countries,
8. The Biological Standards Commission developed these procedures in consultation with the three other OIE Specialist Commissions,
9. The procedures were appended to the report of the meeting of the Biological Standards Commission February 2018 meeting (Annex 4 of Document 86 SG/12/CS2 B),
10. The procedures have been endorsed by the OIE Council,

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

1. To adopt the procedures proposed in Annex 4 of Document 86 SG/12/CS2 B.

2. To request that the Biological Standards Commission and the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission implement these procedures when reviewing OIE Collaborating Centre applications and evaluating their performance.
 3. To ask the Director General to publish the adopted text on the OIE website and to ensure that the document is kept up-to-date through periodic review by the relevant Specialist Commissions.
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