

RESOLUTION No. 30

**Designation of OIE Reference Laboratories for aquatic animal diseases**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The OIE's *Basic Texts* provide the Terms of Reference, designation criteria, and internal rules for OIE Reference Laboratories,
2. The Terms of Reference of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission include the responsibility to examine applications from Member Countries relating to the creation of new OIE Reference Laboratories with activities corresponding to the Commission's scientific mandate and report its findings to the Director General,
3. All OIE Reference Laboratory applications are assessed by the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission using standardised criteria that include: the institution's ability, capacity and readiness to provide services; the scientific and technical standing of the institution concerned at the national and international levels; the quality of its scientific and technical leadership including internationally recognised expertise; the institution's prospective stability in terms of personnel, activity and funding; and the technical and geographical relevance of the institution and its activities to OIE's programme priorities,
4. Details of the applicant laboratories that have been assessed by the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission are published in the reports of the meeting of the Commission,
5. All Reference Laboratory applications are endorsed by the OIE Council,
6. Proposals for a major change in an OIE Reference Laboratory follow the same procedure,
7. Article 4 of the Internal Rules for OIE Reference Centres states that "Applications endorsed by the Council shall be presented to the Assembly for approval",

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

To designate the following new OIE Reference Laboratories for aquatic animal diseases and add them to the list of OIE Reference Laboratories (available on the OIE web site):

*OIE Reference Laboratory for Infectious haematopoietic necrosis*  
Pacific Biological Station – Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory (PBS-AAHL), Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Nanaimo, British Columbia, CANADA

*OIE Reference Laboratory for Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia*  
Pacific Biological Station – Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory (PBS-AAHL), Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Nanaimo, British Columbia, CANADA

*OIE Reference Laboratory for Acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease*  
National Cheng Kung University, Tainan City, CHINESE TAIPEI

*OIE Reference Laboratory for Infectious haematopoietic necrosis*

Animal and Plant Inspection and Quarantine Technical Centre, Shenzhen Exit & Entry  
Inspection and Quarantine Bureau, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, CHINA  
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*OIE Reference Laboratory for Koi herpesvirus disease*

Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI), Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, Institute of  
Infectology, Insel Riems, GERMANY

*OIE Reference Laboratory for Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia*

Aquatic Animal Quarantine Laboratory, General Service Division, National Fishery  
Products Quality Management Service, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Busan, KOREA  
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