

RESOLUTION No. 17

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 Commissions 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 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; the technical 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 acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease
Aquaculture Pathology Laboratory, School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences,
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OIE Reference Laboratory for Hepatobacter penaei (necrotising hepatopancreatitis)
Aquaculture Pathology Laboratory, School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences,
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OIE Reference Laboratory for infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis
Aquaculture Pathology Laboratory, School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences,
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OIE Reference Laboratory for white spot syndrome virus
Aquaculture Pathology Laboratory, School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences,
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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