

RESOLUTION No. 18

**Designation of OIE Reference Laboratories for terrestrial 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 Biological 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 Biological 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 terrestrial animal diseases and add them to the list of OIE Reference Laboratories (available on the OIE web site):

*OIE Reference Laboratory for African swine fever*  
CSIRO Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, Geelong, Victoria, AUSTRALIA

*OIE Reference Laboratory for classical swine fever*  
CSIRO Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, Geelong, Victoria, AUSTRALIA

*OIE Reference Laboratory for foot and mouth disease*  
National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health, Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA

*OIE Reference Laboratory for dourine*  
Anses Normandy, Laboratory for Animal Health, Dozulé, FRANCE

*OIE Reference Laboratory for rabies*

OIE Rabies Diagnostic Laboratory, Department of Microbiology, Veterinary College, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Hebbal, Bangalore, INDIA

*OIE Reference Laboratory for highly pathogenic avian influenza and low pathogenic avian influenza*

Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forest and Rural Affairs, Gyeongsangbuk-do, KOREA (REP. OF)

*OIE Reference Laboratory for brucellosis (Brucella abortus, B. melitensis and B. canis)*

Central Veterinary Research Laboratory, Dubai, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

*OIE Reference Laboratory for Middle East respiratory syndrome*

Central Veterinary Research Laboratory, Dubai, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

*OIE Reference Laboratory for rinderpest*

Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, USDA, APHIS, VS, NVSL, Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Greenport, New York, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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