

RESOLUTION No. 28

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 Members 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 meetings 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

National Surveillance and Research Center for Exotic Animal Diseases (National Reference Laboratory for African Swine Fever), China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center, Qingdao, CHINA (PEOPLE'S REP. OF)

OIE Reference Laboratory for avian influenza

Reference Laboratory for Veterinary Quality Control on Poultry Production, Animal Health Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Giza, EGYPT

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

Department of Brucellosis Research, Animal Health Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Giza, EGYPT

OIE Reference Laboratory for contagious equine metritis

Anses, Laboratory for Animal Health, Normandy site, Physiopathology and Epidemiology of Equine Diseases Unit, Dozulé, FRANCE

OIE Reference Laboratory for bovine viral diarrhoea

National Reference Laboratory for Bovine viral diarrhoea/Mucosal Disease, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, Insel Riems, GERMANY

OIE Reference Laboratory for equine influenza

Equine Research Institute, Japan Racing Association, Tochigi, JAPAN

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