QUALITY OF VETERINARY EDUCATION
OIE REFERENCE TOOLS
Role of OIE

- Activities of Veterinary Services are recognised as ‘global public goods’
- Performance of Veterinary Services will largely depend on the ability, skill and qualification of their human resources
- The foundation of each Veterinary Service is their personnel and the quality of veterinary education (VE) they have received
- However, according to the outcomes of a majority of PVS evaluations, in many countries of the world, the level of VE is not acceptable
Role of OIE contd.

- Therefore the OIE has been mandated by Members to take a **global leadership role** in establishing the basic Veterinary Education requirements for veterinarians of public and private sector components of National Veterinary Services.
- Undoubtedly VE is a key component of any plan to improve Veterinary Services.
- Furthermore knowledge and competence of Veterinary Services are important evaluation criteria in the framework of the **PVS evaluation tool**.
Veterinary education can be regarded as a global public good

=> therefore, it is necessary to ensure the development of a high standard veterinary education and to struggle against a commercial approach of veterinary education that could develop in some countries.
To this purpose, the OIE has developed and circulated to REEV-Med members the tools and following documents:

- **A reference curriculum**: "Veterinary Education Core Curriculum OIE Guidelines"
- **The minimum qualifications to achieve**: "OIE recommendations on the Competencies of graduating veterinarians (‘Day 1 graduates’) to assure National Veterinary Services of quality”, and
- **A guide for twinning project preparation between VEEs**: "A Guide to Veterinary Education Twinning Projects"
A reference curriculum

Veterinary Education Core Curriculum OIE Guidelines

The minimum qualifications to achieve

OIE recommendations on the Competencies of graduating veterinarians (‘Day 1 graduates’) to assure National Veterinary Services of quality

Day 1 competencies

- OIE recommends that specific Day 1 competencies which must be taught in the core (‘minimum’) curriculum include zoonoses, transboundary and emerging animal diseases, animal welfare, epidemiology, food safety, disease control and veterinary legislation.

- Day 1 competencies do not apply to all contents of VE programmes. Some contents will be added according to local circumstances.

- Day 1 competencies were published in May 2012, during the World Assembly of National Delegates, and have been widely distributed.
The OIE Veterinary Education Twinning Programme is expected to create opportunities for Member countries to develop modern educational facilities and methods, based on accepted international standards.
Paris, 9 July 2013 – The University of Minnesota (USA) and Chiang Mai University (Thailand) are engaging in the first twinning project under the OIE Veterinary Education Twinning Programme.

Lessons, experiences and outputs (available on the OIE website):

- UMN, USA and Chiang Mai, Thailand (Newsletter 3)
- UMN, USA and Chiang Mai, Thailand (Newsletter 2)
- UMN, USA and Chiang Mai, Thailand (Newsletter 1)
Submission of proposals

- A Candidate or Parent Establishment may express interest in taking part in a twinning project.

- This can be a joint or individual expression of interest. The initial approach should be accompanied by a project brief, which may be in the form of an e-mail or letter to OIE Headquarters.

- This is a brief description of the reasons for the project and the benefits that the project will provide. It should summaries the justification or mandate for the project.

- This brief should also be sent or copied to the National Delegate(s) to the OIE corresponding to the establishment(s) concerned.
Conclusions

- Quality Veterinary Education together with effective regulatory Veterinary Statutory Bodies are the cornerstones of good governance of National Veterinary Services

- OIE has the global mandate to support improvement of Veterinary Education that will ensure effective National Veterinary Services

- OIE’s objective within the larger framework of VEE is to ensure adequate knowledge to apply animal health standards among those who will be part of public and private component of Veterinary Services
Thank you for your attention