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OIE activities related to wildlife and biodiversity

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Structure of the OIE

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OIE Working Group on Wildlife (WGW)
1993: First meeting of the *ad hoc* Group on Wildlife Diseases

- Major objective: «identify wildlife diseases of concern to Member Countries that should be considered for reporting to the OIE»

Since 1995: meeting of the OIE Working Group on Wildlife Diseases once a year

2014: OIE Working Group on Wildlife Diseases became the OIE Working Group on Wildlife
WGW – Current members

2016: Seven permanent members, proposed by the Council of the OIE and confirmed by the Assembly

- Dr William B. Karesh (USA) (Chair)
- Dr Roy Bengis (South Africa)
- Dr John Fisher (USA)
- Prof. T.A. Leighton (Canada)
- Dr Torsten Mörner (Sweden)
- Dr Marie-Pierre Ryser (Switzerland)
- Prof. Koichi Murata (Japan)
1. The Working Group functions under the auspices of the Scientific Commission and will report to the Scientific Commission of OIE.

2. Maintain global perspective and foresight on wildlife health and disease issues of importance to the OIE.

3. Assist the Scientific Commission to incorporate wildlife issues into OIE Standards, as appropriate.

4. Assist OIE Members to build or improve their capacity to meet OIE standards and obligations with respect to diseases in wild animals.
5. Assist the OIE to receive, record, and interpret information on wildlife disease occurrence from official sources through WAHIS, and maintain an international network to provide information on wildlife disease occurrences from non-official sources.

6. Advise the Scientific Commission on risks, surveillance, responses and management with respect to disease issues associated with wildlife.

7. Address specific issues brought to the Working Group by the Scientific Commission.
8. Assist the OIE to **communicate and disseminate information about wildlife disease issues**, and represent OIE as requested.

9. Assist OIE to **incorporate wildlife appropriately in its educational and scientific programs and publications**

10. Assist OIE in **supporting the activities of Collaborating Centres** on wildlife diseases
OIE Headquarters: new Organisational Chart

Director General

Communication Unit

Deputy Director General
Institutional Affairs • Regional Activities

Events Coordination Unit
Legal Affairs & Partnerships Unit
Regional activities Department
Information Systems Unit
Human Resources Cell
Logistics Unit
Performance Management Cell
Documentation Cell

Regional and Sub-Regional Representations

Deputy Director General
International Standards and Science

Director of Finance

World Fund Unit
Budget Unit
Accounting Unit

WAHIAD Department
Standards Department
Status Department
Programmes Department
Science and New Technologies Department

Publications Unit
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The 2016 meeting was held from Monday 7 November to Thursday 10 November

Brainstorming on the Terms of Reference

Revision of the Terms of Reference
  • Alignment with work stream including work on Biodiversity and climate change
http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/specialists-commissions-groups/working-groups-reports/working-group-on-wildlife-diseases/
The four pillars of the OIE

Improving animal health, veterinary public health and welfare worldwide

**STANDARDS & GUIDELINES**
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of the world animal disease situation

**EXPERTISE**
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**SOLIDARITY**
between countries to strengthen capacities worldwide

- **including zoonoses**
- **animal disease prevention and control methods**
- **Capacity building tools and programmes**
OIE standards

*Terrestrial Animal Health Code* – mammals, birds and bees

*Aquatic Animal Health Code* – fish, molluscs and crustaceans

*Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*

*Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals*

*Codes and Manuals* available on the OIE website
OIE standards (example)

- Chapter 1.1. Notification of diseases, infections and infestations, and provision of epidemiological information
- Chapter 1.4. Animal health surveillance
- Chapter 2.1. Import risk analysis
- Chapter 5.9. Quarantine measures applicable to non-human primates
- Chapter 6.11. Zoonoses transmissible from non-human primates
- Chapter 7.2. to 7.4. Transport of animals by sea/land/air
- Chapter 8.1. to Chapter 15.4. on specific animal diseases

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- Chapter 1.4. Animal health surveillance
- Chapter 2.1. Import risk analysis
- Chapter 8.1. to Chapter 11.7. on specific animal diseases, in particular chapter 8.1. Infection with *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*
OIE standards (example)

- Chapter 1.1.1. Collection, submission and storage of diagnostic specimens
- Chapter 1.1.2. Transport of specimens of animal origin
- Chapter 1.1.5. Principles and methods of validation of diagnostic assays for infectious diseases
- Chapter 2.1.1. to Chapter 2.9.12. on specific diseases
- Guideline 3.6.7. Principles and methods for the validation of diagnostic tests for infectious diseases applicable to wildlife

- Chapter 1.1.1. Quality management in veterinary testing laboratories
- Chapter 1.1.2. Principles and methods of validation of diagnostic assays for infectious diseases
- Chapter 2.1.1. to Chapter 2.4.9. on specific diseases in particular Chapter 2.1.1. Infection with Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis
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Stay tuned...
More to come during the seminar!
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Relevant OIE Collaborating Centres:

Research, Diagnosis and Surveillance of Wildlife Pathogens

National Wildlife Health Center
US Geological Survey
US Department of Interior
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

and

Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre
Malaspina University
CANADA
Training in Integrated Livestock and Wildlife Health and Management

Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases
Faculty of Veterinary Science
SOUTH AFRICA
Scientific expertise

List of Centres
Annual reports
Guidelines for applicants
Publications
Guidelines

- Wildlife Disease Risk Analysis, Manual of Procedures & Guidelines, IUCN & OIE; Ed. 2014

- Guidelines for assessing the risk of non-native animals becoming invasive, OIE, 2011

Available on the OIE website:
www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/specialists-commissions-groups/working-groups-reports/working-group-on-wildlife-diseases/
OIE Global Conference on Wildlife
Animal Health and Biodiversity – Preparing for the future
Paris (France), 23-25 February 2011
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OIE works with many international orgs.

- International council for game and wildlife conservation
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
- Tripartite agreement
Thank you for your attention

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