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Terms of Reference for OIE Focal Points for Aquatic Animals

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Animals, Accra, Ghana
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OIE National Focal Points

- During the 76th General Session in May 2008 the International Committee:
 - reiterated the importance of focal point for animal diseases notification
- requested to nominate additional focal points for:
 - **aquatic animals**
 - wildlife
 - veterinary products
 - animal production food safety
 - animal welfare.

Terms of Reference

OIE National Focal Points for Aquatic Animals

- **Activities** of the focal points in relation with OIE rights and obligations are under the authority of the OIE Delegate.
- **Information transmitted** to OIE from focal points must be under the designated authority of OIE Delegate either if focal points are:
 - **under jurisdiction** of the Veterinary Authority, or
 - located in other Departments or Ministries **not under jurisdiction** of Veterinary Authority
- From a legal perspective, the OIE considers the official OIE Delegate to be the **unique representative of the country**.

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National Focal Points for Aquatic Animals

- Establish a **network** of aquatic animal health experts within his country or communicate with existing network;
- Establish a **dialogue**, and **facilitate cooperation and communication** with Competent Authority for aquatic animal health and relevant authorities;
- Support **collection and submission** of aquatic animal disease information to the OIE through WAHIS (coordinated with Focal Point for terrestrial animal disease notification (when relevant)).

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National Focal Points for Aquatic Animals

- Act as a **contact point** with the OIE Animal Health Information Department in relation to information on aquatic animals and disease ;
- Receive reports of the Aquatic Animals Commission and other relevant reports, and conduct the **in-country consultation process**;
- **Prepare comments** for the Delegate on relevant meeting reports, including comments on the proposals for new or revised OIE standards related to aquatic animals.

Note: all information transmitted to OIE must be under the authority of the OIE Delegate

Availability of the AAHSC Reports



● Aquatic Code Commission (AHHSC) Report:

- ACC usually meet March and September each year;
- English version ('unofficial') usually available 3 weeks after each meeting on OIE Delegates site.
- French and Spanish versions ('official') usually available 7 weeks after each meeting on OIE Delegates site.
- 'Official' reports are then uploaded on the public OIE site.
- **Once public, OIE will inform Focal Points of report availability.**

NOTE: AHHSC report specifies:

- what text Members should comment on;
- closing date for Member comments.



For the media

- OIE scientists review knowledge on Schmallenberg virus
 - At the Berlin "International Green Week", the OIE and the European Commission confirm their shared commitment on animal health policies
 - OIE DG presents the organisation's action in the reduction of biological threats to the press
- + View all press releases
- + Access all media resources

Highlights

A multifaceted

+ OIE Videos

Editorial

Towards global foot and mouth disease control



Foot and mouth disease (FMD) remains one of the world's most widespread epizootic animal diseases. More than 100 countries are not yet recognized as officially free of FMD by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

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+ View all editorials

Publications and documentation

- Online Bookshop
- Scientific and Technical Review

Most recent issues:

- Plurithematic issue, Vol. 30 (3), December 2011
- Models in the management of animal diseases, Vol. 30 (2), August 2011
- The spread of pathogens through international trade, Vol. 30 (1), April 2011

Bulletins online (OIE Magazine) : Latest issue

Document database

Overview

- Commodity-based approach
- Standard-Setting: The Codes
- Legal rights and obligations

Terrestrial code

- Access online

Terrestrial manual

- Access online

Aquatic code

- Access online

Aquatic manual

- Access online

Specialists commissions & groups

- Code Commission & Reports
- Laboratories Commission & Reports
- Working Groups & Reports
- Implications of private standards
- Introduction to Specialist Commissions
- Devising import measures
- Scientific Commission & Reports
- Aquatic Animal Commission & Reports

OIE World Conferences

> 27-29 June 2012
 FAO/OIE global conference on foot and mouth disease control
 Bangkok, Thailand

> 6-8 November 2012



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Recent disease reports:

- White spot disease, United States of America (Immediate notification)
- Crayish plague (Aphanomyces astaci), Norway (Immediate notification)
- Crayish plague (Aphanomyces astaci), Italy (Immediate notification)
- White spot disease, Saudi Arabia (Immediate notification)
- Infection with ranavirus, Denmark (Immediate notification)
- White spot disease, Mozambique (Immediate notification)
- Koi herpesvirus disease, Sweden (Immediate notification)
- Infection with Martellia refringens, United Kingdom (Immediate notification)
- Koi herpesvirus disease, Spain (Immediate notification)

Earlier disease reports :

- 30/06/2011 Ostreid herpesvirus 1, Netherlands (Immediate notification)
- 30/06/2011 Koi herpesvirus disease, France (Immediate notification)
- 28/06/2011 Infection with Perkinsus olseni, Vietnam (Immediate notification)
- 15/06/2011 Spring viraemia of carp, United Kingdom (Immediate notification)
- 26/05/2011 White spot disease, Brunei Darussalam (Immediate notification)
- 20/04/2011 Crayfish plague (Aphanomyces astaci), Italy (Immediate notification)
- 25/03/2011 Epizootic ulcerative syndrome, Canada (Immediate notification)

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Reports of Commission meetings

October 2011	(in French)	(in Spanish)
February 2011	(in French)	(in Spanish)
October 2010	(in French)	(in Spanish)
February 2010	(in French)	(in Spanish)
September 2009	(in French)	(in Spanish)
March 2009	(in French)	(in Spanish)
October 2008	(in French)	(in Spanish)
March 2008	(in French)	(in Spanish)
October 2007	(in French)	(in Spanish)
March 2007	(in French)	(in Spanish)
October 2006	(in French)	(in Spanish)
March 2006	(in French)	(in Spanish)
August 2005	(in French)	(in Spanish)
January 2005	(in French)	(in Spanish)
October 2004	(in French)	(in Spanish)

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Important points:



Make arrangements with your Delegate to ensure you have early access to AAHSC reports:

- to allow maximum time for your consultation process
- and ensure comments reach OIE prior to the deadline.

Opportunities for OIE Members to influence international standard setting



=> **Members** are **primarily responsible** for setting and the adoption of international standards and should therefore always attempt to actively participate in the standard setting process



Thank you for your attention



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