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Terrestrial and Aquatic Codes ; Role of Working Groups and Specialist Commissions

Training of OIE National Focal Points for Wildlife from Africa and the Middle East (3rd Cycle)

12-14 November, Gaborone, Botswana

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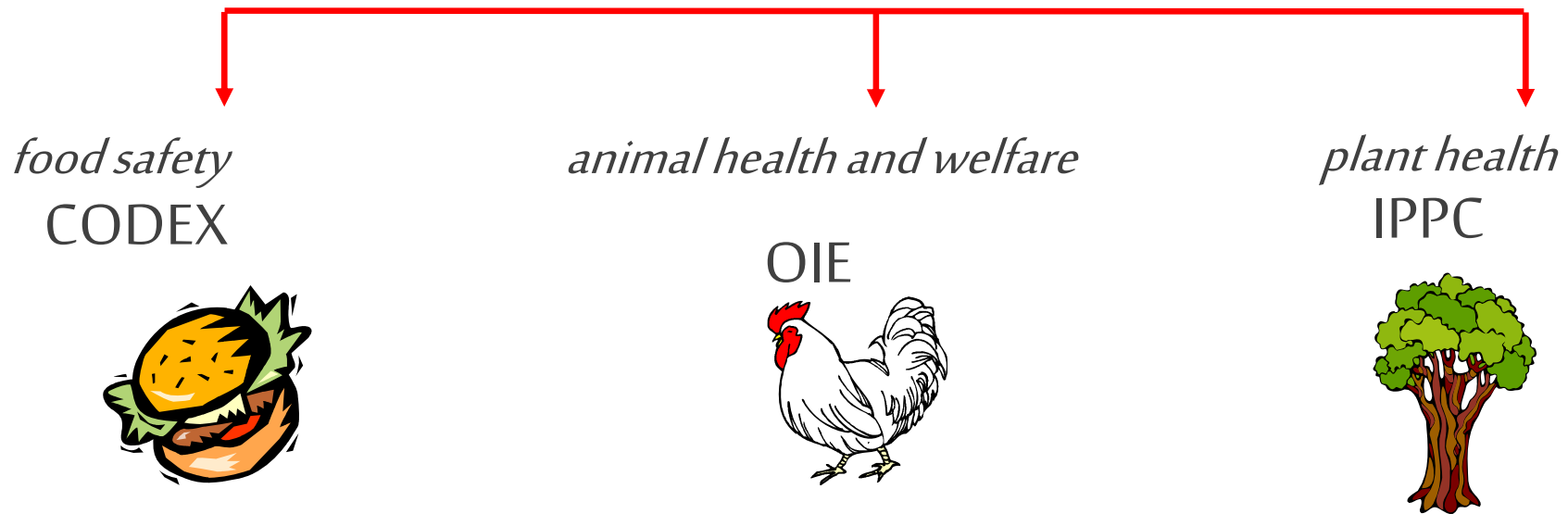
WTO SPS agreement (1995)

- Legal framework for international trade
- recognises OIE as a reference organisation for international standards (one of the “3 sisters”)



The “3 sisters”

Standard-setting organisations



Codex = Codex Alimentarius Commission (FAO/WHO)

OIE = World Organisation for Animal Health

IPPC = International Plant Protection Convention (FAO)

Consequences of the SPS Agreement

- Two alternatives
- Use of OIE Standards
- Own risk analysis, based on OIE Standards
- Four sources of OIE Standards:
 - Terrestrial Manual and Code
 - Aquatic Manual and Code

WORLD TRADE



OIE International Standards

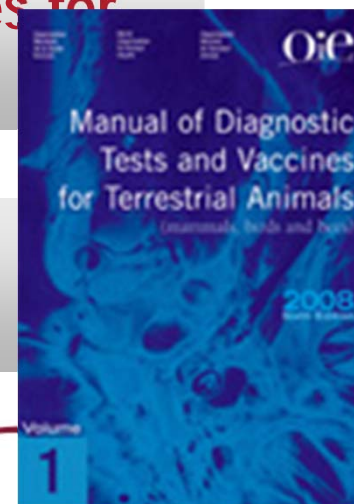
<http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/overview/>

Terrestrial Animal Health Code – mammals, birds and bees

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

Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals

Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals



The OIE Codes

- Recommendations for the improvement of terrestrial and Aquatic animal health and welfare and veterinary public health worldwide
- Measures providing for early detection, reporting and control of pathogenic agents, including zoonotic, and
- Preventing their spread via international trade in animals and animal products, while avoiding unjustified sanitary barriers to trade

The OIE Terrestrial and Aquatic Codes

- The development of these standards and recommendations is the result of the continuous work since 1960 of the OIE's Specialist Commissions;
- The measures are the result of consensus among OIE Members,
- Constitute a reference within the WTO SPS Agreement as an international standard for animal health and zoonoses.
- Reference document for use by all those involved in international trade.

Example: the Terrestrial Code

- **Generic (horizontal) chapters**
 - **User's Guide**
 - general definitions - Glossary
 - disease notification
 - import risk analysis methodology
 - evaluation of veterinary services
 - obligations and ethics in international trade
 - import/export procedures
 - veterinary public health
 - animal welfare

Example: the Terrestrial Code

- **Specific disease/agent chapters**
 - description of the pathogen and the disease
 - case definition, susceptible hosts
 - possible prevention/control measures
 - determining status of a country, zone,
 - compartment, herd
 - ‘safe’ commodities irrespective of status
 - recommendations for commodities: live animals,
 - genetic material, products of animal origin (meat, milk, hides/skins)

Covering listed diseases of mammals, birds and bees

Paradigm shift and future evolution

- Paradigm shift from a strict emphasis on country freedom status to risk based recommendations
- Separation of specific animal sub-populations with different health status (zones and compartments), as well as wildlife
- Recommendations based on risks mitigation measures for specified commodities
- The ultimate goal continues to be the control and eradication of the diseases

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

Council

Director General

Specialist Commissions
Terrestrial Code, Laboratories,
Aquatic Animals, Scientific

Regional Commissions
Africa, Americas, Europe, Asia- Far East and Oceania,
Middle East

Headquarters

Human Resources and
Budget Management Unit

Accounts Unit

World Fund Coordination

Deputy Director General
Administration, Management, Human
Resources and Regional Actions

Deputy Director General
Animal Health, Veterinary Public
Health and International Standards

Administration,
Logistics and
Publications
Department

**International Trade
Department**

Collaborating
Centres

Regional Activities
Department

**Scientific and
Technical
Department**

Reference
Laboratories

Publications
Department

Animal Health
Information
Department

Ad hoc Groups

Working Groups

Regional Representations

Specialist Commissions: Roles

- To use current scientific information to study problems of epidemiology and the prevention and control of animal diseases and,
- To develop and revise OIE's international standards and to address scientific and technical issues raised by Members.

Specialist Commissions

- The Assembly may, on the proposal of the Council or of the Members of the Assembly, set up Specialist Commissions for the study of special problems relevant to the mandate of the OIE and shall establish the Internal Rules governing these Commissions
- The members of Specialist Commissions shall be appointed by the Assembly in agreement with the Delegates of the Member Countries in question, on the proposal of the Council or of the Members of the Assembly.

Specialist Commissions

- Members elected by the World Assembly: President, then 2 Vice Presidents (=“Bureau”), then 3 Members
- Geographical balance, scientific and technical relevant expertise
- Confidentiality and non conflict of interest
- Availability: physical presence twice a year + preparatory work + reports (+ meetings Bureau)
- Presidents report annually to the World Assembly

Specialist Commissions

Terrestrial Animal
Health Standards
Commission
“Code Commission”

President

Alex Thiermann

Vice Presidents

Stuart Mc Diarmid
Etienne Bonbon

Members

Jorge Caetano
Salah Hammami
Toshiyuki Tsutsui

Scientific Commission
for Animal Diseases
“Scientific Commission”

President

Gideon Brückner

Vice Presidents

Chris De Clerck
Yong Joo Kim

Members

Hassan Aidaros
Sergio Duffy
Thomas
Mettenleiter

Aquatic Animal Health
Standards Commission
“Aquatic Animals
Commission”

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Franck Berthe

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Alicia Gallardo
Lagno

Biological Standards
Commission
“Laboratories
Commission”

President

Vincenzo Caporale

Vice Presidents

Hualan Chen
Rodolfo Rivero

Members

Peter Daniels
Beverly Schmitt
Paul Townsend

Specialist Commissions: Roles

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission “Code Commission”

Responsible for updating the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* annually; proposes new standards for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates.

Responsible for ensuring that the Code reflects current scientific information.

Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases “Scientific Commission”

Assists in identifying the most appropriate strategies and measures for the following:

- disease surveillance
- disease prevention and control
- examining Members' request regarding their official animal health status, for countries that wish to be included on the OIE official list of countries or zones free from certain diseases

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission “Aquatic Animals Commission”

Compiles information on diseases of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and amphibians and recommends appropriate prevention and control methods for these diseases.

Responsible for updating the *Aquatic Animal Health Code* and the *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals*; and for proposing new standards for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates.

Biological Standards Commission “Laboratories Commission”

Establishes or approves methods for:

- diagnostic of diseases of mammals, birds and bees
- defining quality criteria of biological products such as vaccines, used for disease control purposes

Oversees production and adoption of the *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*.

Advises the Director General in supervising the global network of OIE Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres

Specialist Commissions

Roles

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission - “Code Commission”

The members shall:

- be veterinarians with a broad knowledge of the major diseases of animals,
- experience and expertise in the control of animal diseases and in the animal health aspects of international trade
- understanding and practical experience of the relevant international trading rules.

<http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/specialists-commissions-groups/code-commission-reports/>

Specialist Commissions Roles

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission- “Aquatic Animals Commission”

- The Fish Diseases Commission was created in 1960 and in 1988, the scope was extended to include diseases and pathogens of molluscs and crustaceans;
- 2003 was renamed the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission.
- 2008 the Commission was extended to include pathogens of amphibians

Specialist Commissions: Roles

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission- “Aquatic Animals Commission”

- internationally renowned experts in surveillance, diagnosis and prevention of infectious diseases and pathogens of aquatic animals.
- new OIE Reference Centres , Twinning Projects

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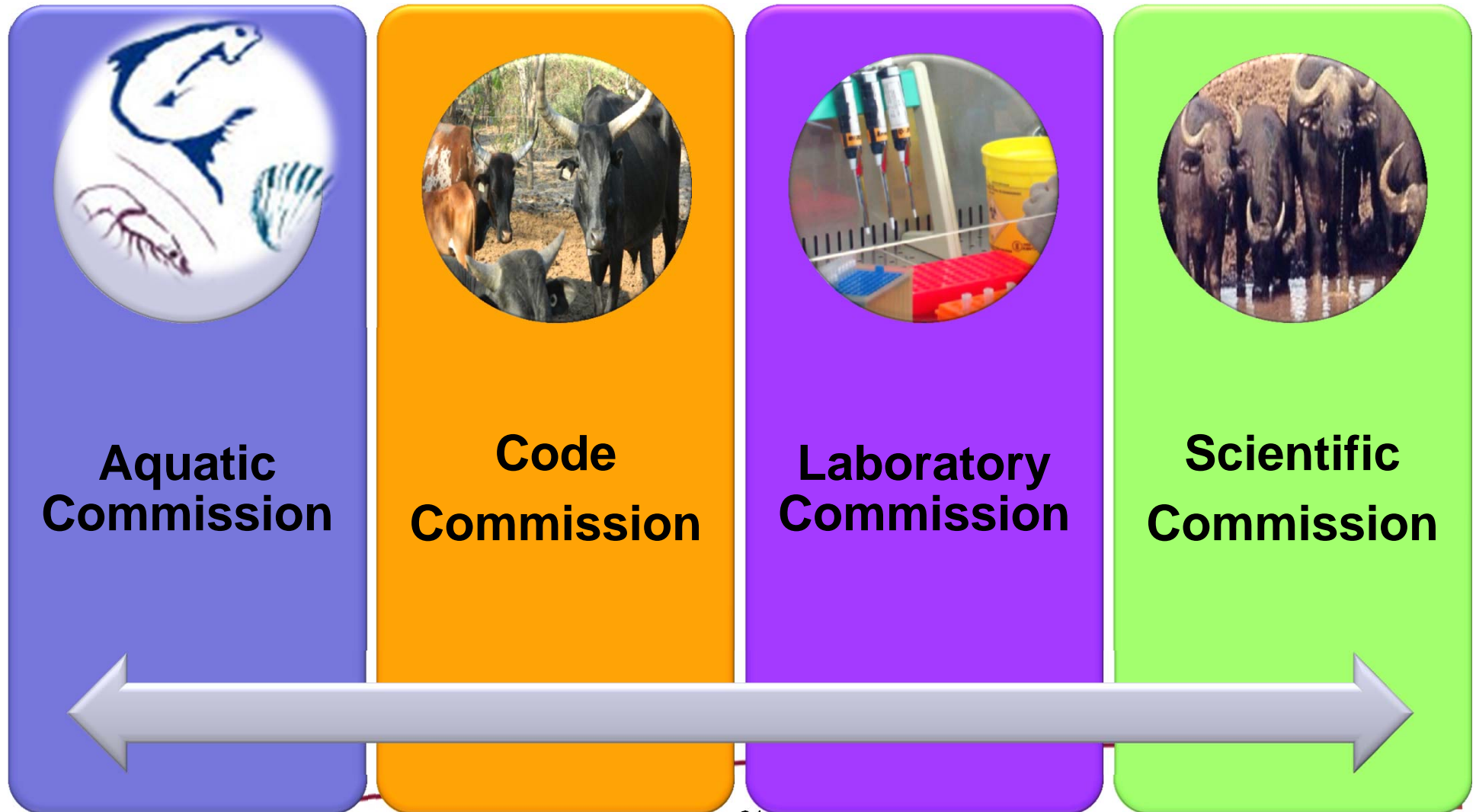
Specialist Commissions

Roles

Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases - “Scientific Commission”

- assists in identifying the most appropriate strategies and measures for disease prevention and control.
- examine voluntary requests from OIE Members regarding their disease-specific animal health status, if a Member wishes to be included in the OIE official list of Members with a recognised diseases status for certain diseases

Harmonised Approach: Based on latest science



Working Groups Rules & Roles

- OIE Working Groups are responsible for constantly reviewing developments in their field of competence and
- For keeping OIE Specialist Commissions and the Director General informed of current issues through scientific meetings.

Terms of reference in the OIE General Rules.

Working Groups Rules & Roles

Reporting to the Terrestrial Code Commission:

- Animal welfare and
- Animal production food safety

NB: Reporting to the Scientific Commission:

- Wildlife

Representation and competences.

Membership is submitted to the World

Assembly of Delegates.

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MEETING OF THE OIE WORKING GROUP ON WILDLIFE DISEASES

Paris, 12 - 15 November 2012

Agenda

1. **Opening**
2. **Adoption of agenda and designation of rapporteur**
3. **Feedback from the meeting of the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (August 2012) – priority setting for the Working Group**
4. **Disease reporting**
 - a) **Update on WAHIS-Wild**
 - b) **Review the specific list of wildlife diseases (non OIE listed diseases) to see if any revisions to the list were needed**
 - c) **Establishment of priorities**
 - d) **Review of Disease Susceptibility in Wildlife Species**
5. **Information on recent and forth-coming *ad hoc* Group and other meetings**
6. **Emerging and noteworthy wildlife disease occurrences: reports from members of Working Group**
7. **OIE Scientific and Technical Review – One Health – August 2014: Current Status**
8. **Wildlife Surveillance Guide: Outline of the future document**
9. **Avian influenza: Wild bird surveillance – update from OFFLU**
10. **OIE Collaborating Centres for Wildlife**
 - a) **Report from CCWHC – NHWHC (Canada/USA)**
 - b) **Report from Onderstepoort (South Africa)**
11. **Training of Wildlife Focal points**
 - a) **Report on 2nd Round of Workshops**
 - b) **Future Planning**
 - c) **Second Version of Training Manual**
12. **IUCN Manual of wildlife disease risk analysis**

Ad hoc Groups Rules & Roles

These Groups are set up by the Director General as and when needed:

- to prepare recommendations for submission to Specialist Commissions and Working Groups
- with internationally renowned scientists who often belong to OIE Reference Centres

Ad hoc Groups Rules & Roles

These Groups can have all kind of competence relating to the standards:

- They may be gathered under request of the Scientific, the Code, the Aquatic Commissions and recently the Laboratories Commission
- Geographical and scientific representation



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