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Work of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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The Fish Diseases Commission was created in **1960** because of the increasing awareness of the importance of international trade in fish and other aquatic animals.

In **1988**, the scope of the Commission was extended to include diseases of molluscs and crustaceans.



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In **2003**, the Commission was renamed as the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission
> (5 members)

In **2007**, diseases of amphibians included in remit



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In **2009**, the Commission increased to 6 members



**Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission Members
(elected May 2009)**

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President:
• Dr Barry Hill 

Vice President:
• Dr Ricardo Enriquez Sais 

Secretary General:
• Dr Franck Berthe 

Members:
• Dr Olga Haenen 
• Dr Huang Jie 
• Dr Victor Manuel Vidal 

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Duties of the Commission



Propose the most appropriate methods for surveillance, diagnosis and disease prevention for sanitary security of trade or international movement of aquatic animals and their products covering diseases listed in the Aquatic Code;

Oversee production of the Aquatic Code and Aquatic Manual;

Promote the dissemination amongst Veterinary and other Competent Authorities of information on aquatic animal diseases;



Keep the International Committee and the Director General informed of scientific progress on methods for surveillance, diagnosis and disease prevention likely to improve the prevention and the control of aquatic animal diseases;

Identify issues that require in-depth review and propose, to the Director General, the composition and terms of reference of experts or Ad hoc Groups of experts convened specifically to study such issues, and if necessary, to participate in the work of these Groups;



Assess applications for appointment as OIE Reference Laboratory and advise the International Committee;

Facilitate and work with the worldwide network of reference laboratories and collaborating centres in the field of aquatic animals, so as to achieve OIE's mandate.



Most of the work involves development of standards and methods in the *Aquatic Animal Health Code* and *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals*





Expanded mandate for AAC

- AAC mandate expanded to include:
 - aquatic animal production food safety
 - aquatic animal welfare

Adopted at 2009 OIE General Session

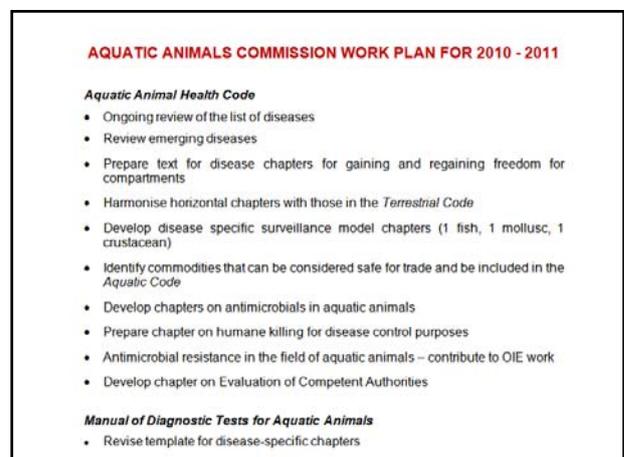


Text sent out for comment

New text for the *Aquatic Animal Health Code*:

- Responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine (Ch 6.2.)

Comments received will be discussed at the October 2010 meeting of the Aquatic Animal Commission



AQUATIC ANIMALS COMMISSION WORK PLAN FOR 2010 - 2011

Meetings

- Make presentations on the activities of the Aquatic Animals Commission at the conferences of the OIE Regional Commissions
- Be proactive in presenting the activities of the Aquatic Animals Commission at scientific conferences
- Contribute to the 2nd OIE Global Conference on 'Contribution of Aquatic Animal Health to Global Food Security'
- Contribute to OIE Aquatic Animal Focal Point training workshops

Other issues

- Discussion paper on zoonotic diseases of aquatic animals
- Keep the Commission's web pages up to date
- Consider new candidates for OIE Reference Laboratories for listed diseases
- Provide input into the PVS to ensure its applicability to the evaluation of aquatic animal health systems
- Contribute to FAO/OIE Regional Aquatic Biosecurity Framework Project for Africa



OIE internet pages

- Aquatic Animal Commission Home Page:
www.oie.int/aac/eng/en_fdc.htm
- OIE website:
www.oie.int



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Latest disease reports: Infection with *Marteilia refringens*, Sweden (immediate report) Suspected

Other disease reports:

31/07/2009	Koi herpesvirus disease, Belgium (follow-up report No. 11)
24/07/2009	Koi herpesvirus disease, Belgium (immediate notification)
22/06/2009	Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia, Belgium (follow-up report No. 1, Final report)
05/06/2009	Infection with <i>Bonamia ostreae</i> , Norway (immediate notification)
20/05/2009	Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia, Slovakia (follow-up report No. 1, Final report)
24/04/2009	Berrix viraemia of carp, United Kingdom (immediate notification)

Focus on: Report of the Aquatic Animals Commission meeting, February 2010
Guide for Aquatic Animal Health Surveillance, 2009 (online bookshop)
Aquatic Animal Health Code, 2009
Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals, 2009
Databases of aquatic animal disease occurrence



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Thanks for your attention