

# **RAPPORT DE MISSION/ MISSION REPORT**

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**Souzdal (Fédération de Russie)**

**Dates de la mission/Dates of the meeting : 12 – 14 septembre 2005**

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## **Objet de la mission / aim of the meeting:**

- Organisation et participation à un séminaire sur la qualité des Services Vétérinaires organisé par l'OIE avec l'appui du Délégué de la Russie et de ses services. Tous les pays de la Commission régionale de l'OIE pour l'Europe étaient invités.

## **Autres participants / Other participants:**

- Dr Nikola Belev, Représentant régional de l'OIE pour l'Europe
- La note principale de présentation était faite par la Dre Véronique Bellemain, Directrice du Centre collaborateur de l'OIE à Lyon.

## **Résumé et conclusions / Summary and conclusions:**

Il s'agissait du premier séminaire sur ce sujet organisé par l'OIE en Europe. Il a été très apprécié par tous les participants.

Une recommandation très importante a été adoptée (voir en annexe). Elle pourra être utilisée comme modèle pour d'autres régions. Il conviendra également de la soumettre à la prochaine Conférence régionale de l'OIE pour l'Europe en 2006 (D. Sibartie).

Les autorités russes ont également organisé une conférence de presse très suivie à laquelle j'ai participé.

## **Personnalités rencontrées / Key person(s) met:**

- M. Dankvert, Directeur de l'agriculture et de l'élevage de la Fédération de Russie (présent pendant tout le séminaire),
- Délégués de l'OIE : environ 25 étaient présents (les autres étaient représentés),
- Dre Jaana Husu-Kallio, Directrice générale adjointe SANCO
- Directeur du Laboratoire de Vladimir et son équipe.

## **Conclusions et suites à donner / Conclusions and Follow-up:**

- Organiser les 3 missions prévues en Russie, dont celle devant appuyer le renforcement du Laboratoire de Vladimir (ASch, CB),
- Présenter la recommandation de Souzdal pour examen à la Conférence régionale pour l'Europe en 2006 (DS).

**Diffusion :** Chefs de Service et adjoints, Chargé(e)s de mission, P. Blandin, M. Teissier, M. Zampaglione, Représentants régionaux, R. Abila, S. Forman, C. Planté, J-M Bergès, A. Thiermann

**Structure of national Veterinary Services  
of OIE Member States of the OIE Regional Commission of Europe**

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**CONSIDERING**

- a. The unanimous adoption by all OIE Member Countries of the IV Strategic Plan for 2005-2010, which includes as a priority the promotion of Veterinary Services worldwide as key factor for reaching OIE objectives for the benefit of the society;
- b. The need of structure and organisation of Veterinary Services to take into account efficiency and cost effective public investments;
- c. The need to improve the structure of national Veterinary Services through investments by national governments, in order to fulfil the interests of consumers with regard to food chain safety;
- d. The need to improve early detection, rapid response mechanisms, information exchanges and cooperative response mechanisms both at national and international levels, in order to control outbreaks before national and international spread, thus avoiding epizootics and human pandemics;
- e. The need to improve cooperation of Veterinary Services in the world with the support of the OIE through harmonized structures and organisation of Veterinary Services and taking into account both national arrangements and OIE international standards recognised by WTO;
- f. That the recognition of the compliance of national Veterinary Services with the quality OIE standards ,by an independent international body, would improve confidence between OIE Member Countries and avoid the need for bilateral assessments;
- g. That an integrated approach to sanitary risks throughout the production chain for animal products, 'from the farm to the table' has become indispensable, notably within the context of international trade;
- h. The need to establish a clear "farm to the table" control system, to ensure better safer food products of animal origin and the increasing information required by the consumers;
- i. That the structure and organisation of the Veterinary Services and other services involved need to be adapted to modern food safety approaches;
- j. That sanitary risks extend well beyond national borders, and the cost of sanitary crises is out of all proportion to the cost of preventing them;
- k. That the World Bank notably recognises the surveillance and early warning activities of the Veterinary Services as an International Public Good, and thus in the interests of the international community as a whole;

**The participants in the OIE SEMINAR ON THE STRUCTURES OF NATIONAL VETERINARY SERVICES recommend:**

**A. THAT THE OIE:**

1. In association with the other relevant international organisations, continue its action to convince national and international policy decision-makers to view the work of the Veterinary Services as an International Public Good and, as a consequence, to grant them the resources they need in order to comply with OIE standards.
2. Provide OIE Member Countries with the necessary technical assistance and guidance to enable them to implement the OIE standards in this field.
3. Establish a new voluntary procedure for the evaluation of compliance of the quality of the OIE Member Countries Veterinary Services with the requirements of the OIE Code, possibly involving an independent international body, under the auspices of the OIE and of its International Committee (General Assembly of national Delegate);

**B. THAT THE MEMBER COUNTRIES:**

4. As a minimum, consider the implementation of the provisions of Chapter 1.3.3. of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code relating to the quality and evaluation of the Veterinary Services as a priority.
5. Ensure that the organisation of public services provides continuity of sanitary controls throughout the food production chain, considering that the 'from the farm to the consumer' approach is a golden standard.
6. If they do not ensure this continuity themselves, set up effective coordination structures to achieve this outcome.
7. Ensure the compliance with the OIE standards of Veterinary Services organisation, financing and statutory powers.
8. Ensure that the organisation of public services provides a national chain of command, under the authority or coordination of Veterinary Services, including the management of animal health zoonoses, and of veterinary public health.
9. Consider the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of managing all relevant missions of Veterinary Services within one competent authority.
10. Put in place all the necessary measures to maintain or develop a network of veterinary practitioners to assure an efficient on-farm sanitary surveillance, to combat any emerging or re-emerging animal health problem.
11. Encourage and implement risk communication relating to animal health and public health risks and the management of these by the Veterinary Services, particularly to the consumers.
12. Nominate the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) as the national Delegate to the OIE (as all animal health and public health crisis are now managed at international level, and at national level, without delay) and involve the CVO in the political decision making process.