



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE FEDERATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

AND

THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)

“Collaboration between the OIE and the FEI”

January 2013

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BETWEEN:

THE FEDERATION EQUESTER INTERNATIONALE, having its principal office at HM King Hussein I Building, Chemin de la Joliette 8, 1006 Lausanne, Switzerland and as represented by the Chief Executive Officer, Secretary General ("FEI");

AND:

The World Organisation for Animal Health ("the Organisation" and/or "the OIE"), having its principal office at 12, rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, France and as represented by the Director General, Dr Bernard Vallat.

WHEREAS the FEI and the OIE have signed an Agreement in September 2002¹;

WHEREAS the OIE recognizes the FEI as the privileged partner representing equestrian sport;

WHEREAS the OIE has set-up an Ad Hoc Group on International Horse Movements for Equestrian Sport;

WHEREAS the FEI wishes to bestow a grant to the Organisation to support the Organisation's Programme entitled "Collaboration between the OIE and the FEI";

FEI and the OIE have reached the following agreement, with regard to the transfer and administration of the grant:

1 - Grant

1.1. The FEI will bestow a grant for the purpose of the programme described in **Annex A** ("Programme") to this Cooperation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "this Agreement"). in an amount not exceeding 1.2 million US dollars (USD \$1,200,000), including any tax and/or other applicable expenses (hereinafter referred to as "Grant").

2 - Programme

2.1. The OIE will use the Grant exclusively for the purpose of the Programme described in **Annex A** and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

¹ <http://www.oie.int/en/about-us/key-texts/cooperation-agreements/agreement-with-the-federation-equestre-internationale-fei/>



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3 - Payment of Grant

3.1. The FEI agrees to pay the OIE an amount of one million and two hundred thousand US dollars (USD \$1,200,000) including any tax and/or other applicable expenses upon signature of this Agreement.

3.2. The FEI will deposit all payments in US dollars to the bank account of the OIE (USD bank account of the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund):

Bank: Crédit industriel et commercial
Address: 54 rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, FRANCE
Branch Name: CIC-O-PARIS-PRONY
Account Number: 00010308920-87
Bank Code: 30066
Branch Code: 10141
Swift Code: CMCIFRPP
IBAN: FR76 3006 6101 4100 0103 0892 087

3.3. The FEI may request the reimbursement of amounts paid:

- a) on the basis of fraudulent or inaccurate application;
- b) in error; and
- c) for any breaches of this Agreement.

3.4. Upon early or scheduled termination of the Programme, the OIE shall reimburse FEI. .

3.5. If the programme is terminated after the OIE has received the payment, all funds that have not been spent on, or indissolubly committed to the Programme up to and including the date of termination will be reimbursed to the FEI.

3.6. In case of major disagreement on the nature of expenses or commitments, article 9.10 would apply.

4 - Goodwill Ambassador

4.1. The President of the FEI is an OIE Goodwill Ambassador.

5 - Advisory Committee of the OIE World Fund

5.1. A representative of the FEI as the privileged partner representing equestrian sport is a Member of the Advisory Committee of the OIE World and Welfare Fund (OIE World Fund). The Advisory Committee of the OIE World Fund normally meets once a year, every year, in December (ordinary sessions).



5.2. In addition to specific detailed technical and financial OIE reports to the FEI under this Agreement (part 7 below), the representative of the FEI will be provided with all general and specific information provided to Members of the Advisory Committee of the OIE World Fund and will be accorded all of the same rights and benefits of such members.

6 - OIE Ad Hoc Group on International Horse Movements for Equestrian Sport

6.1. A representative of the FEI as the privileged partner representing equestrian sport is a Member of the Ad Hoc Group on International Horse Movements for Equestrian Sport.

7 - Reports

7.1. The OIE will provide the FEI with the following reports:

- a. annual technical and financial reports detailing activities undertaken and outlining the development progress and results achieved in relation to the Programme;
- b. a final technical and financial report within 3 months of termination of this Agreement detailing major inputs, activities, outputs and effects of the Programme, in addition to outlining the lessons learned.

7.2. The Report of the External Auditor on the Accounts for the 2012 Financial Year (86th Financial Year of the OIE) – 1st January - 31 December 2012 relating to the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund (including the FEI contribution) will be available after adoption by the OIE World Assembly in May 2013.

7.3. The Reports of the External Auditor on the Accounts for the following Financial Years will be available after adoption by the OIE World Assembly for adoption in May of each following year.

8 - Communications

8.1. Any communication under this Agreement will be in writing and delivered in person or sent by mail, facsimile or e-mail at the address of either FEI or the OIE mentioned in this Technical and Financial Agreement.

8.2. Any communication to the FEI will be addressed to:

Ingmar De Vos
Chief Executive Officer
Secretary General

FEI – Fédération Equestre Internationale
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Technical issues relating to the activities under this Agreement will be addressed to:

Dr Graeme Cooke
FEI – Fédération Equestre Internationale
HM King Hussein I Building
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E-mail : graeme.cooke@fei.org
Website: **Erreur ! Référence de lien hypertexte non valide.**www.fei.org

8.3. Any communication to the OIE will be addressed to:

Dr. Bernard Vallat
Director General
World Organization for Animal Health
12 rue de Prony
F- 75017 Paris, FRANCE

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Facsimile: +33 1 42 67 09 87
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Website: <http://www.oie.int>

Technical issues relating to the activities under this Agreement will be addressed to:

Dr. Susanne Munstermann, *Chargée de mission*
Telephone: +33 1 44 15 18 40
E-mail: s.munstermann@oie.int; with copy to a.dehove@oie.int

Financial and reporting issues relating to this Agreement will be addressed to:

Dr. Alain Dehove, Coordinator of the OIE World Fund
Telephone: +33 1 44 15 19 63
E-mail: a.dehove@oie.int

8.4. The FEI and the OIE will inform one another of any change of address or contact persons.

9 - General provisions

9.1. No offer, gift or payment, consideration or benefit of any kind, which constitutes an illegal or corrupt practice, has been or will be made to anyone, either directly or indirectly, as an inducement or reward for the award or execution of this Agreement. Any such practice will be grounds for terminating this Agreement or taking any other corrective action as required.

9.2. This Agreement may be modified by an amendment signed by the FEI and the OIE.

9.3. Where appropriate, the OIE will acknowledge FEI's funding in publications, speeches, press releases or other similar matters. The OIE will supply the FEI with a copy of any written or electronic material mentioning FEI's support.

9.4. The Parties agree not to use in any press release, memo, report or other published disclosure related to this Agreement any of the other Parties' name and logo without prior written agreement by the party concerned.

9.5. Subject to the limitations set forth below, each Party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party and its affiliates and their respective members, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and permitted assigns from, and shall reimburse each such entity or person for the loss or damage resulting from any breach of this agreement, unless it can prove that it was not at fault.

9.6. This Agreement is not an international treaty.

9.7. This Agreement together with Annex A, which forms an integral part thereof, constitutes the entire Agreement between the FEI and the OIE.

9.8. Any dispute between the FEI and the OIE arising out of the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by negotiation between the Parties.

9.9. Both parties shall strive to seek amicable solutions to any disputes that might arise from the execution of this Contract or from particular arrangements that might result from it.

9.10. In the event that no amicable resolution is reached, the parties agree that express jurisdiction is conferred to the Permanent Court of Arbitration (following the Rules of Procedures "Optional Rules for Arbitration between International Organizations and Private Parties") in The Hague, The Netherlands, notwithstanding the existence of several defendants or any cross actions, even with respect to emergency or protective actions in summary proceedings or following a petition.

9.11 The Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with French Law.

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10 - Duration and Termination

10.1 This Agreement will come into effect upon the date of the last signature.

10.2. The FEI or the OIE may, at any time, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part (i) in case of a material breach of the Agreement or (ii) by mutual agreement among the Parties.

Signed in two copies,

For the FEDERATION EQUESTRE
INTERNATIONALE

Signature

Name: HRH Princess Haya

Title: President

Date 15 January 2013

For the WORLD ORGANISATION FOR
ANIMAL HEALTH

Signature

Name: Dr. Bernard Vallat

Title: Director General

Date 15 JAN 2013

Signature

Name: Ingmar De Vos

Title: Chief Executive Officer,
Secretary General

Date 15th January 2013

Signature

Name: Lisa F. Lazarus

Title: General Counsel

Date 15/1/2013

Annex A

Programme

Collaboration between
the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
and
the *Fédération Equestre Internationale* (FEI)

Annex A

**Proposal for collaboration
between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
and
the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)**

Introduction (background):

Founded in 1921, the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) is the international body governing equestrian sport recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The FEI is based on the principle of equality and mutual respect between all 133 affiliated National Federations and is the sole controlling authority for all international events in dressage & para-equestrian dressage, jumping, eventing, driving & para-equestrian driving, endurance, vaulting, and reining. The FEI establishes the regulations and approves equestrian programmes at championships, continental and regional games as well as the Olympic Games. It promotes equestrianism in all its forms and encourages the development of the FEI equestrian disciplines throughout the world, keeping the welfare of the horse at the heart of all its activities.

The OIE was founded in 1924 as the *Office International des Epizooties*. Based in Paris (France), it is the intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health and welfare worldwide. One of the OIE's key strengths is providing international cooperation and coordination against the spread of animal diseases, in line with its core mandate, "improvement of animal health, veterinary public health and animal welfare worldwide." The OIE has a current total of 178 Members and 11 regional offices spanning every continent. In May 2003, the Office became the World Organisation for Animal Health but kept its historical acronym, OIE.

Recognised as a reference organisation by the World Trade Organization (WTO) for standards relating to animal health and zoonoses, the OIE publishes two codes (Terrestrial and Aquatic) and two manuals (Terrestrial and Aquatic) annually as the principle reference for WTO members. These codes respectively aim to assure the global prevention and control of animal diseases including zoonoses, and the sanitary safety of international trade in terrestrial animals and aquatic animals, and their products. The codes traditionally addressed animal health and zoonoses, but they have, in recent years, expanded to cover animal welfare, animal production food safety, consistent with the expanded mandate of the OIE which is 'to improve animal health and welfare worldwide'.

In September 2002, the OIE and the FEI signed an Agreement; this Agreement, among others, stipulated the general terms and conditions of cooperation and laid the legal framework for the development of further cooperation on the issues of common interest listed below:

- The provision of general information on the competition horse industry;
- Veterinary research into equine diseases;
- Consultation on the development and revision of international animal health standards for the international movement of horses;
- Consultation on the development and revision of animal welfare policies, guidelines and standards for the international movement of horses;
- Exchange of views on the approach by intergovernmental bodies such as WHO/FAO/WTO on disease control strategies that may include competition horses;
- Relations between the competition horse industry and official Veterinary Services.

Since the formalisation of this Agreement, the two organisations have collaborated on a wide range of issues and actions. In October 2011, they hosted a joint conference focusing on modernising the international movement of horses in South America (Guadalajara, Mexico). In March 2012, the OIE hosted a brainstorming meeting on facilitating the safe international movement of horses for the purpose of participating in equestrian events and to identify a number of constraints to international horse movements. The draft report of this meeting is provided in **Annex 1**. An outcome of this brainstorming session was the development of a draft model for a strategic framework to facilitate the safe international movement of competition horses and is supplied in **Annex 2**. There was a consensus during that meeting that a permanent ad hoc group should be formed to focus on the International Movement of Equines for Equestrian Sports (including equine diseases issues).

An OIE - FEI workshop on the 'Facilitation of International Competition Horse Movement for the Americas' took place in Panama City on 11-13 December 2012 and brought together 24 representatives of Veterinary Services from 19 OIE Member Countries and 22 representatives of National Equestrian Federations and the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) from 12 countries of the Americas.

Prior to the workshop a questionnaire on current regulations for the importation of competition horses had been sent out to the 30 countries of the Americas. The analysis of this questionnaire was the key presentation at the workshop and was taken as the basis for discussions by the participants.

The results of the questionnaire show very clearly and in detail that the current regulations are very diverse between countries, are partly exceeding the OIE requirements and are not considering temporary importation, in particular. The discussions by participants clearly called for work to be conducted by OIE and FEI on the harmonisation of the existing regulations and for updates to certain OIE Code and Manual chapters in facilitating the safe movement of a special category of the "high health, high performance horse" for competition purposes. There was also a recognition by all parties that this area provides an opportunity for solving problems by means of a public private partnership at both International and National levels. Working with the FEI provides an opportunity to implement a model of such a partnership.

In 2012, the FEI President, HRH Princess Haya, was appointed as the OIE's first Goodwill Ambassador to help raise worldwide awareness of the OIE's missions and activities. All future FEI Presidents will also become OIE Goodwill Ambassadors to continue raising such awareness, if they agree.

This proposal builds upon and further complements the Agreement in place by enabling the implementation of the specific activities described herein

Management mechanism:

The OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund (OIE World Fund) was initially created on 28 May 2004 by Resolution No. XVII of the OIE World Assembly of Delegates. The rules and operating conditions of the World Fund were further detailed by the OIE Council in February 2011 and, on 27 May 2011, this new legal basis was approved by the World Assembly of Delegates and formally included into the OIE Basic Texts¹. An extract of the pertinent text is supplied in **Annex 3**. The governance of the World Fund is in accordance with the administrative and financial rules of the OIE².

The World Fund has been established for the purpose of "projects of international public utility relating to the control of animal diseases, including those affecting humans, and the promotion of animal welfare and animal production food safety". In accordance with Article 4 'Management' of the Basic Texts of the OIE of May 2011, the World Assembly of Delegates of the OIE confirmed that the Director General of the OIE be assisted by a Management Committee and an Advisory Committee.

The threshold for membership at the Advisory Committee of the OIE World Fund is currently set at one million USD (cumulative). The Representative of the FEI would become a Member of the Advisory Committee of the World Fund. Donors below this threshold are invited as Observers to the Advisory Committee meetings of the OIE World Fund. The Advisory Committee of the World Fund meets once a year (in December) at the OIE Headquarters in The Management Committee comprises of the President of the World Assembly of Delegates and two members designated by the Council of the OIE, and chosen from among its own members. A representative of the Advisory Committee (who is a representative of Donors) is invited to participate in the work of the Management Committee in a consultative capacity.

Contributions from Donors, including donations from OIE Members, can be earmarked (i) for specific activities, (ii) for certain countries or regions (by activity and/or geographic criteria) and (iii) over time.

A detailed accounting system allows the OIE to provide financial reports and corresponding ledgers on the use of the funds received per Donor, per activity and per nature of expenses.

¹ Resolution No. 10 of the OIE World Assembly of Delegates of 27 May 2011.

² World Assembly of 178 National Delegates, OIE Council), two elected auditors (*Commissaires aux comptes*), internal audit and external audit (external auditor nominated by the World Assembly).

Proposed activities:

Activity one: Full-time FEI seconded expert at OIE Headquarters

A senior veterinarian will be seconded to the OIE Headquarters in Paris (France) for three years. His/her salary, pension, health insurance and annual bonus (on the basis of the OIE evaluation procedure), mission and travel expenses will be allocated to the seconded expert through this proposed activity with the OIE World Fund.

The senior veterinarian will operate under the direct supervision of the Head of the Scientific and Technical Department of the OIE, in close coordination with the officer in charge of horse diseases. The secondment will ensure better collaboration between the OIE and the FEI and will also endeavour to raise the profile of the equestrian sector within OIE Members, leading to appropriate international standards for disease control, official status recognition, conditions of movement, and diagnostic tests.




The OIE and FEI will conjointly prepare the Terms of Reference (ToRs) governing and orientating the secondment, detailing the duties and responsibilities of the expert. The selection process and the final choice among selected candidates will be discussed and agreed between the OIE and the FEI. A preliminary and non-exhaustive list of activities is provided below:

- Contribute to defining low-risk horse populations (sub-population) with specific certification using FEI information, among others and promotes its concepts;
- Contribute to defining the diseases that are most important to the issue of safe international movement of horses for competition and performance (a subset of the existing OIE listed diseases) and prioritise the relevant chapters of the OIE Terrestrial Code and Manual for review or update based on disease epidemiology and relevant scientific consideration;
- Contribute to developing detailed OIE provisions for disease surveillance and control for priority equine diseases;
- Support the activities of the relevant OIE expert groups and Commissions on items related to equine diseases and movement of animals, working in particular with the permanent OIE Ad Hoc Equine group, which will have a permanent membership for the FEI;
- Support the secretariat of the meetings of the Ad hoc Group convened by the Director General on the aforementioned matters including the preparation of working documents, background papers, draft proposals for new standards (first set to be ready -tentatively- in September 2013), and meeting reports (in OIE official languages);
- Contribute to and support the definition of relevant indicators and/or revision of the critical competencies of the OIE PVS Tool relating to horses, as appropriate;
- Provide topic specific advice to the OIE Departments;
- Assist in the organisation and follow up of training workshops/seminars and other capacity building activities on animal welfare, equine diseases and other relevant themes;
- Liaise with the FEI in its activities on regulations;
- Ensure that the European Commission is associated to the discussion on the standard setting process in order to facilitate the acceptance of the sub-population principle;
- Participate in relevant internal and external meetings and conferences and representing the OIE upon request

Activity two: The OIE will support Scientific studies and surveys to support the core work of the secondees

This will include the view of the permanent Equine Ad Hoc group on what are the priorities for the development and validation of improved diagnostic tests, both classic laboratory based tests and penside tests, in order to deliver OIE approved equine tests for the purposes of trade; initiate relevant studies on economic values, existing sanitary regulations etc.

Some specific specialised expert groups could be convened to report to the permanent Equine Ad Hoc group.

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Activity three: The OIE PVS Pathway

The PVS Pathway is the OIE's global strategy to improve the capacities and governance of Veterinary Services. The PVS Pathway is a holistic review of national Veterinary Services; it assesses their ability to cooperate effectively and meet their international obligation to detect disease quickly and deal with it effectively, preventing further spread. Above all, the PVS Pathway offers concrete recommendations to address the gaps (financial and technical) identified regarding compliance with OIE standards, and tailored assistance to strengthen Veterinary Services to fulfil their role as a Global Public Good.

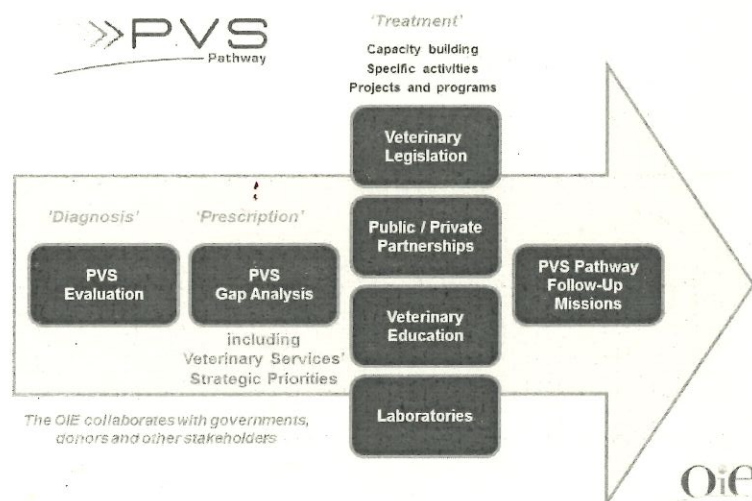
The OIE PVS Pathway involves the evaluation of Veterinary Services with regards to international standards (PVS Evaluation), costed plans based on integrating the PVS Evaluation findings with national priorities for compliance with OIE standards (PVS Gap Analysis), country Veterinary Services Strategic Plans, and a consistent mechanism for the monitoring and evaluation of progress (regular PVS Pathway Follow-up missions); all PVS Pathway missions are conducted on a voluntary basis.

Since 2006, the OIE has progressively developed the OIE PVS Pathway, which takes the country PVS Evaluation using the OIE PVS Tool and PVS Gap Analysis missions as first steps and integrates them into a comprehensive, staged approach providing targeted support for the systematic strengthening of Veterinary Services based on international standards.

- The PVS Evaluation - is a qualitative assessment of the performance of compliance of Veterinary Services with the OIE international standards on the quality of Veterinary Services (Chapters 3.1. and 3.2. of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code), using the OIE PVS tool. A formal request from the governmental authority of the country is a *sine qua non* condition of the OIE to carry out a PVS evaluation. PVS experts conduct workshops/meetings with key representatives of the country concerned to evaluate the current context with regards to the functionality of the animal health system and its compliance with OIE international standards. This includes, among others, assessing: animal identification and movement control; animal welfare; international certification; compartmentalisation; international harmonisation; preparation of legislation and regulations and stakeholder compliance; veterinary medicines and biologicals; epidemiological surveillance; early detection and response; disease prevention, control and eradication; transparency and reporting.
- PVS Gap Analysis - is a qualitative and quantitative evaluation of needs and the corresponding indicative budget to address compliance for priority critical competencies discussed with the country concerned and based on the PVS report of the initial PVS Evaluation of the country. A PVS Gap Analysis mission foresees the implementation of workshops with national Veterinary Service representatives to facilitate the definition of a country's Veterinary Services' objectives in terms of compliance with OIE quality standards, suitably adapted to national constraints and priorities.
- Veterinary Services Strategic Plans - can be updated and completed on the basis of the PVS Gap Analysis, which includes a five-year budget, and which takes into account the Country PVS Report and the country's priorities. The PVS Gap Analysis and the Country Strategic Plan become the foundations of a five-year rolling programme for the sustainable strengthening of a country's Veterinary Services' compliance with OIE quality standards, suitably adapted to national constraints and priorities.
- Veterinary Legislation Support - assists countries in drafting new legislation complying with OIE standards (Chapters 3.4. of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code). The OIE has created a global Veterinary Legislation Support Programme, which provides an opportunity for OIE members that wish to modernise their legislation to obtain financial and human resources to strengthen implementation of the legislation, and to obtain specialised technical support and guidance from OIE trained and certified PVS experts.
- PVS Pathway Follow-Up missions - measure the progress that countries have made during the implementation of the PVS Pathway in sustainably improving their compliance with the OIE quality standards set out in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
- Round tables with Donors and Partners - in partnership with Donors, relevant Regional Economic Communities when appropriate, and international organisations, round tables with Donors and Stakeholders may be organised by the country concerned to present the outcomes of the PVS Gap Analysis (and the revised Strategic Plan, when relevant).
- PVS One Health - reviews a country's Veterinary Service activities, which specifically focus on collaboration or shared responsibility with competent authorities of public health, or which support public health outcomes. Based on established procedures and practices of the OIE PVS Pathway with an in-depth focus on collaboration and coordination with public health and other relevant partners. Participation of national level counterparts from public health agencies is foreseen and can also include expert observers from global and regional public agencies (e.g., WHO).

- PVS Pathway Laboratory Tool - defines the functioning and costing of the veterinary laboratories system in meeting the needs of the National Veterinary Services, including compliance with international standards, within the national context and in agreement with national priorities and political decisions.
- Specific ad hoc pilot missions to design new PVS critical competencies dealing with and addressing the management of low-risk horse populations (compartments) with specific certification may be envisaged.

The following diagram is the visual representation of the OIE strategy regarding the use of OIE standards on the quality of Veterinary Services:



The majority of countries, which have undertaken a PVS Pathway mission have waived the confidentiality of their reports and authorised the OIE to share these reports with OIE partner organisations and donors to the OIE World Fund. These reports can also be used by FEI as background and baseline information on the performance of compliance of national Veterinary Services with the OIE international standards on the quality of Veterinary Services particularly for the development of national and regional investment programmes and projects.

The seconded expert will contribute, with the support of other experts supported in agreement by the FEI grant, to the drafting of proposals for the definition of indicators and/or revision of critical competencies to the OIE PVS Tool. The outputs under this proposal could also contribute to the publication of a revised tool, which will absorb all changes to the OIE Terrestrial Code as well as the work conducted by the seconded expert in the development/revision of critical competencies, and to the organisation and training of PVS Pathway experts as appropriate.

In the framework of this proposal new/revised PVS critical competencies or indicators will be developed relating to equine diseases and applied to planned PVS missions, including specific pilot PVS mission(s) in (a) pilot country(ies) to test and validate the proposal for new/revised PVS critical competencies/indicators.

Activity four: Support to regional/national training, including seminars for OIE National Focal Points

As established in the 5th Strategic Plan³, the OIE pursues capacity building activities to meet the organisation's objectives, to encourage international solidarity in the control of animal diseases and to improve the governance and capacities of national Veterinary Services. The OIE general capacity building activities include conferences and workshops conducted at regional, global and occasionally at national level.

The objective of OIE capacity building activities is to ensure regular training worldwide and to provide continuing education to National Delegates to the OIE and of National OIE Focal Points (contact persons nominated by the national delegates for relations with the OIE) to support Veterinary Services in their efforts to implement the OIE international standards.

During the 76th General Session of the World Assembly of the Delegates in May 2008, the importance of the Focal Points for informing animal diseases was reiterated, and Delegates were also requested to nominate additional Focal Points for wildlife, veterinary products, animal production food safety, animal welfare and aquatic animals. In 2011, Delegates were invited to provide the OIE with a Focal Point for communication and in 2012, for laboratories. A copy of the most relevant Terms of Reference for Focal Points of interest for the FEI is provided in **Annex 4** (information on: animal diseases; veterinary products; animal welfare; and communication).

To ensure the correct application of OIE standards and of regional agreements, ensuring continuous information exchanges between countries, it will be necessary to repeat the workshops at regular intervals (on average annual turnover of 1/3; high level officers stay three years at the same position on average).

The OIE National Focal Point seminars: (i) facilitate effective and consistent exchanges of information and knowledge, (ii) contribute to promoting and facilitating the creation of regional networks, (iii) improve linkages between the OIE and Member Countries, and (iv) stimulate better participation to the OIE standard-setting process and the implementation of guidelines and standards developed by the OIE.

The annual meeting of the OIE Regional and Sub-Regional Representatives held in October annually at the OIE Headquarters in Paris (France) provides the forum for defining the global training programme for OIE National Focal Point training seminars; this programme is constantly revised and updated as technical and logistic activities progress. Specific budgets are to be prepared for each regional workshop/seminar in accordance with the OIE procedures in place. The global map (five continents) of dates, venue (and hosting countries) of the different OIE Regional Seminars for the OIE National Focal Points has been confirmed and specified during the annual meeting of OIE Regional Representatives and Sub-Regional Representatives in October 2012 in Paris (at the OIE Headquarters).

The OIE also conducts specific regional meetings/workshops, which tackle and address issues of regional importance linked to a specific disease or theme to define, in collaboration with relevant partners, regional strategies or establishment of networks; a viable example is the OIE Regional Conference on Glanders, held in Dubai in April 2012.

All OIE seminars include communication on the concept of Good Governance of Veterinary Services and the necessity of appropriate legislation and implementation through official national animal health systems.

The OIE will prepare the introduction of specific presentations on relevant equine-related topics into all appropriate capacity building events managed by the OIE.

Through this proposal, the OIE proposes to finance at least three National Focal Points seminars, of which one will be held in the Middle East, a second one in South America and a third one in Asia/Australasia.

³ http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/About_us/docs/pdf/5th_StratPlan_EN_2010_LAST.pdf

Activity five: Communication

The epidemiological events of recent years have demonstrated how communication can augment and improve the effectiveness of the technical aspects of the prevention, preparedness, early detection, rapid response, and recovery phases of animal disease occurrences.

Growing international trade and movement of animals require greater regulation and control capabilities. These regulation and control capabilities must include fast and free-flowing exchanges of quality technical and scientific information and on raising the awareness of – and judiciously and effectively informing – professionals, livestock farmers and consumers.

Communication has the potential to contribute significantly to disease control and surveillance systems, to risk management, to disease prevention and vaccination campaigns, to public awareness raising and training of livestock farmers, to the application of standards and regulations and also to clarifying animal health situations.

Under this proposal, the OIE would like to develop a series of communication tools for OIE Delegates, key government and FEI officials on a series of topics and themes (non-exhaustive list): low-risk horse populations (sub-populations) with specific certification; infectious and emerging animal diseases; biosecurity; OIE standards; and the PVS Pathway, produce training material for key stakeholders. The tools developed could range from broadcast content, print communication and relevant online tools.

To raise awareness of the equine industry, its valuable economic and social contribution and its needs, the OIE will work towards developing an ad hoc section in several electronic supports for communication, including websites and social networks.

The OIE will work towards publishing an edition of the OIE Scientific and Technical Review dedicated to the international competition horse industry.

Other:

Purchase of the building (14 rue de Prony), next to the historic OIE Headquarters (12 rue de Prony)

The continued increase in the activities of the OIE is a benefit for all our Members and for the improvement of animal health policies worldwide. The OIE has finalised the negotiation with the owners of the building located at 14 rue de Prony for its purchase. In accordance with Resolution N° XI, adopted by the International Committee on 30 May 2008, the OIE has proceeded with this. The total cost of the transaction came to EUR 11 million.

In accordance with the aforementioned resolution and the agreement of the Council (OIE Board), the OIE has launched a voluntary subscription towards OIE Members to assist the OIE with purchasing this property. The acquisition enables the OIE to develop its activities and to better achieve the objectives of its missions under the best conditions. It will be of the benefit for international community and for the national and global good governance in the field of prevention and control of all animal diseases including equine and wildlife diseases.

The purchase of the building was possible with the support of a bank loan (EUR 9 million) in addition to the first contributions received under the first subscription. The subscription remains open (Resolution N° 12 of May 2012 voted by the World Assembly of OIE Delegates). The contributions received will allow the OIE to continue the partial reimbursement (currently only partly covered by the rental of a part of the building) of the bank loan granted in 2009 to acquire for the first part for the building and to buy another part of the building (yet to be purchased).

The OIE would be grateful if Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) would consider contributing to this fund. As proposed by the OIE Council, the donation would be made on a voluntary basis by non-limited number of instalments of EUR 200,000.

As is the practice with other International organisations, the Members that subscribe would benefit from special recognition (official resolutions in General Assembly of Members, publication in global media, member's names given to meeting rooms, tablets).



OIE Goodwill Ambassador

In order to further the objectives of the OIE globally, the FEI President will always become an OIE Goodwill Ambassador, if they agree.

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Proposal for collaboration
between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
and
the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)

Activities	Indicative Budget (USD)
Full time FEI secondee at OIE-HQ This covers salary, pension, health insurance and annual bonus (on the basis of the OIE evaluation procedure), mission and travel expenses for a period of three years.	474 580
Scientific studies and surveys to support the core work of the secondee, Including in view of the permanent Equine Ad Hoc group development and validation of improved diagnostic tests, both classic laboratory based tests and penside tests, with a view to OIE approved tests for the purposes of trade; and vaccines	130 000
Implementation of the OIE PVS Pathway Work on the possible development of new critical competencies/indicators on international movement of horses; publication of a revised version of the OIE PVS Tool; and missions in (a) pilot country(ies), and other relevant missions	90 000
Regional/national training seminars, including regional training seminars for OIE national focal points in at least three regions: In the Middle East, in South America, and in Asia/Australasia	200 000
Development of communication activities and tools	40 000
OIE overheads (7%)	65,420
Total	1 000 000
FEI contribution to the purchase of the new OIE-HQ building (14 rue de Prony, Paris)	200,000



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