Designation of WOAH Reference Laboratories for terrestrial animal diseases

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The WOAH’s Basic Texts provide the Terms of Reference, designation criteria, and internal rules for WOAH Reference Laboratories,

2. The Terms of Reference of the WOAH Biological Standards Commission and the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission include the responsibility to examine applications from Members relating to the creation of new WOAH Reference Laboratories with activities corresponding to the Commission’s scientific mandate and report its findings to the Director General,

3. All WOAH Reference Laboratory applications are assessed using standardised criteria that include: the institution’s ability, capacity and readiness to provide services; the scientific and technical standing of the institution concerned at the national and international levels; the quality of its scientific and technical leadership including internationally recognised expertise; the institution’s prospective stability in terms of personnel, activity and funding; the technical relevance of the institution and its activities to WOAH’s programme priorities,

4. Details of the applicant laboratories that have been assessed by the WOAH Biological Standards Commission or the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission are published in the reports of the meetings of the Commissions,

5. All Reference Laboratory applications are endorsed by the WOAH Council,

6. Proposals for a major change in a WOAH Reference Laboratory follow the same procedure,

7. Article 4 of the Internal Rules for WOAH Reference Centres states that “Applications endorsed by the Council shall be presented to the Assembly for approval”.

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

To designate the following new WOAH Reference Laboratories for terrestrial animal diseases and add them to the list of WOAH Reference Laboratories (available on the WOAH web site):

WOAH Reference Laboratory for sheep pox and goat pox
Exotic and vector-borne diseases (EXOVEC), Department of infectious diseases in animals, Sciensano, Uccle, BELGIUM

WOAH Reference Laboratory for rabies
Veterinary Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture, New Taipei City, CHINESE TAIPEI

WOAH Reference Laboratory for tularemia
Institute for Bacterial Infections and Zoonoses, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI), Jena, GERMANY

WOAH Reference Laboratory for leptospirosis
Livestock Disease Diagnosis Laboratory, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), Karnataka, INDIA
WOAH Reference Laboratory for peste des petits ruminants
   Livestock Disease Diagnosis Laboratory, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National
   Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), Karnataka,
   INDIA

WOAH Reference Laboratory for rabies
   Laboratory for Emerging Viral Zoonoses, Research and Innovation Department, Istituto
   Zooprofilattico Sperimentale Delle Venezie, Legnaro (PD), ITALY

WOAH Reference Laboratory for salmonellosis
   Central Veterinary Laboratory, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Windhoek,
   NAMIBIA

WOAH Reference Laboratory for theileriosis
   Epidemiology, Parasites and Vectors, Agricultural Research Council, Onderstepoort
   Veterinary Research, SOUTH AFRICA