

**Designation of WOA Reference Laboratories  
for aquatic and terrestrial animal diseases**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The WOA's *Basic Texts* provide the Terms of Reference, designation criteria, and internal rules for WOA Reference Laboratories,
2. The Terms of Reference of the WOA Biological Standards Commission and the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission include the responsibility to examine applications from Members relating to the creation of new WOA Reference Laboratories with activities corresponding to the Commission's scientific mandate and report its findings to the Director General,
3. All WOA 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 WOA's programme priorities,
4. Details of the applicant laboratories that have been assessed by the WOA 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 WOA Council,
6. Proposals for a major change in a WOA Reference Laboratory follow the same procedure,
7. Article 4 of the Internal Rules for WOA 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 WOA Reference Laboratories for aquatic and terrestrial animal diseases and add them to the list of WOA Reference Laboratories (available on the WOA web site):

*WOA Reference Laboratory for trichinellosis*

Laboratory for Animal Health – ANSES (French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety) Maisons-Alfort, FRANCE

*WOA Reference Laboratory for African swine fever*

Kodaira Research Station, National Institute of Animal Health, National Agriculture and Food Research Organisation (NARO), Tokyo, JAPAN

WOAH *Reference Laboratory for infection with Aphanomyces astaci (crayfish plague)*  
Norwegian Veterinary Institute, Ås, NORWAY

WOAH *Reference Laboratory for lumpy skin disease*  
Veterinary Specialist Institute "Kraljevo", SERBIA

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