

Dr Sarah Kahn



Dr Sarah Kahn joined the OIE as the new Chief of the International Trade Department in 2006. Sarah comes to the OIE from Australia, where she was working most recently as a specialist in International Trade with the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. She has previously worked in Rome, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Sarah graduated in Veterinary Medicine from Melbourne University, Australia, in 1978. She worked at several locations in urban and rural Australia before accepting a position as Veterinary Counselor with the Australian Embassy in Washington DC. After her return to Australia in 1993, Sarah obtained a Masters Degree in Science at the University of James Cook, North Queensland. She then worked on a World Trade Organization case involving Australia's trade measures for the importation of salmon for human consumption. In 2000 Sarah moved to Canada and worked as Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in Ottawa for four years. At the end of this period she went to Rome and worked with the Animal Health Department of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, where she worked on avian influenza. Sarah is very pleased to join the OIE as she has a strong interest in international trade. She hopes that her knowledge and practical experience will help the Department to make a strong contribution to the OIE's fulfillment of its mandate in the elaboration of international norms.