RESOLUTION No. 32

Designation of OIE Reference Laboratories for terrestrial animal diseases

CONSIDERING THAT

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

2. The Terms of Reference of the OIE Biological Standards Commissions include the responsibility to examine applications from Member Countries relating to the creation of new OIE Reference Laboratories with activities corresponding to the Commission’s scientific mandate and report its findings to the Director General,

3. All OIE 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; and the technical and geographical relevance of the institution and its activities to OIE’s programme priorities,

4. Details of the applicant laboratories that have been assessed by the OIE Biological Standards Commission are published in the report of the meeting of the Commission,

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

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

7. Article 4 of the Internal Rules for OIE 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 OIE Reference Laboratories for terrestrial animal diseases and add them to the list of OIE Reference Laboratories (available on the OIE web site):

- **OIE Reference Laboratory for Foot and mouth disease**
  Laboratoire de référence national français pour la fièvre aphteuse, laboratoire de santé animale, ANSES, Maisons-Alfort, FRANCE

- **OIE Reference Laboratory for Tularemia**
  Laboratory of Zoonotic Bacteriology and Mycoplasmology, Institute for Veterinary Medical Research, Centre for Agricultural Research, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, HUNGARY
OIE Reference Laboratory for Equine rhinopneumonitis
Irish Equine Centre, Johnstown, Naas, Co. Kildare, IRELAND

OIE Reference Laboratory for Bovine spongiform encephalopathy and scrapie
Centro de investigación en Encefalopatías y enfermedades transmisibles emergentes,
Universidad de Zaragoza, SPAIN

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