OIE Laboratory Twinning

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Aims of twinning
To extend the network of expertise

- Priority regions and diseases
- Global geographical coverage of expertise, focused on developing and transition countries
- Better global disease surveillance
- Greater access for more countries to high quality diagnostics and expertise for early detection and rapid response
- Build and maintain veterinary scientific communities in Candidate countries
Each Twinning Project:

- A link between an OIE Reference Laboratory or Collaborating Centre (Parent) and a National Laboratory (Candidate)

- Should be sustainable

- Needs full support of Vet Services
Scope

- Surveillance, detection and control of animal diseases (inc. zoonoses)

- A specific horizontal sphere of competence e.g. epidemiology, veterinary medicinal products

- Biosafety, biosecurity, quality assurance and good laboratory practices are integral

- Each project 1-3 years
Scope

• Compliance with OIE International Standards

• Ultimate aim to become an OIE Reference Laboratory or Collaborating Centre

• Mutually beneficial and collaborative research opportunities
OIE support

- Support the link
- Flow of knowledge, experience and expertise
- Not laboratory equipment, salaries or consultancy fees
- Coordination with other organisations and capacity building programmes
OIE twinning projects
- avian influenza and Newcastle disease
Active twinning projects

- Italy - Russia: avian influenza and Newcastle disease (completed)
- USA - Brazil: avian influenza and Newcastle disease
- Germany - Egypt: avian influenza and Newcastle disease
- Italy - Cuba: avian influenza and Newcastle disease
- UK - South Africa: avian influenza and Newcastle disease
- UK - Botswana: avian influenza and Newcastle disease
- Australia - Malaysia: avian influenza and Newcastle disease
- Canada - Colombia: avian influenza and Newcastle disease
- UK - China: CSF and rabies
- Italy - Eritrea: brucellosis
- UK - Turkey: brucellosis
- Italy - Cuba: epidemiology
- Italy - Botswana: CBPP
- UK - Morocco: bluetongue and African horse sickness
- Germany - Turkey: rabies
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