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Dear Dr Nannini

**OIE Reference Laboratories for CBPP and brucellosis**

I am pleased to advise you that during its recent annual General Session in Paris, the OIE International Committee confirmed the designation of your laboratory as an OIE Reference Laboratory for:

**Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (OIE expert: Dr G. Santini)**  
**Brucellosis (OIE expert: yourself).**

I enclose a copy of the mandate and rules for OIE Reference Laboratories and will also be sending you and Dr Santini, in two separate mailings, the following documents:


*OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines*  
*Report of the OIE Standards Commission meeting of February 1993*  
*1992 Veterinary Biotechnology Newsletter*  
*1992 Annual Reports of OIE Reference Laboratories.*

An OIE Reference Laboratory may use the OIE emblem and the name 'OIE Reference Laboratory for (specified disease)' in its letterheads. However, the characters of these terms must be of the same size as those for the title of the institute.

I would appreciate it if you could send me your official acceptance of this designation by 30 July 1993. Thank you for your willingness to cooperate with the OIE and its Member Countries, and I look forward to working with your institute.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

  
for Dr J. Blancou  
Director General

Enclosure: Mandate and Internal Rules for OIE Reference Laboratories  
cc: Dr Marabelli



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## **REFERENCE LABORATORIES**

### **MANDATE**

Reference Laboratories of the Office International des Epizooties shall have as their principal mandate:

- to function as a centre of expertise and standardisation of techniques relevant to their field of specialisation;
- to store and distribute biological reference products and any other reagents used in the diagnosis and control of animal diseases of Lists A and B;
- to develop new procedures for diagnosis and control of these diseases;
- to gather, process, analyse and disseminate epizootiological data relevant to their speciality;
- to place expert consultants at the disposal of the Office International des Epizooties.

They may also contribute to:

- provision of scientific and technical training for personnel from Member Countries of the Office;
- organisation of scientific meetings on behalf of the Office;
- coordination of scientific and technical studies in collaboration with other laboratories or organisations;
- publication and dissemination of any information in their sphere of competence which may be useful to Member Countries of the Office.



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## REFERENCE LABORATORIES

### INTERNAL RULES

#### *Article 1*

Applications for the title of Reference Laboratory of the Office International des Epizooties shall be submitted to the Director General by the Delegate of the Member Country to which the laboratory belongs or by the corresponding Regional Commission.

#### *Article 2*

Applications received shall be presented to the Standards Commission by the Director General on the occasion of the Commission's meetings. Applications shall be selected on the sole criteria of scientific and technical competence of the experts proposed by the laboratories.

#### *Article 3*

Applications endorsed by the Commission shall be presented to the Committee for approval.

#### *Article 4*

The Director General shall notify approved laboratories of their designation as an "OIE Reference Laboratory".

#### *Article 5*

This notification shall confer on the laboratory the right to use the title "OIE Reference Laboratory" and the OIE emblem on all documents issued by the laboratory in its official capacity, and the right of the designated specialist within the laboratory to use the title of OIE Expert.

#### *Article 6*

OIE Experts exercise their function within the "rules applicable to OIE Experts".

#### *Article 7*

The rights conferred by Article 5 upon a laboratory and an expert require full compliance with the Mandate of an OIE Reference Laboratory, within the limits of facilities available, and provision of a brief report of activities at the end of each calendar year of their mandate. This report will be distributed to all Member Countries.

#### *Article 8*

The designation shall be valid for four years, at the end of which the Director General may propose to the Committee that it be renewed. Either party may revoke the designation at any time.

#### *Article 9*

Any major change within the Laboratory which may impair its competence (particularly the retirement of a designated expert) shall be reported immediately to the Director General of the Office.