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Dear Dr Marabelli

Application for designation of a new OIE Reference Laboratory for Bluetongue

I am pleased to advise you that during its recent annual General Session in Paris, the OIE International Committee confirmed the designation of the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise 'G. Caporale' in Teramo as an OIE Reference Laboratory for Bluetongue, with Dr Giovanni Savini as the OIE Expert.

Thank you for your willingness to co-operate with the OIE and its Member Countries, and I look forward to working with Dr Giovanni Savini.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely

Dr Bernard Vallat
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