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Activities of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe and the OIE Regional Representation for Eastern Europe (September 2008 – September 2010)

24-th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe

Astana, Kazakhstan, 21-24 September 2010

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Geographic coverage of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe



(currently includes 53 Members)

Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe

Re-election of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe during the OIE 77th General Assembly in May 2009 for a new 3-year mandate.

President	Vice-President	Vice-President	Secretary General
			
Dr Nikola T. Belev (Bulgaria)	Dr Kazimieras Lukauskas (Lithuania)	Dr Patrick Rogan (Ireland)	Dr Nihat Pakdil (Turkey)

Meeting of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe ⁽¹⁾

Meeting of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe took place in Sofia (Bulgaria) on 30 of September 2009, kindly hosted by Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food. During the meeting following topics were discussed:

- *Accomplishment of the 4th OIE Strategic Plan (2006-2010) and preparation of the 5th OIE Strategic Plan (2011-2015);*
- *Discussion of the amendments to the OIE Basic Texts;*
- *Epizootic Situation within the countries of the European Region;*
- *Education of Veterinary Specialists;*
- *Animal Welfare;*
- *Food Safety within the frames of OIE mandate;*



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- *Aspects of use of the OIE World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) and arrears of notifications regarding epizootic situation;*
- *Structure of National Veterinary Services of the countries of the European Region;*
- *Proposal for organization of the Working Group for “Evaluation of the economic losses associated with animal infectious diseases” headed by Dr. Romano Marabelli;*



Official visits and governmental meetings



Country	Return date	Name/purpose of the activity
<i>Russia</i>	<i>15-16 October 2008</i>	<i>32-nd Intergovernmental Council for Veterinary Cooperation of the CIS Countries and meeting with Mr. Sergey Dankvert, Head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation and Dr Nikolay Vlasov, CVO and general secretary of the OIE regional Commission for Europe.</i>
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>18 November 2008</i>	<i>Meeting the Minister of Agriculture of Bulgaria, the CVO and Directors of 28 Regional Veterinary Services to present the OIE structure and activities</i>
<i>Turkey</i>	<i>12 - 14 January 2009</i>	<i>Considering the hosting of the OIE Seminar on animal welfare in July 2009 and the support provided by the Turkish government and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on OIE activities.</i>
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>26 - 30 January, 2009</i>	<i>Chair the Veterinary Week Conference - Bulgaria 2009 organised in co-operation with the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food and DG SANCO (Health and Consumers), DG Enlargement (TAIEX) - European Commission</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>19 - 21 February 2009</i>	<i>Visit by invitation of the Ministry of agrarian policy of Ukraine and meeting governmental officials at high level</i>
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>11 February 2009</i>	<i>Meeting with Canadian representatives responsible for veterinary affairs at the Mission of Canada in the European Union and Canadian Embassy in Brussels, Belgium</i>
<i>Russia</i>	<i>4 - 6 June 2009</i>	<i>Meeting with Governmental officials, including the Minister of Agriculture Mrs. Elena Skrinik.</i>

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<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>25 - 31 July 2009</i>	<i>Meeting with representatives of the State Inspection Committee in the agro-industrial complex in the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan and Dr M. Naydenov, Minister of agriculture and food of Bulgaria</i>
<i>France</i>	<i>25 27 November 2009</i>	<i>Meeting with the new-elected UNESCO Secretary General Mme Irina Bokova</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>09 - 13 March 2010</i>	<i>Meeting with the new-appointed Minister of Agricultural Policy of Ukraine, Mr. Mikola Prisyajnuik, his deputies and representatives of the Ukrainian Academy of Agricultural Science</i>
<i>Serbia</i>	<i>19 April 2010</i>	<i>Meeting with the OIE Delegate of Serbia, Dr. Zoran Micovic, Dr. Zvonimir Rot – Adviser of the CVO and Dr. Budimir Plavsic – Head of Animal health and Welfare Department at the Veterinary Directorate of Serbia</i>
<i>Switzerland</i>	<i>22-24 June 2010</i>	<i>Meeting with representatives of the Swiss Federal Veterinary Office (SFVO) to discuss their proposal to organize the Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe in 2014 in Switzerland.</i>
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>29 June 2010</i>	<i>Meeting with the Prime Minister of Bulgaria H.E. Boyko Borisov, Minister of Agriculture and Food, Dr. Miroslav Naydenov, the President of the CIC (International Council for Wildlife and Game Preservation), Mr. Bernard Loze and his collaborators from CIC, Mr. Tamas Marghescu and Mr. Toni Vrscaj.</i>
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>30 June - 02 July 2010</i>	<i>Meeting with the Prime Minister of Belarus H.E. Sergey Sidorski, Minister of agriculture and food, Mr. Mikhail Ivanovich Rusy and the CVO and OIE Delegate Dr. Yuriy Pivovarchik.</i>

Meeting with the President of the CIC and the Minister of Agriculture of Bulgaria 29 June 2010, Sofia



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Country	Return date	Name/purpose of the activity
Serbia	07 July 2010	Meeting with the Prime Minister of Serbia H.E. Mirko Cvetkovič and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management Mr. Saša Dragin.
Ukraine	04 - 07 August 2010	Meeting with the Vice-Prime Minister, H.E. Viktor Slauta and the CVO Dr. Ivan Bisiuk
Kazakhstan	08 - 12 August 2010	Meeting with the First Vice Prime Minister, H.E. Umirzak Shukeev and the Acting Chair of the State Committee in Agro-industrial Complex. Mr. Saktash Hasenov.
Slovakia	13-14 September 2010	Meeting the President of the CIC (International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation), Mr. Bernard Lozé and participation in the CIC Executive Committee to discuss the possibility for future OIE and CIC cooperation.

Veterinary Specialist Day 5 August 2010, Kiev, Ukraine



Regional Workshops and Training organised by OIE RR-EE



Meeting	Country	Dates
<i>Training of National OIE Delegates from Europe</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>3-7 November 2008</i>
<i>Seminar for OIE National Focal Points on food safety</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>22-24 April 2009</i>
<i>Seminar on animal welfare</i>	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>16-17 July 2009</i>
<i>Meeting of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>30 September 2009</i>
<i>Workshop for OIE National Focal Points for Wildlife</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>4-6 November 2009</i>
<i>Kick-off Meeting of the IZS Teramo Project on "Implementation of surveillance, prophylaxis and contingency plans for brucellosis, tuberculosis, rabies, foot and mouth diseases, and anthrax in CIS countries"</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>11-12 March 2010</i>
<i>Coordination Meeting for Western Balkan Countries on CSF and Rabies</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>11 May 2010</i>
<i>Seminar for recently appointed OIE Delegates</i>	<i>Belarus</i>	<i>1-2 July 2010</i>
<i>Workshop for OIE National Focal Points for Veterinary Products</i>	<i>Serbia</i>	<i>26 – 28 July 2010</i>

Seminar for Recently Appointed OIE Delegates Minsk, Belarus



Workshop for OIE National Focal Points for Veterinary Products- Belgrade, Serbia



Meetings, attended by RR staff representing OIE



Meeting	Country	Dates
<i>Celebration of the 50-th Anniversary of the ARRIAH in Vladimir, OIE Collaborating Center</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>21-24 October 2008</i>
<i>Tripartite Group Meeting on control of FMD and other exotic diseases in the southern Balkans/ Aegean region</i>	<i>Greece</i>	<i>29-31 October 2008</i>
<i>Meeting with Dr. Vallat - Director General of OIE, Dr. R. Marabelli – Director General, Head of Department in the Ministry of Health, Italy and Dr. N. Vlasov – Deputy Head of the Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phyto-sanitary Surveillance.</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>3 November 2008</i>
<i>Workshop on rabies: regional co-operation towards eradicating the oldest known zoonotic disease in Europe</i>	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>4-5 December 2008</i>
<i>The Veterinary Week –Bulgaria 2009 – TAIEX and DG SANCO Conference</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>26-30 January 2009</i>
<i>TAIEX Workshop on Risk Assessment 1-st Part</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>10-11 March 2009</i>
<i>3-rd EpiSouth Project Meeting</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>30 March – 1 April 2009</i>
<i>Teleconference on the pandemic influenza A/H1N1 2009 virus with all the OIE Regional and Sub Regional Representation offices</i>	<i>Multiple</i>	<i>28 April 2009</i>
<i>TAIEX Workshop on Risk Assessment 2-nd Part</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>15 May 2009</i>

Meetings, attended by RR staff representing OIE



Meeting	Country	Dates
<i>77th General Session of OIE</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>24-29 May 2009</i>
<i>World Grain Forum 2009</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>5-6 June 2009</i>
<i>FVE/TAIEX Conference on “One Health: effective herd health control”.</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>23-24 June 2009</i>
<i>Veterinary Medicine Day Celebration</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>6 August 2009</i>
<i>GTFS Tripartite Final Review Meeting, Controlling Trans-boundary Animal Diseases in Central Asian Countries</i>	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>5-6 October 2009</i>
<i>78th Session of the Executive Committee of the EuFMD Commission</i>	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>6-7 October 2009</i>

Meetings, attended by RR staff representing OIE



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<i>West Eurasia FMD Control – Roadmap 2020</i>	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>7-9 October 2009</i>
<i>Evolving Veterinary Education for safer world</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>12-14 October 2009</i>
<i>FVE/TAIEX Conference on “One Health: Training on Zoonotic Diseases”</i>	<i>Montenegro</i>	<i>20 October 2009</i>
<i>TAIEX Workshop on: “Assessment of EU standards for Veterinary Teaching Establishments”</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>26 October 2009</i>
<i>Workshop for OIE National Focal Points for Wildlife</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>4-6 of November 2009</i>

Meetings, attended by RR-EE representing OIE



Meeting	Country	Dates
<i>Regional Workshop on the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures</i>	<i>Uzbekistan</i>	<i>16 – 19 February 2010</i>
<i>Third Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADs for Europe</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>24-25 February 2010</i>
<i>Opening ceremony of a new Master program on Veterinary Administration in the Thracian University</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>04 March 2010</i>
<i>79th SESSION of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD)</i>	<i>Sweden</i>	<i>16 -17 March 2010</i>
<i>CVO meeting on IPA Project on the Eradication monitoring and control of Classical Swine Fever and Rabies in Western Balkan</i>	<i>Serbia</i>	<i>26 – 27 April 2010</i>

OIE-PVS ⁽¹⁾

OIE-PVS Tool for the Evaluation of the Performance of Veterinary Services status in Europe

OIE Region	OIE Members	PVS Requests	PVS Missions done	PVS Reports available	Gap Analysis Requests	Gap Analysis Missions done
Europe	53	12	12	7	5	3

More information concerning OIE-PVS tool could be find on the OIE website for Europe in both English and Russian language:

http://www.oie.int/RR-Europe/eng/Projects/en_pvs.htm

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Countries	PVS missions completed	Release of the report
Albania	June 2008	yes
Armenia	May 2007	yes
Azerbaijan	Sept 2008	yes
Bulgaria	February 2009	-
Georgia	April 2009	yes
Kazakhstan	July-August 2007	-
Kyrgyzstan	January 2007	yes
Romania	March 2008	yes
Tajikistan	May 2009	yes
Turkey	June 2007	yes
Ukraine	April 2007	-
Uzbekistan	July 2007	yes

Forthcoming events

- **WTO/SPS workshop for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus**
Venue to be confirmed, 8-12 November 2010
- **OIE Seminar for Aquatic Animal Diseases focal points**
Croatia, Dubrovnik, 17-19 November 2010
- **OIE Seminar on the cost of animal diseases**
Ukraine, Kiev, dates to be confirmed

First OIE Global Conference on Veterinary Legislation ***Djerba (Tunisia), 6-8 December 2010***

The objectives of the conference are, while respecting national specificities (cultural, religious, economic and political) and relevant regional initiatives:

- to raise awareness of the requirements for effective veterinary legislation, covering all matters under the OIE mandate, including sanitary requirements and animal welfare;
- to brainstorm on the challenges and the tools needed to transform international standards and guidelines into national veterinary legislation;
- to provide practical guidance on how OIE Members (particularly developing countries) can mobilize governments and donors with the goal of modernizing national veterinary legislation in line with international standards and guidelines.

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