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**PARTICIPATION OF THE WORLD ANIMAL HEALTH
ORGANIZATION (OIE)**

International and Regional Meeting in 2003: Participation by the OIE

Month	Name of the meeting	Date	Place
January 2003	Meeting of OIE Fish Diseases Commission	6-13	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on risk analysis for aquatic animal diseases	7-10	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of Regional Emergency Veterinary Committee (REVC) on a FMD control project in Arab countries with international organizations (OIE/FAO/AOAD ¹ /EU)	13-14	Beirut (Lebanon)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on equine influenza	13	OIE headquarters (France)
	Technical Consultation on biological risk management in food and agriculture organized by FAO ²	13-17	Bangkok (Thailand)
	Workshop on project management for National SEAFMD ³ Coordinators	13-17	Manila (Philippines)
	Meeting on emerging animal diseases organised by INRA ⁴	14	Paris (France)
	Meeting of OIE Standards Commission	14-17	OIE headquarters (France)
	OIE Workshop on Risk Analysis for CIS ⁵ , Balkan and Baltic countries	18-24	Teramo (Italy)
	Meeting of Executive Council of WHO ⁶	20-28	Geneva (Switzerland)
	2 nd Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East	20-23	Cairo (Egypt)
	Meeting on BSE organised by FAO	29-31	Santiago (Chile)
Meeting of the Council of the Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs) of Baltic countries.	31 January-2 February	Tallinn (Estonia)	
February	WHO Consultation on TSEs in relation to biological and pharmaceutical products	3-5	Geneva (Switzerland)
	Tripartite meeting FAO/OIE/WHO	4-5	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting on the IDF ⁷ Task Force on the Codex Export Certificate for milk and milk products	5	Brussels (Belgium)
	Meeting of the Chief Veterinary Officers of European member States	6	Brussels (Belgium)
	Meeting on animal disease control and livestock trade in the Greater Horn of Africa and the Middle East region	7-9	Cairo (Egypt)

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February (Con't)	OIE Ad hoc Group on the role of private veterinarians and para-professionals in the provision of animal health services	10-11	OIE headquarters (France)
	Seminar for the evaluation of CIRAD-EMVT ⁸ – Scientific consultation	10-11	Montpellier (France)
	Meeting of OIE Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) and other Epizootics Commission	12-14	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of OIE Wildlife Diseases Working Group	17-19	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting on the joint OIE/FAO programme for a global framework for the progressive control of FMD and other transboundary animal diseases	18	Brussels (Belgium)
	15th Conference of OIE Regional Commission for Africa	18-21	Maputo (Mozambique)
	Intervet Symposium on future trends in Research and Development committed to improving health and food safety	20-21	Boxmeer (the Netherlands)
	OIE Workshop on Animal Health Information Technologies and Introduction of Geographical Information Systems	24-28	Manila (Philippines)
	Meeting of OIE Administrative Commission	26-28	OIE headquarters (France)
March	Workshop on surveillance and control of camel and wildlife diseases in the Middle East	3-5	Sana'a (Yemen)
	9 th meeting of the Sub-Commission for SEAFMD	3-7	Yogyakarta (Indonesia)
	14th Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food	4-7	Arlington (USA)
	WTO SPS Seminar OIE/Codex/IPPC ⁹	5-7	Jakarta (Indonesia)
	Workshop on the Welcome Trust "Animal Health in the Developing World" Initiatives	10-12	Surrey (England)
	International Seminar on the use of sero-epidemiological and virological tools for foot and mouth disease surveillance	10-12	Santiago (Chile)
	Training on quality and audit systems for manufacturers of Veterinary Medicines	10-21	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
	9 th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers and the 5 th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and States residents of the Sahel-Sahara Community	11-15	Niamey (Niger)
	30th Ordinary meeting of the South American Commission for the Control of FMD	13-14	Santiago (Chile)
	International Symposium on FMD organized by EDQM ¹⁰	17-18	Strasbourg (France)
	Ad hoc Group on disease surveillance and monitoring guidelines	17-21	Fort Collins (U.S.A)
	Joint meeting between the AFSSA ¹¹ and the OIE Central Bureau	18	OIE headquarters (France)

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	Meeting of the FAO/OIE/WHO group for the management of the global early warning system	18-19	Geneva (Switzerland)
	Intergovernmental animal welfare conference	25-26	Manila (Philippines)
	Codex Task Force on Food Safety	25-28	Copenhagen (Denmark)
	EU/World Bank meeting on the ALIVE Programme	27-28	Rome (Italy)
	27 th coordination meeting of EU experts on livestock matters in developing countries	27-28	Rome (Italy)
	Colloquium of the European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security on "Animal health: recent evolutions and perspectives" organized by EFAHSS ¹²	27-28	Rome (Italy)
	Meeting on "Improving public health preparedness for and response to the threat of epidemics" organised by WHO	29-30	Nice (France)
	Working group on zoning for FMD and animal movement management in the upper Mekong Basin within the framework of a project for FMD control zones	29 March-3 April	Luang Namtha (Laos)
	17 th Session of the FAO Committee on Agriculture	31March-4 April	Rome (Italy)
April	26 th WTO SPS Committee	2-3	Geneva (Switzerland)
	UFAW ¹³ Symposium on "Science in the service of animal welfare"	2-4	Edinburgh (Scotland)
	Meeting to develop a scientific-based Rift Valley fever monitoring and prediction model framework	2-4	Nairobi (Kenya)
	7 th Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Pan African program for the control of epizootics	2-4	Nairobi (Kenya)
	Symposium on updated information on the treatment of urban plagues organized by the Municipality of Murcia	3	Murcia (Spain)
	18 th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on General Principles	7-11	Paris (France)
	35 th Session of the FAO European Commission for the Control of FMD	9-11	Rome (Italy)

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April (Cont'd)	Regional Conference of CIS and Baltic countries	12-20	Dushanbe (Tajikistan)
	Seminar on "Preventing bio-weapons proliferation and terrorism"	22-25	Geneva (Switzerland)
	13 th Inter-American Meeting at the Ministerial Level on Health and Agriculture	24-25	Washington (USA)
	WHO/OIE Meeting on "Surveillance for Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in Central and Eastern European Countries and China"	28-29	OIE headquarters (France)
	WHO meeting on Anthrax	29-30	Nice (France)
	Workshop on procedures and certification of trade of animals and animal products in the Greater Horn of Africa and the Middle East Region	29 April- 1 May	Dubai (United Arab Emirates)
May	Workshop on the surveillance and control of the main epizootics in the Middle East	4-7	Cairo (Egypt)
	12 th meeting of VICH ¹⁴ Steering Committee	7-8	London (United Kingdom)
	Meeting of OIE Administrative Commission	15-16	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of OIE FMD and other Epizootics Commission	16-17, 22	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of OIE International Animal Health Code Commission	17	OIE headquarters (France)
	71 st General Session of the OIE International Committee	18-23	OIE headquarters (France)
	AU-IBAR ¹⁵ workshop on the role, place and status of non diploma-holder animal health auxiliaries	24	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc group for Import Risk Analysis Handbook	28-30	Giulianova (Italy)
June	WTO SPS Seminar	2-4	Nicosia (Cyprus)
	International Symposium on animal production and natural resources utilisation in the Mediterranean mountain areas	5-7	Ioanina (Greece)
	Meeting on animal health information program with the OIE Collaborating centre on animal disease surveillance systems and risk analysis (Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health, USDA/APHIS-VS ¹⁶)	9-12	Fort Collins (U.S.A.)
	Panel discussion on animal welfare and international trade organized by Eurogroup for animal welfare	16-18	Geneva (Switzerland)
	OIE/JLTA ¹⁷ Workshop on emerging diseases and zoonoses	19	Tokyo (Japan)
	NATO ¹⁸ Advanced Research Workshop on pathogenic microorganisms and toxins	19-21	Bled (Slovenia)

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June (Cont'd)	Meeting on "Animal health cooperation and sustainable development"	20	OIE headquarters (France)
	Consultative meeting on the development of a model to forecast the potential for Rift Valley fever virus activity in the Middle East and Greater Horn of Africa	21-23	Port Said (Egypt)
	IICA ¹⁹ meeting	22	Geneva (Switzerland)
	Meeting of OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission	23-27	OIE headquarters (France)
	WTO SPS Committee	24-25	Geneva (Switzerland)
	3 rd Annual Coordination Meeting of the Pan- African program for the control of Epizootics (PACE)	24-26	Arusha (Tanzania)
	Meeting with the Veterinary Department of FEI ²⁰	26	Lausanne (Switzerland)
	Meeting of the bureau of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission	30 June-4 July	OIE headquarters (France)
	26 th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission	30 June-7 July	Rome (Italy)
July	3 rd OIE/FAO-APHCA ²¹ Regional Workshop on SPS Agreement	8-11	Chiang Mai (Thailand)
	Meeting of OIE Working group on animal production food safety	8-10	Rome (Italy)
	MZCP ²² meeting on Inter-regional Co-operation	11	Athens (Greece)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on bee diseases	29-31	OIE headquarters (France)
August	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on land transportation (animal welfare)	6-8	OIE headquarters (France)
	4 th International Conference of Animal Health Information	6-9	Budapest (Hungary)
	2 nd Session of the COFI ²³ Sub-Committee on Aquaculture	7-11	Trondheim (Norway)
	Meeting of the bureau of the Scientific Commission for animal diseases	11-12	OIE headquarters (France)
	9 th Latin-American Seminar on standards harmonization and control of veterinary medicinal products	11-14	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
	2 nd OIE/ALA ²⁴ International Seminar on avian influenza and Newcastle disease	13-15	Lima (Peru)
	FDA ²⁵ /OIE workshop on "Enhancing the participation and effectiveness of Latin American countries in the Codex Alimentarius Committee on residues of veterinary drugs in foods and in the JECFA ²⁶ Committee"	15-17	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
	6 th International Congress of veterinary biology	24-27	St Malo (France)
	27 th APHCA Session and Regional Consultation on progressive control of FMD and Transboundary animal diseases	25-29	Sahore (Pakistan)

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August (Cont'd)	Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (Biological) and toxin weapons and on their destruction	26-28	Geneva (Switzerland)
	1 st International Veterinary Congress	28-30	Kiev (Ukraine)
	Meeting of the Delegates of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe for the preparation of the 4 th OIE Strategic Plan (2005-2010)	31	Vilnius (Lithuania)
	54 th Annual meeting of the European Association for Animal Production	31 August-3 September	Rome (Italy)
September	Seminar on the harmonisation of activities for national Veterinary Services and private veterinarians on the basis of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code	2-4	Vilnius (Lithuania)
	Meeting on air transportation and infectious substances	8-9	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)
	Symposium on zoonotic diseases and their effect on livestock market and pilgrims	8-11	Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)
	2 nd Meeting of a working group on zoning for FMD and animal movement management in the Upper Mekong Basin	9-12	Chiang Rai (Thailand)
	International Conference on TSE in animal populations	10-11	Fort Collins (U.S.A.)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on terrestrial animal disease/pathogenic agent notification	10-12	OIE headquarters (France)
	European Colloquium on rickettsioses-zoonoses, and other arbo-bacterioses-zoonoses	11-12	Ploufragan (France)
	5 th IUCN ²⁷ World Parks Congress	13-15	Durban (South Africa)
	Meeting of a working group on zoning for FMD and animal movement management in the Lower Mekong Basin	14-16	Phnom Penh (Cambodia)
	Meeting of OIE Biological Standards Commission	17-19	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on evaluation of nonstructural protein tests for FMD diagnosis	17-19	OIE headquarters (France)
	AU-IBAR meeting on Red Sea Livestock Commission	20-21	Dubai (United Arab Emirates)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group to review the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) chapter in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code	22-24	OIE headquarters (France)
	OIE participation in a cycle of lectures on "Zoonoses: Animal Health and Public Health"	22-25	Murcia (Spain)
	7th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Middle East	23-26	Istanbul (Turkey)

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September (Cont'd)	OIE participation in the launch of the SADC ²⁸ Appeal for International Support in the control of FMD in Southern Africa	24-25	Gaborone (Botswana)
	3 rd meeting of the Ad hoc Group for evaluation of country submissions as complying with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code for recognition as bovine spongiform encephalopathy "free" or "provisionally free" status	24-26	OIE headquarters (France)
	27 th International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control (ISCTRC) Conference	29 September-3 October 3	Pretoria (South Africa)
	2 nd Plenary Meeting of the Scientific Panel on animal health and animal welfare organized by European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	30 September-1 October	Brussels (Belgium)
October	Meeting of regional Veterinary Services	1-5	Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
	CSPI ²⁹ Conference on "Clean plants, healthy animals: farm-based solutions to food-safety problems"	2	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)
	2 nd OIE/FAO Round Table on FMD	5-6	Cairo (Egypt)
	Seminar on WHO/MZCP consultation on food safety regulations and international trade	6-7	Athens (Greece)
	OIE/APHCA ³⁰ /DLD ³¹ Regional (Asia) Hands-on Workshop on BSE Diagnosis and Surveillance	6-8	Bangkok (Thailand)
	Meeting of the bureau of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission	6-10	OIE headquarters (France)
	FAO/OIE/EC ³² Tripartite Group Meeting on the Control of FMD in the Balkans	9-10	Ankara (Turkey)
	OIE/APHCA/DLD Regional Workshop on BSE risk analysis	9-11	Chiang Mai (Thailand)
	107 th Annual Meeting of the USAHA ³³ and the 46th Annual Conference of the AAVLD ³⁴	13	San Diego (U.S.A.)
	OIE/APHCA/DLD Consultation Meeting on BSE Public Awareness	13-14	Chiang Mai (Thailand)
	International Forum on Accidental Release or Deliberate Use of Biological Agents Affecting Food and Agriculture	14-15	Houston (U.S.A.)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on the humane killing of animals for disease control purposes (Animal welfare)	14-16	OIE headquarters (France)
	14th Meeting of the IATA ³⁵ Live Animals and Perishables Board	15-16	Montreal (Canada)
	International Animal Health Conference of Drug Information Association (DIA)	23-24	Nice (France)

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October (Cont'd)	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on the role of private veterinarians and para-professionals in the provision of animal health services	23-24	OIE headquarters (France)
	3 rd OIE Bluetongue International Symposium	26-29	Taormina (Italy)
	9 th World Conference on Animal Production	26-31	Porte Alegre (Brazil)
	WTO SPS Committee	28-30	Geneva (Switzerland)
November	FAO/OIE/EC Tripartite Group Meeting on the establishment of an FMD buffer zone	1	Kiev (Ukraine)
	Seminar on education in veterinary medicine within the new context in East European countries	3-4	Kiev (Ukraine)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on the slaughter of animals for human consumption (Animal welfare)	3-5	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of WHO Interested Parties	3-7	Geneva (Switzerland)
	8 th Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Pan African Program for the Control of Epizootics	4-6	Bamako (Mali)
	24 th Conference of the Chief Veterinary Officers from the CIS, the Baltic countries and the Balkan countries	5	Kiev (Ukraine)
	2 nd SEAFDEC ³⁶ Hands-on Training for important viral diseases of shrimp and marine fish	5-12	Iloilo (Philippines)
	11 th International Symposium of the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (WAVLD), and the 6 th OIE Seminar on Biotechnology	9-13	Bangkok (Thailand)
	2 nd Meeting of the Asia Regional Advisory Group on Aquatic Animal Health of the Network of Aquaculture Centres (NACA) in Asia-Pacific	10-12	Bankok (Thailand)
	2 nd OIE/DILAVE ³⁷ /IDB ³⁸ training course on quality and audit systems for manufacturers of veterinary medicines	10-15	Montevideo (Uruguay)
	WTO SPS regional seminar	11-13	(Kampala) Uganda
	Meeting of the Steering Committee on the WTO Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)	12-13	Rome (Italy)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on avian influenza	12-14	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on epidemiology	17-19	OIE headquarters (France)
10 th International Symposium on veterinary epidemiology and economics (ISVEE 10)	17-21	Vina del Mar (Chile)	
19 th session of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on General Principles	17-21	OIE headquarters (France)	

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November (Cont'd)	Meeting of the IDF ³⁹ Task Force on the Codex Certificate for Milk and Milk Products and meeting of the IDF Standing Committee on animal health	18-19	OIE headquarters (France)
	Meeting of OIE Ad hoc Group on the transport of animals by sea	19-21	OIE headquarters (France)
	The Annual General Assembly of the Balkan and Black Sea Veterinary Association (BaBSeVA)	20-22	Belgrade (Serbia and Montenegro)
	Training Course on Diagnostic Methods for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) organized by the OIE	24-25	Weybridge (U.K.)
	12 th International Course on exotic animal diseases	25-26	Valdeolmos (Spain)
	6 th International Congress on disasters and the 2nd International Seminar on risk management	25-28	Havana (Cuba)
	23 rd Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania	25-28	Noumea (New Caledonia)
December	A follow-up meeting of the Executive Committee of the EUFMD	1	Rome (Italy)
	Meeting of OIE Scientific Commission for animal diseases	1-5	OIE headquarters (France)
	Joint 1 st FAO/OIE/WHO Expert Workshop on non-human antimicrobial usage and antimicrobial resistance: scientific assessment	1-5	Geneva (Switzerland)
	Meeting of OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission	1-12	OIE headquarters (France)
	International Congress on animal welfare	2-4	Murcia (Spain)
	2 nd Meeting of the Permanent Commission of the Americas on TSE in Animals	2-5	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
	Meeting of OIE Technical meeting on "Atypical" BSE Cases	4	OIE headquarters (France)
	OIE/WHO/VMA ⁴⁰ Joint Colloquium on Brucellosis and Pastoralism	4-7	Beirut (Lebanon)
	Participation of the OIE in the 32 nd Session of the FAO Conference	7-8	Rome (Italy)
	Regional Seminars on the WTO SPS Agreement	9-11	Colombo (Sri Lanka)
	2 nd OI4E-IAEA ⁴¹ /FAO consultants meeting on OIE guidelines for validation and certification of diagnostic assays for infectious animal diseases	9-12	Vienna (Austria)
	Meetings on the ALIVE program of World Bank	10-11	Paris (France)
	FAO/OIE Global Framework for Transboundary Animal Diseases	12	OIE headquarters (France)
	15th Session of the Joint Co-ordinating Committee of the Mediterranean Zoonoses Control Program (MZCP)	15-17	Beirut (Lebanon)
	Joint FAO/OIE Technical Advisory Group Meeting on "accelerating accreditation of freedom from Rinderpest"	18-21	Beirut (Lebanon)

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December (Cont'd)	1 st Meeting of the Steering Committee of CAPSERSA ⁴²	19	Bern (Switzerland)
	Special meeting of the AOAD for quarantine officials in Arab countries	23-24	Amman (Jordan)

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- 1 AOAD: Arab Organization for Agricultural Development
2 FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
3 SEAFMD: OIE Sub-Commission for FMD in South-East Asia
4 INRA: National Institute of Agricultural Research
5 CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States
6 WHO: World Health Organization
7 IDF: International Dairy Federation
8 CIRAD-EMVT: Département d'élevage et de médecine vétérinaire du Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement
9 IPPC: International Plant Protection Convention
10 EDQM: European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines (Council of Europe)
11 AFSSA: Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (French Agency for Food Safety)
12 EFAHSS: European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security
13 UFAW: Universities Federation for Animal Welfare
14 VICH: International Cooperation on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medical Products
15 AU-IBAR: the African Union's Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources
16 USDA/: United States Department of Agriculture – APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
17 JLTA: Japan Livestock Technology Association
18 NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization
19 IICA : Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
20 FEI: Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI)
21 APHCA: Regional Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Commission of FAO)
22 MZCP: Mediterranean Zoonoses Control Programme
23 COFI: Committee on Fisheries (a subsidiary body of the FAO Council)
24 ALA: Asociación Latinoamericana de Avicultura
25 FDA: Food and Drug Administration
26 JECFA: Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives
27 IUCN: World Conservation Union
28 SADC: Southern African Development Community
29 CSPI: Center for Science in the Public Interest
30 APHCA: Regional Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Commission of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations –FAO)

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- 31 DLD : Department of Livestock Development
32 EC : European Commission
33 USAHA: United States Animal Health Association
34 AAVLD : American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians
35 IATA : International Air Transport Association
36 SEAFDEC : Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
37 DILAVE : Division of Veterinary Laboratories of Uruguay
38 IDB : Inter-American Development Bank
39 IDF : International Dairy Federation
40 VMA : Veterinary Mediterranean Association
41 IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency
42 CAPSERSA : Capacity Building for Surveillance and Prevention of BSE and other Zoonotic Diseases in Serbia and South Africa