

# The 2nd Special Lecture

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## “An overview of World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and its activities ”

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The World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) is the intergovernmental organization responsible for improving animal health and welfare worldwide by collecting, analysing and publishing updated scientific data and providing international standards, guidelines and recommendations to assist member countries in the effective control of terrestrial and aquatic animal diseases. It is recognized as a reference organization by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and in 2012 has a total of 178 Member Countries. The OIE maintains permanent relations with other international and regional organizations and has Regional and sub-regional offices on every continent. The OIE has a global network of 236 Reference Laboratories with 176 experts covering 112 diseases/topics in 37 countries, and 41 Collaborating Centres covering 38 topics in 22 countries. The OIE maintains a World Animal Health Information Database (WAHID) to collect notifications about day today animal disease situation in Member Countries and disseminate it to the international community. The OIE is currently supporting its members by implementing various global programmes like assessing the performance of Veterinary Services (OIE PVS pathway), capacity building activities including twinning projects, vaccine banks for animal diseases, improving veterinary legislation etc. The OIE also collaborates regularly with other international organizations including FAO and WHO to address animal and public health globally. One such collaboration is OFFLU, a network of expertise on animal influenza established jointly in 2005 by OIE and FAO to support and coordinate global efforts to prevent, detect and control important influenzas in animals.

