

# OIE HONORARY AWARDS

## PREAMBLE

In accordance with Resolution VIII of 23 May 1985, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) confers two types of awards for services rendered to international veterinary science:

### A) GOLD MEDAL OF THE OIE

For outstanding services to international veterinary science, relating to the work of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE);

### B) MERITORIOUS AWARD OF THE OIE

For special services to veterinary science or to the work of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

## CHAPTER 1 – HONORARY AWARDS

### *ARTICLE 1*

The Gold Medal of the OIE is a mark of international recognition awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves by their outstanding services in the field of veterinary science, and by their outstanding contribution to the technological and scientific development of activities relating to the objectives of the OIE.

### *ARTICLE 2*

A maximum of one Gold Medal may be awarded each year.

### *ARTICLE 3*

The Meritorious Award of the OIE is a mark of international recognition awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves by their technico-scientific and administrative contribution to the control of animal disease, animal welfare and/or to veterinary public health.

### *ARTICLE 4*

A maximum of three Meritorious Awards may be made each year.

## CHAPTER 2 – PROPOSAL OF CANDIDATES

### *ARTICLE 5*

Eligible candidates are persons who, irrespective of age, sex, profession, nationality and place of residence, fulfil the conditions laid down in Article 1 or Article 3, whose services have been performed on the territory of one or more Member Countries of the OIE.

### *ARTICLE 6*

In any one year, each Permanent Delegate may propose one candidate for each of the two awards. Candidatures must be sent to the Council, through the good offices of the Director General before the 31 December of each year. Candidatures received after the deadline will be considered in the following year. Permanent Delegates may propose any eligible candidate in conformity with Article 5.

*ARTICLE 7*

In the proposal, the Permanent Delegate must clearly state for which of the honorary awards the candidature is being proposed. Proposals must be accompanied by suitable Curriculum vitae.

**CHAPTER 3 – SELECTION OF CANDIDATES***ARTICLE 8*

The Director General shall present the candidatures received to the Council at its first meeting of the year. The Council chooses the candidates who will receive the honorary awards for the current year.

*ARTICLE 9*

The Council shall not deliberate unless at least seven of its members are present. Deliberations for each of the two honorary awards shall take place separately, beginning with the Gold Medal.

*ARTICLE 10*

Voting shall be by secret vote. The recipient(s) shall be designated by an absolute majority of the members of the Council present. In the event of a split vote, the President shall have the casting vote.

*ARTICLE 11*

Each Member of the Council shall vote for only one person at each round of voting for the Gold Medal. A second round of voting shall take place if none of the candidates receives a majority in the first round. The second round will be between the two candidates who obtained the most votes in the first round.

*ARTICLE 12*

For the Meritorious Award, not more than three rounds of voting shall be held. Candidates shall not be considered in the second and third rounds unless they obtain one or more votes in the previous round without achieving the necessary majority.

*ARTICLE 13*

In either case, if a majority is not obtained, the Council shall declare that the corresponding honorary award has not been designated.

*ARTICLE 14*

The deliberations of the Council shall be recorded in the report, which shall be deposited in the archives of the OIE. The names and details of candidates who do not receive an award shall be confidential. Candidates who do not receive an award may be proposed again another year. The Council can propose to the applying Delegate that the Gold Medal proposal be changed to Meritorious Award and vice versa.

**CHAPTER 4 – PRESENTATION OF AWARDS***ARTICLE 15*

The Director General shall inform officially the Delegate which proposed the candidate, the Delegate of the Member Country of which the candidate is a national (if different), and the candidate of the decision of the Council within thirty days following the decision.

*ARTICLE 16*

The successful candidates will officially receive their honorary awards on the occasion of the annual session of the Assembly, preferably during the Opening Session.

*ARTICLE 17*

The OIE shall publish, in its *Bulletin*, the names of the recipients of the Gold Medal and the Meritorious Award.