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EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE AND TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE – THE CANADIAN EXAMPLE

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The Canadian experience of international scientific exchanges and technology transfer has been largely established between countries and specific laboratories through contact with individual scientists and veterinarians.

Involvement of OIE Reference Laboratories, Collaborating Centres or Canadian National Reference Laboratories has been successful in developing solid working relationships with a number of laboratories worldwide, but challenges remain regarding continuing and maintaining those efforts, and the effective dissemination of the outcomes of those scientific collaborations. The vast majority of technology and scientific transfer arrangements fall outside the current scope of OIE programmes.

Engagement of recipients, facilitated through organisations such as the OIE, may enhance the working relationship between the participants. How best to communicate the enormous amounts of knowledge generated from these interactions appropriately? A network approach could be seen as leverage to improve capability and capacity for access and delivery of the best science, provide effective and rapid distribution of information and use of available expertise.

The OIE is seen to have a critical role to play as the central point for One World – One Health.



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