

Opening Ceremony



How to improve animal health worldwide

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The World Organisation for Animal Health, created in 1924 under the name Office International des Epizooties (OIE) is in charge of setting international standards for animal health and welfare; 174 countries are members of the Organisation.

Its global mandate is to 'improve animal health and welfare worldwide' for terrestrial and aquatic animals. Firmly committed to international cooperation and solidarity, the OIE provides support for the world's national Veterinary Services, now recognised as a 'global public good', and sees strengthening their capacities as a priority for public investment. Veterinary Services are working more and more at the interface between human, animal and environment health. The OIE has created a tool for the evaluation of the performance of the public and private components of Veterinary Services (OIE PVS Tool) and considers initial and continuous global veterinary education as a key component of the quality of Veterinary Services. Within the OIE 'PVS' tool and particularly through the important role to be played by statutory bodies, there is provision for the evaluation of the competencies and the continuous education of veterinarians, which is seen as a priority. It will help to improve animal health worldwide.