

OIE Director General meets with the Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation

The Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Dr Monique Eloit, held a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture of the Federation of Russia, Mr Dmitry Patrushev to discuss priority issues for the partnerships between the OIE and Russia.



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Dr Monique Eloit, OIE Director (third from left) with the Russian delegation, headed by the Minister of Agriculture Mr Dmitry Patrushev (second from left)

Paris, 8 February 2019 – The meeting held at the OIE Headquarters comprised several Russian dignitaries including Mr Sergey Dankvert, Head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (first from right in the picture above), the Ambassador of the Russian Federation in France, Mr Yuri Meshkov and other high level Russian representatives.

During the meeting, the OIE Director General welcomed the Russian Minister of Agriculture and other guests, and expressed her gratitude for the continued commitment of Russian authorities to support OIE activities in Europe and globally, in particular those carried out by the Regional Representation of the OIE established in Moscow.

In the course of the meeting, priority topics were discussed, including harmonisation of national veterinary legislation of Russia with OIE standards, participation of the national OIE Delegate, Focal Points and scientific experts from Russia in regional activities, standards setting process, as well as the development of the 7th OIE

Strategic Plan (2021-2025). Mr Patrushev supported the OIE's efforts in developing new global projects, such as OIE-WAHIS, but also stressed the importance of participation of the Russian Federation's Veterinary Services in the OIE network of reference laboratories (e.g. brucellosis, salmonellosis, antimicrobial resistance).

Both parties agreed to continue to work on the implementation of OIE standards, particularly in the field of recognition of animal disease status for priority animal diseases.



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