

# CRITERIA FOR SELECTION FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE SPECIALIST COMMISSION

## General

The Specialist Commissions currently meet at least twice per year in February and September and if required, immediately prior to the Assembly (in May). All meetings are held at the OIE Headquarters located in Paris, France. Meetings are conducted in English and experts are expected to participate in the meeting for its whole duration (in the case of the Code Commission this can be up to ten days at a time). **Note:** Presidents (and possibly Vice Presidents) of the Specialist Commissions are required to attend the Assembly held in Paris, in May each year.

Travel (economy class) and per diem costs of members of the Specialist Commissions are covered according to the Rules of the OIE.

The Scientific Commissions are supported by Secretariats from the OIE Headquarters. The Secretariat is responsible for coordination and preparation of working documents, dossiers, collation and analysis of Member Country comments. However, experts will be required to allocate sufficient time to their own preparation in advance of meetings including familiarizing themselves with the working documents including analysing Member Countries comments on draft standards, Member Countries disease status dossiers, reference and collaborating centre applications and associated reports of Working Groups and ad hoc Groups.

Applicants should be aware that, in addition to preparation and attendance at meetings, experts must also be available to provide advice to OIE Headquarters on specific requests related to matters under the Terms of Reference of the Specialist Commissions and to participate as observers in ad hoc Groups (which are also held in Paris) of relevance.

Successful candidates will be required to demonstrate that they have a broad range of the necessary skills and qualifications (your application should address the criteria applicable to the Specialist Commission for which you consider you are most suited). The criteria for selection of experts are separated according to the Scientific/Technical competencies required for the four Specialist Commissions and personal attributes.

# Criteria for Selection of Experts for Nomination for Election to an OIE Specialist Commission

The following criteria will be the basis for the evaluation of applications.

## 1) Scientific /Technical competencies

### Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (In Brief "Code Commission")

Applicants must be qualified veterinarians, internationally recognised, with a broad knowledge of the major diseases of animals (mammals, birds and bees), animal health aspects of international trade in animals and animal products, and some expertise in the control of animal diseases, in animal welfare and in veterinary public health. Have a broad understanding of the role of the OIE in the development of international standards, recommendations and guidelines and may have contributed to the development of national positions on proposed revisions to the [Terrestrial Code](#). Have knowledge and experience in the development or implementation of national standards and systems relevant to the mandate of the OIE or have experience in a regulatory environment related to international trade or risk assessment to support the import and export of animals and animal products.

### Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (In Brief "Aquatic Animals Commission")

Applicants must be, internationally recognised specialists, with a broad knowledge of surveillance, diagnosis, control and prevention of infectious diseases of aquatic animals (amphibians, crustaceans, fish and molluscs), in particular OIE listed aquatic animal diseases, and aspects of international trade in aquatic animals and their products. Have a broad understanding of the role of the OIE in the development of international standards, recommendations and guidelines and may have contributed to the development of national positions to the proposed revisions to the [Aquatic Code](#). Have knowledge and experience in the development or implementation of national or international standards and systems relevant to the mandate of the OIE or have experience in a regulatory environment related to international trade and/or risk assessment to support the import and export of animals and animal products.

### Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (In Brief "Scientific Commission")

Applicants must be internationally recognised specialists in a field relevant to the control of infectious diseases of terrestrial animals and shall have appropriate experience in animal disease control, mainly in [OIE listed diseases](#) and in particular in diseases for which the OIE has a procedure for [official recognition of status](#) (AHS, BSE, CBPP, CSF, FMD, PPR<sup>1</sup>). Have international experience, at the regional or global level, in the area of laboratory diagnosis or control and prevention of infectious animal diseases and one or more of the following; risk

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<sup>1</sup> African horse sickness (AHS), Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE),Foot and mouth disease (FMD), Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP), Classical swine fever (CSF) Peste des petits ruminants (PPR)

analysis, epidemiology, laboratory diagnosis, and new scientific technologies applied to disease prevention and control.

### Biological Standards Commission

Applicants must be internationally recognised specialists in the field of infectious terrestrial animal disease diagnosis or prevention, particularly in laboratory methods and operations, and principally in relation to [OIE listed diseases](#).

Applicants should have international experience, at the regional or global level, in the area of laboratory diagnosis or prevention of infectious terrestrial animal diseases as well as international expertise in one or more of the following; veterinary laboratory management, biosafety and biosecurity, vaccine production, test validation, quality management systems, genomics and new scientific technologies.

Applicants should have a Curriculum Vitae and scientific publication record appropriate to an international specialist in a field or fields relevant to the control of infectious diseases of animals.

## 2) Personal attributes/skills

- a. Ability to communicate both orally and in writing in English;
- b. Ability to analyse and synthesise complex technical information into structured assessments or reviews;
- c. Experience in delivering scientific assessments and arguments at the national and international level;
- d. Ability to work with people from different cultural backgrounds as well as other scientists from various disciplines;
- e. Ability to build consensus and work in a team environment; and
- f. Ability to act independently from employers and national governments.

**Note:** Applicants should ensure that their application includes examples that demonstrate they have the personal attributes/skills outlined above. For example: evidence that they have studied or worked in an English speaking environment; previous experience in providing independent scientific advice; experience in participating in scientific and or technical meetings at the national or international level.