

Dr Malek Zrelli
OIE Delegate for Tunisia



Malek Zrelli graduated from the Sidi Thabet National Veterinary School (Tunisia) in 1981. After gaining his doctorate in Veterinary Medicine, he continued his postgraduate studies in avian pathology (at Ploufragan-France in 1982), then in clinical microbiology at the Monastir Faculty of Pharmacology (Tunisia, 1987). His scientific education continued at the Nantes National Veterinary School (France) with specialisation in medical pathology of cattle and farmyard animals, endorsed by being awarded the title of Fellow of the French National Veterinary Schools. In 1995, he won a competitive process for the post of university hospital professor in veterinary medicine at the Sidi Thabet National Veterinary School (Tunisia). His scientific education was completed in 1997, when he specialised in veterinary health policy and HACCP in the meat industries Texas University (College of Veterinary Medicine; USA).

He started his career as research lecturer in 1983 at the Sidi Thabet National Veterinary School (Tunisia). His work was devoted to teaching medical pathology of cattle and farmyard animals and directed several scientific research projects in the field of animal health, published several scientific articles in specialist veterinary medicine journals and gave lectures at several national and international scientific seminars.

He took active part in the reorganisation of veterinary studies that led to the instigation of the specialisation regime under the terms of veterinary medicine internship and residence in 2002.

He was elected to the Tunisian National Council of the Order of Veterinarians in 1990, he participated in the reform of the Council's organisations and the publication of health veterinarian statutes and the establishment of the health mandate.

He was appointed Director General of the Tunisian Institute of Veterinary Research in 1996. He initiated an administrative and scientific modernisation programme for the Institute, headed a "food microbiology" research laboratory and set up a quality assurance system.

In 2001 he joined the central services of the Ministry of Agriculture where he was promoted to the post of Director-General of Veterinary Services to head the official Tunisian veterinary services (C.V.O).

He has focussed on initiatives aimed at animal protection and health and the health safety of animal foodstuffs that he directs, organises and monitors on a national level.

Malek Zrelli was born in 1958 and has one child. He has several honours: Officer of the Tunisian National Order of Merit (farming) and also a Knight of the French Order of Merit (farming).