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Introduction

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is the international reference organisation that fosters global commitment to improve animal health and welfare and veterinary public health worldwide, by recognising value in diversity, promoting fairness and inclusion, encouraging trust and instilling purpose.

Its [Seventh Strategic Plan](#) focuses on scientific expertise, data governance, responding to Members' needs, and efficiency and agility.

The OIE views open access as a way of responding to these focus areas.

What is open access?

As defined by [Open Society Foundations](#), open access is 'a publishing and distribution model that makes scholarly research literature — much of which is funded by taxpayers around the world — freely available to the public online, without restrictions'.

What is the aim of the OIE Open Access Policy?

To ensure that the scientific information and data generated by research or studies performed by the OIE or published through its imprint:

- are shared equitably worldwide
- can be built upon to improve scientific knowledge.

What does the OIE publish?

The OIE publishes [international standards](#), journals ([Review](#) & [Bulletin](#)), books, and reports, guidelines and other *ad-hoc* information products, as deemed appropriate by OIE Direction.

What is the OIE's Open Access Policy for its publications?

All OIE research articles, international standards, reports and guidelines are fully open access (can be read, downloaded and shared freely), unless restrictions apply, in which case this will be clearly indicated.¹

For the abovementioned items, the following attributes apply.

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13. There is no fee for access.
14. There is no lag period or embargo for access.

Persistent identifiers

15. Publications are assigned unique identifiers, dois or (e)ISBNs and are declared post-publication to [CrossRef](#), of which OIE is a member.

Monographs and book chapters

The OIE OA policy for monographs is currently being assessed on a case-by-case basis. [Coalition S](#) issue a [statement](#) on monographs and book chapters at the end of 2021, which will guide in refining a strategy to be included in this policy.

² For OIE international standards or OIE non-authored reports, the author is considered to be the OIE.

³ 'For the purpose of Plan S, Open Access platforms are publishing platforms for the original publication of research output (such as Wellcome Open Research or Gates Open Research). Platforms that merely serve to aggregate or re-publish content that has already been published elsewhere are not considered as such.' See www.coalition-s.org/addendum-to-the-coalition-s-guidance-on-the-implementation-of-plan-s/principles-and-implementation/. The [Terrestrial Animal Health Code](#), [Aquatic Animal Health Code](#), [Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals](#), [Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals](#), reports and guidelines are published on the OIE's website with previous editions archived on the OIE's [archival platform](#). The *Review* is published directly on the OIE's [archival platform](#) and the [Bulletin](#) is first published online and subsequently archived on the OIE's [archival platform](#).

⁴ Pre-prints of OIE [Scientific and Technical Review](#) articles are published online as soon as the article has been accepted.

Research data

The OIE embraces the Open Data movement. As defined by the EU, scientific research data is 'data underlying publications and/or other data (such as curated but unpublished datasets or raw data)'.

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