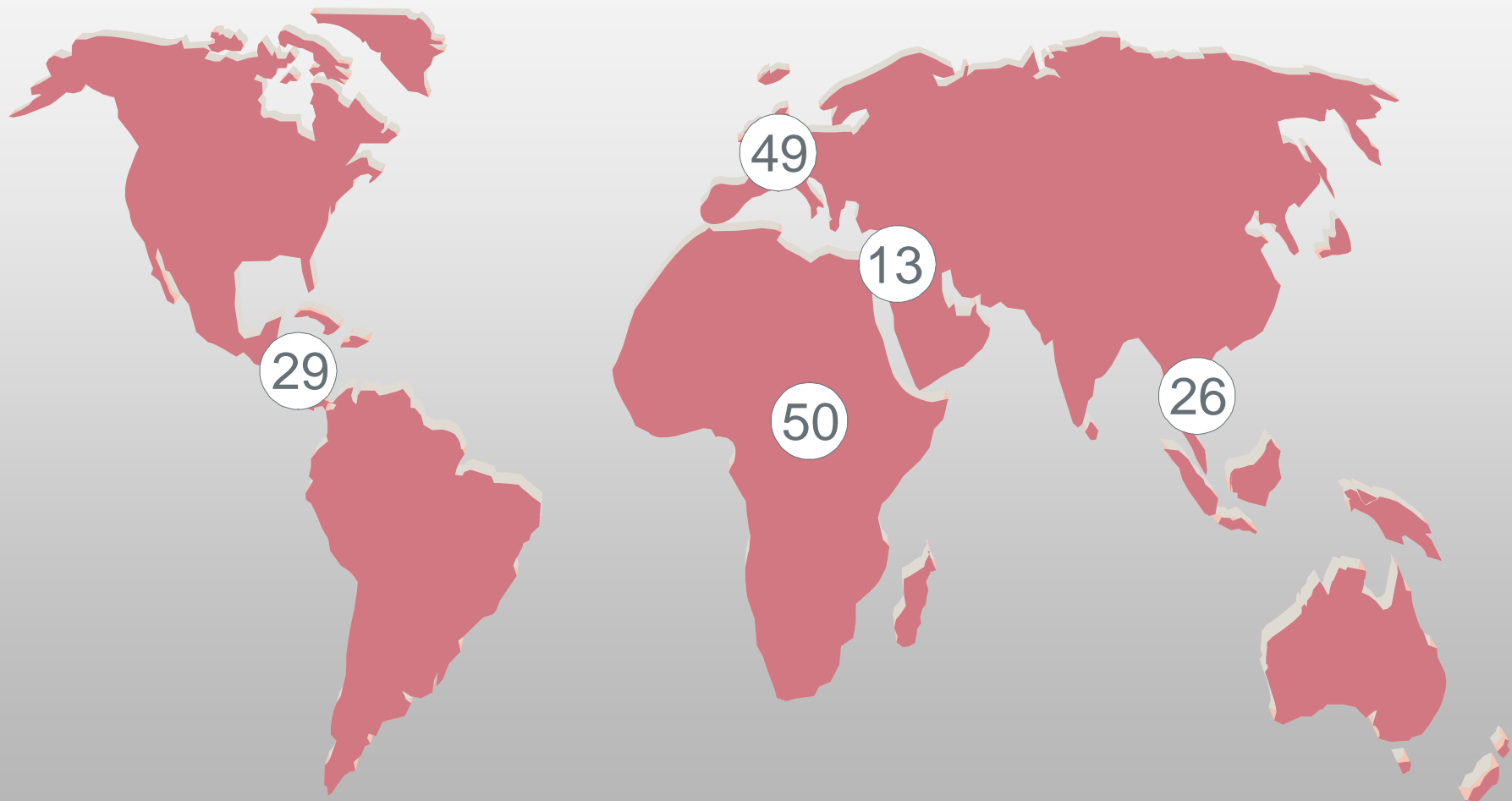




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**World Organisation for Animal Health**  
**created in 1924 in Paris**

# 167 Member Countries (May 2004)



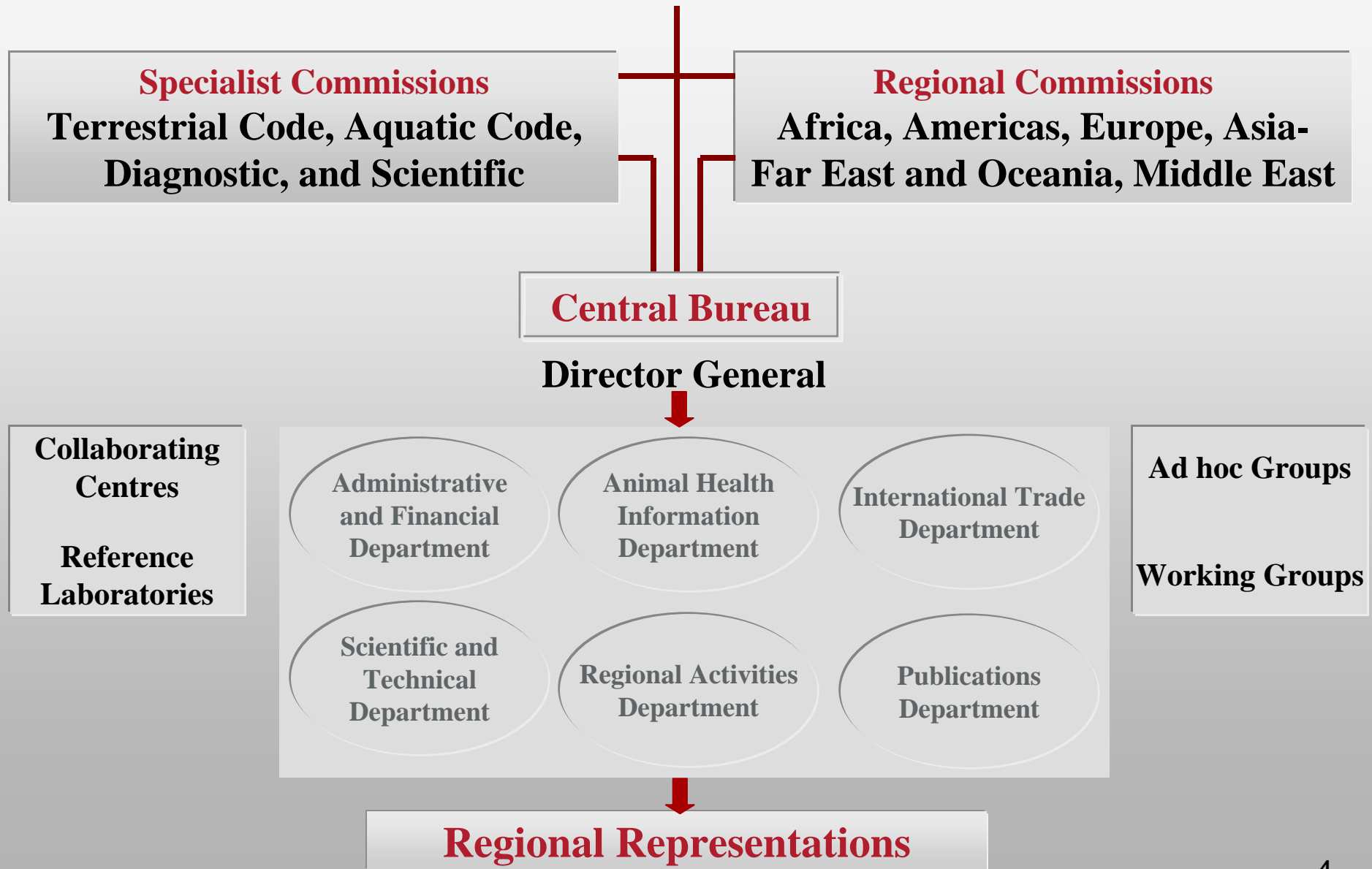
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# Objectives



1. To ensure transparency in the animal health situation throughout the world.
2. To collect, analyse and disseminate scientific veterinary information.
3. To contribute expertise and encourage international solidarity in the control and eradication of animal diseases.
4. Within its mandate under SPS and WTO Agreement, to safeguard world trade by publishing health standards for international trade in animals and animal products.
5. To improve the legal framework and resources of Veterinary Services.
6. Assist the international community in the development of guiding principles for animal welfare

# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE Administrative Commission



# OIE International Standards

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- Terrestrial Animal Health Code
- Aquatic Animal Health Code
- Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals
- Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Aquatic Animals

Also available on the OIE Website

# OIE Information System

Promote Transparency and Knowledge of  
Global Animal Disease Situation

# How ?

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- OIE Early Warning System based on official reports from Member Countries
- Active search and verification of non official information
- Improve data quality at the field level
- OIE Global Information System

# Terrestrial Animal Health Code



- Provides detailed recommendations of sanitary measures to be used by Chief Veterinary Officers of Member Countries in establishing health regulations applying to the safe importation of animals and animal products, while avoiding unjustified trade restrictions
- Contains recommendations covering ruminants, swine, equidae, rabbits, bees, poultry, dogs and cats
- In four languages: English, French, Russian and Spanish (the Arabic translation will be available later)

# New work programme

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- Animal welfare
- Animal production food safety
- Regular up-dating of all Code chapters
- Interactive consultations

# Updating international standards



# OIE Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety 1



## ● Terms of Reference

- Consider all food hazards of animal origin before slaughter and primary processing of products
- Principal emphasis on measures applicable at farm level
- Ensure that food safety be addressed under all relevant OIE activities

## ● Working Group coordinates and manages food safety activities within the OIE

# OIE Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety 2



## ● Priorities

- Develop work programmes taking into consideration priorities and relevant activities within Codex Alimentarius
- Ensure consistency in the objectives and results of generic subjects
- Focus on hazards related to farm production
- Collaborate in technical assistance activities to developing countries

# Animal welfare <sup>1</sup>



- essential linkage between animal health and animal welfare
- OIE well placed to provide international leadership on animal welfare
- animal welfare identified by Member Countries as high priority for 2001-2005 Strategic Plan
- complex and important scientific, ethical, economic and political dimensions
- Standards must be relevant to all OIE Member countries

# Animal welfare 2



- Priority to welfare of animals used in agriculture and aquaculture
- Transportation, humane slaughter and killing for disease control to be addressed first
  - followed by housing and management
- Permanent Working Group coordinates and manages OIE animal welfare activities
  - first met in October 2002

# Reference Laboratories

- 149 Reference Laboratories in 30 Countries covering 50 terrestrial and 22 aquatic animal diseases
- Expert centres for standardization for Member Countries and other OIE laboratories
  - Store and distribute reagents
  - Conduct and validate diagnostic tests
  - Provide technical and scientific training
  - Prepare and distribute competency tests

# Collaborating Centres

- 13 Collaborating Centres in 7 Countries
- Expert centres for the OIE and Member Countries on horizontal subjects
  - Assist in the elaboration of procedures for the harmonization of international zoosanitary regulations
  - Coordinate activities on cooperation
  - Provide technical training
  - Organize and host scientific meetings for the OIE

# Functions and Responsibilities of the OIE Reference Laboratories



1. Act as a centre of expertise for a disease and standardisation of methodology,
2. Storage and distribution of standards strains and diagnostic standards, antisera, antigens and other reagents,
3. Development of new diagnostic methods,
4. Collection, processing and analysis of epizootiological data,

# Functions and Responsibilities of the OIE Reference Laboratories (contd)



5. Provision of technical assistance to the OIE
6. Training in specific areas,
7. Organisation of scientific meetings on behalf of the OIE,
8. Co-ordination of collaborative studies,
9. Publication and dissemination of the relevant information.

# Other publications of the OIE

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- **Bulletin** every 3 months
- **Scientific and Technical Review** every 4 months
- **World Animal Health** every year
- **Technical items, Newsletters, Specialised books** variable

# Information on the OIE Web Site

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- Early warning
- Weekly Disease Information
- International Standards (Codes, Manuals, etc.)
- Scientific and Technical Review (contents and abstracts)
- Scientific and general information on OIE activities, animal diseases and zoonoses



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