WOAH Collaborative Centre Reports Activities 2022

Activities in 2022

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TOR1 AND 2: SERVICES PROVIDED

1. Activities as a centre of research, expertise, standardisation and dissemination of techniques within the remit of the mandate given by WOAH

Animal Welfare		
Title of activity	Scope	
	To establish a network of animal welfare experts in the SADC area, directly connected to local governments and research	

Enhancing Research For Africa Network (ERFAN), AW sub group for the SADC region

institutions, in order to develop common research activities and draft a shared strategy, aiming at ensuring a more effective implementation of the WOAH standards on animal welfare in these countries

Animal Welfare			
Title of activity	Scope		
Organisation and implementation of training activities on animal welfare on the farm, animal welfare at the time of killing of animals (at slaughterhouses and for disease control purposes) and animal welfare during transport under the "Better Training for Safer Food" initiative	WOAH-CC-IZS Teramo has been entrusted in December 2017, in partnership with Università degli Studi di Milano, for the organisation and implementation of training activities on animal welfare on the farm, animal welfare at the time of killing of animals (at slaughterhouses and for disease control purposes) and animal welfare during transport under the "Better training for Safer Food" Initiative. After a first two-year phase (2018-2019), a second two-year cycle has been approved by the EU Commission with the aim to develop best practices and compliance with the EU and international standards in the animal welfare field. Bringing together participants belonging to National Competent Authorities of Member States, Candidate and Non-EU countries, this project contributes to increase the compatibility of procedures and practices across the EU and to allow exchange between them. As in the first phase, also during the second phase, the attendance should be approximately 30 people per training session, with an estimated global number of 360 participants for the entire training programme that foresees 12 training course editions. Due to Covid19 Pandemic in 2020 no courses have been delivered so a 12-months extension has been approved. In the meanwhile in 2022 9 face to face events behave been converted in virtual classrooms. For that scope, pedagogical videos and relevant training materials have been designed. Furthermore, experts from SLU/SCAW have been involved in developing other BTSF courses, both for on-site training events and for online training.		
Animal Welfare			

EURCAW Ruminants & Equines, and the Care4Dairy project

The two partners, SLU/SCAW and IZS Teramo, have together with other highly qualified centres of research and expertise applied for, and been granted, the position as an EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare with a focus on ruminants and equines. We have hereby been given the opportunity to systematically work for improving the knowledge and support to competent authorities on the animal welfare demands of these species, based on the well-functioning cooperation that we have developed as a WOAH CC. This way, we will be able to convey knowledge and up-to-date research findings to the competent authorities in charge of animal welfare inspections, and also to the dairy, beef and horse industry, as well as for other ruminants and equine species. Furthermore, we have received an EU grant for a project called Care4Dairy, with a

focus on improving farmer knowledge of animal welfare requirements and needs for dairy calves, heifers and cows, for example by developing digital factsheets on relevant topics.

Also in this case, the consortium is based on the collaboration between SLU/SCAW and IZSTeramo, and other European centres of excellence in this field.

Animal Welfare			
Title of activity	Scope		
Development of a self-assessment and monitoring platform on the WOAH standards: SAM TOOL 2.0 project	The general objective of this Project is to develop a webbased self-assessment and monitoring methodology to assist countries in making progress on the agreed vision of full compliance with the WOAH standards on Dog Population Management in Europe. In 2022 has been set the expert's a working group and revised the questionnaire according to the new WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 7.7		

TOR3: HARMONISATION OF STANDARDS

2. Proposal or development of any procedure that will facilitate harmonisation of international regulations applicable to the main fucus area for which you were designated

Proposal title	Scope/Content	Applicable area

4. Did your Collaborating Centre maintain a network with other WOAH Collaborating Centres (CC), Reference Laboratories (RL), or organisations designated for the same specialty, to coordinate scientific and technical studies?

No

TOR4 AND 5: NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION

5. Did your Collaborating Centre maintain a network with other WOAH Collaborating Centres, Reference laboratories, or organisations in other disciplines, to coordinate scientific and technical studies?

Yes

Name of OIE CC/RL/other organisation(s)	Location	Region of networking Centre	Purpose
Reduction of the Risk of Disasters in Animal Health (CENSA)	Cuba	Americas	Promote capacity building in the framework of the WOAH network on veterinary emergencies

Biological Threat Reduction (IIAD)	USA	Americas	Promote capacity building in the framework of the WOAH network on veterinary emergencies
All the WOAH CC belonging to the	Paris	Africa	Promote innovative
WOAH Platform for the		Americas	methodologies and tools for
training of Veterinary		Asia and Pasific	the he training of Veterinary
Services		Europe	Services globally

TOR6: EXPERT CONSULTANTS

6. Did your Collaborating Centre place expert consultants at the disposal of WOAH?

Yes

NAME OF EXPERT	KIND OF CONSULTANCY	SUBJECT
Luigi lannetti	Lead Expert	WOAH Twinning project on animal welfare between Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise-Italy (IZS Teramo) and the Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire, Sidi Thabet, Tunisia (ENMV)
Michele Podaliri Vulpiani, Francesco Cerasoli, Silvia D'Albenzio, Daniela Ciavarelli, Francesca Pompei, Ombretta Pediconi, Chiara Albanello, Emanuela Rossi	Experts	WOAH Twinning project on animal welfare between Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise-Italy (IZS Teramo) and the Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire, Sidi Thabet, Tunisia (ENMV)
Luigi lannetti, Michele Podaliri Vulpiani	Experts	WOAH Twinning project on animal welfare between Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise-Italy (IZS Teramo) and the Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire, Sidi Thabet, Tunisia (ENMV): preliminary assessment visit in Tunisia (9-13 May 2022)
Luigi lannetti, Michele Podaliri Vulpiani	Experts	WOAH Twinning project on animal welfare between Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise-Italy (IZS Teramo) and the Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire, Sidi Thabet, Tunisia (ENMV): Coordination of the working group for the revision of Tunisian legislation on animal welfare – one in presence meeting (Sidi Thabet 10 May 2022) and two online meeting (7 October 2022 and 1 December 2022) with the EU-funded twinning "Projet de jumelage sur le Renforcement du dispositif national d'encadrement vétérinaire de la santé animale"

Silvia D'Albenzio	Expert	WOAH Twinning project on animal welfare between Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise-Italy (IZS Teramo) and the Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire, Sidi Thabet, Tunisia (ENMV): Coordination of the working group for the establishment of a permanent capacity building system in animal welfare in Tunisia
Luigi lannetti, Michele Podaliri Vulpiani	Experts	ERFAN Sub-group for Animal Welfare for the SADC region. Scientific coordinators at the meeting in Pretoria (South Africa) on 7-9 June
Luigi lannetti, Michele Podaliri Vulpiani	Experts	Assistance to the Faculty of Veterinary Science of the University of Pretoria (South Africa) for the preparation of the application as new WOAH CC for Animal Welfare
Birgitta Staaf Larsson, Daniela Morelli, Silvia D'Albenzio, Luigi lannetti	Experts	OIE Collaborating Centre Network coordination meeting 23 March 2022
Birgitta Staaf Larsson, Daniela Morelli, Silvia D'Albenzio	Experts	18th Meeting of the Steering Group of the OIE Platform on animal welfare for Europe (SG18) 20 April 2022
Birgitta Staaf Larsson, Elina Åsbjer	Experts	OIE Platform Working Equids West Eurasia base line survey - next steps 11 May 2022
Francesco Cerasoli	Presenter as member of the OIE CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/SCAW)	OIE 3rd Regional Webinar on: OIE international standards and tools to facilitate international movement of (competition) horses, procedures supporting the publication of self-declarations of animal health status and the official recognition of African horse sickness (AHS) free status. 10-11 May 2022.
Daniela Morelli, Birgitta Staaf Larsson	Experts	Preparation of the Technical Item_ Long distance transport of live animals –meetings 26 April, 5, 6, 19 and 31 May, 8 and 10 June 2022
Daniela Morelli, Birgitta Staaf Larsson, Silvia D'Albenzio, Luigi lannetti	Experts	A virtual meeting aimed at laying the foundations of the WOAH Network of Animal Welfare Collaborating Centres, according to the Guidance for the Management of WOAH Collaborating Centre Networks 14t June 2022
Birgitta Staaf Larsson	Expert	AWCCs Collaboration (Transport - Five Domains) Zoom Meeting 15 June 2022

Experts	Preparation of questionnaire Technical Item I Long distance transport - meeting 16 June 2022
Expert	Preparation of the Technical Item_ Long distance transport of live animals – meetings 22 and 28 July 2022
Experts	Questionnaire Technical Item I Long distance transport meetings 24 August 2022 (Tomasz Grudnik)
Consultancy as coordinator of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/SCAW)	Presentation of the Technical Item I at the 30th Conference of the WOAH Regional Commission for Europe (3-7 October 2022 - Catania, Italy) - Long distance transport of live animals: WOAH standards and best practices including societal perception and communication aspects . Drafting of recommendations.
Poster presenter as member of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW)	30th Conference of the WOAH Regional Commission for Europe (3-7 October 2022 - Catania, Italy). Poster presentation on the WOAH twinning on AW with Tunisia.
Participants.	WOAH Animal Welfare Global Forum "Animal Welfare Economics" 12 October 2022
Experts	SAM TOOL 2.0 Working Group kick-off meeting
Consultancy as coordinator of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW)	WOAH Regional training seminar for National Focal Points on Animal Welfare for Europe, 16- 17 November 2022
Consultancy as coordinator of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW)	Steering Group Meeting of the WOAH CC for Animal Welfare in Europe 17 November 2022.
Consultancy as coordinator of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW)	Regional Strategic Action (RSA) on animal welfare for Europe kick-off meeting. 22 November 2022
	Experts Consultancy as coordinator of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/SCAW) Poster presenter as member of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW) Participants. Experts Consultancy as coordinator of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW) Consultancy as coordinator of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW) Consultancy as coordinator of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW)

Daniela Morelli, Silvia D'Albenzio, Birgitta Staaf Larsson	Participants	Webinar to explain the new system for accessing the templates for WOAH Reference Centres annual report of activities 2 December 2022
Daniela Morelli	Consultancy as coordinator of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW)	The 19th Steering Group meeting of the WOAH Platform on animal welfare for Europe. 7-8 December 2022
Luigi lannetti	Consultancy as member of the WOAH CC for AW in Europe (IZS Teramo and SLU/ SCAW)	WOAH Regional training seminar for National Focal Points on Animal Welfare for Europe. 15 December 2022

TOR7: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

7. Did your Collaborating Centre provide advice/services to requests from Members in your main focus area?

Yes

a) In the framework of the WOAH twinning of animal welfare in Tunisia and North Africa, the IZS –Teramo team composed by Luigi Iannetti and Michele Podaliri Vulpiani, carried out a preliminary in-field visit on 9-13 May 2022. Silvia D'Albenzio also participated to the visit remotely on the 10thof May. The aim of the visit was to define the state of the art of the application of WOAH standards on animal welfare in Tunisia, and involved personnel from the ENMV (Ecole Nationale de Medicine Veterinaire), the DGSV (General Direction of Veterinary Services), the CNVZ (Centre National de Veille Zoosanitaire) and the WOAH Sub-Regional Delegation in Tunis.

- b) The IZS Teramo assisted the WOAH Members from the Balkans in increasing preparedness capacity and contingency planning in the framework of the activities promoted by the WOAH Platform for Animal Welfare in Europe.
- c) The IZS Teramo started the development of the SAM Tool 2.0 to support the compliance of the WOAH Members in the Europe Region to the revised Chapter 7.7 of the WOAH TAHC and to the Chapter 8.14.
- 8. Did your Collaborating Centre provide scientific and technical training, within the remit of the mandate given by WOAH, to personnel from WOAH Members?

Yes

a) Technical visit: 2

b) Seminars: 1

c) Hands-on training courses: 9

d) Internships (>1 month): 1

TYPE OF TECHNICAL		COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE	
TRAINING PROVIDED (A, B,	CONTENT	EXPERT(S) PROVIDED WITH TRAINING	NO. PARTICIPANTS FROM THE CORRESPONDING COUNTRY
a	Training on Animal welfare during transport in the framework of the WOAH Twinning project on animal welfare between Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise-Italy (IZSAM) and the Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire, Sidi Thabet, Tunisia (ENMV)	Tunisia	9

a	Training on Animal welfare at slaughter in the framework of the WOAH Twinning project on animal welfare between Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise-Italy (IZSAM) and the Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire, Sidi Thabet, Tunisia (ENMV)	Tunisia	7
b	Regional Animal Welfare Centre Workshop	Western Balkan Region	40
а	Provided training on vesicular stomatitis virus complement fixation diagnostic test methods	lvory Coast / Côte d'Ivoire	1
С	Virtual Classroom Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) on "Animal Welfare in pig production- Session III" 8-10 March 2023	Albania Austria Bulgaria Cyprus Denmark Finland Germany Iceland Ireland Luxembourg Norway Poland Portugal Slovakia Sweden	26
С	Virtual Classroom Training for Safer Food (BTSF) on "Animal Welfare during transport (adv level) - Session I" 29-31 march 2022	Bulgaria Germany Hungary Ireland Israel Italy Latvia Lithuania Luxembourg Mexico Republic of North Macedonia Portugal Slovenia Spain Sweden	23
С	Virtual Classroom Training for Safer Food (BTSF) on "Animal Welfare during transport (Basic level)" 17- 19 May 2022	Austria Denmark Finland Greece Hungary Iceland Italy Latvia Norway Poland Romania Slovakia Spain Sweden	34
С	Virtual Classroom Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) on "Animal Welfare in poultry production- Session III" 7-9 June 2022	Argentina Cyprus Germany Italy Lithuania Malaysia Poland Portugal Romania Spain The Netherlands USA	18
С	Virtual Classroom Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) on "Animal Welfare at slaughter and in case of killing for depopulation purposes (basic level)" 21-23 June 2022	Austria Czech Republic Denmark Germany Greece Iceland Ireland Norway Poland Portugal Republic of North Macedonia Slovenia Spain The Netherlands	27
c	Virtual Classroom Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) on "Animal Welfare at slaughter of cattle, pigs, sheep and goats (advanced level)" 4-6 October, 2022	Argentina, Armenia Cyprus, Germany Greece Northern Ireland Norway, Portugal Romania, Slovenia Spain Sweden	19

С	Virtual Classroom Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) on "Animal Welfare during transport (advanced level) - Session II" 25-27 October, 2022	Austria Denmark Germany Hungary Ireland Italy Norway Serbia Spain The Netherlands	16
С	Virtual Classroom Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) on "Animal Welfare at poultry slaughter (advanced level) 15-17 November, 2022	Belgium Denmark Hungary Ireland Latvia Norway Portugal Serbia Spain Thailand The Netherlands	18
С	Virtual Classroom Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) on "Animal Welfare during transport (2nd session)" 29 Nov-1 Dec 2022	Belgium, Bulgaria Denmark, Estonia Finland, France Germany, Greece Hungary, Ireland Lithuania, Norway Poland, Portugal Serbia, Spain Sweden The Netherlands	37

TOR8: SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

9. Did your Collaborating Centre organise or participate in the organisation of scientific meetings related to your main focus area on behalf of WOAH?

Yes

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL	TITLE OF EVENT	CO-ORGANISER	DATE (MM/YY)	LOCATION	NO. PARTICIPANTS
International	WOAH/IZS "SAM Tool 2.0 flash webinar"	WOAH Sub-regional Representation - Brussels	2022-12-02	Virtual	20
International	WOAH Network of Animal Welfare Collaborating Centres	Collaborating Centres in the Asia and the Pacific region	2022-06-14	Virtual	26

TOR9: DATA AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

- 10. Publication and dissemination of any information within the remit of the mandate given by WOAH that may be useful to Members of WOAH
- a) Articles published in peer-reviewed journals:

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- d) Other (Provide website address or link to appropriate information):
- 11. What have you done in the past year to advance your area of focus, e.g. updated technology?
- Development and dissemination of fact-sheets concerning the welfare of ruminants (individual calf housing and calf feeding) and, more generally, the environmental enrichment
- Development of a permanent IT platform for the assessment of training needs in the animal welfare domain as concerns ruminants and equine in EU Member States
- Design and implementation of research projects to produce new knowledge in the animal welfare domain adopting new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence
- 12. Additional comments regarding your report: