

Terms of Reference

Young Professional Officer - Aquatic Animal Health Officer – Aquatic Animal Health Strategy

Duration: 12 months (renewable)

Positioning and reporting

Under the supervision of the Head of the Regional Activities Department, in coordination with the Head of Preparedness and Resilience and Science Departments.

Job purpose

The Young Professional Officer - Aquatic Animal Health Officer will lead several specific activities identified in the Aquatic Animal Health Strategy as part of the implementation of this Strategy. He/she will work in the relevant Departments and with Regional Representations who have the lead or are a collaborator for specific activities in the Aquatic Strategy.

Activities

Coordinate the work associated with the following activities in the Aquatic Strategy:

- Contribute to the development of a coordinated WOAHA approach to disease emergencies that initiates a range of actions to assist WOAHA Members when an aquatic animal disease emergency of regional or global concern occurs, under the supervision of HoD Preparedness and Resilience Department.
- Contribute to the development of a mechanism to help WOAHA Members overcome barriers to investigating an emergency response at the national level, under the supervision of HoD Preparedness and Resilience Department.
- Contribute to the development of best practice guidelines for WOAHA Members to enable them to respond collaboratively to disease emergencies of shared concern, including emerging diseases, under the direction of HoD Preparedness and Resilience Department.
- Contribute to the development of mechanisms to strengthen, support and more fully utilise WOAHA scientific networks, specifically aquatic related Reference Centres, under the supervision of HoD Science.
- Support the activities of the Regional Aquatic Animal Health Networks in collaboration with Regional Representations, under the supervision of HoD, Regional Representations.
- Contribute to the support of WOAHA Delegates and Focal Points to better understand their roles and responsibilities with respect to WOAHA and aquatic animal health and welfare, in collaboration with the Regional Representations and relevant WOAHA Departments.
- Contribute to other activities as requested.

For each of these activities:

- Develop workplans to achieve the desired outcomes that provides a detailed description for each activity to be undertaken including resources, timelines, outcomes, deliverables.
- Implement the activities to achieve the defined outputs and outcomes.
- Evaluate the impact of each activity including what worked well, what could be improved, and how it was received by end-users.

Collaboration

- Contribute to ensuring close collaboration among relevant WOAHA Departments and Regional Representations, when relevant, to ensure these activities are implemented.
- Contribute to embed the objectives of improving aquatic animal health worldwide within WOAHA.

Provide technical support on aquatic animal health

- Provide technical and project management advice to other teams, as relevant.

Support communication activities

- Contribute to the communication plan these activities, in collaboration with other teams, as necessary.

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Qualifications and Experience

Required qualifications

- A degree in veterinary science or aquatic animal health.
- At least 3 years professional experience, including experience in a national regulatory environment or other international organisation in aquatic animal health.

Requirements:

Technical skills:

- Ability to work in English at a high level including excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Excellent writing skills;
- Ability to summarise complex technical discussions into clear and concise documents and reports;
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Office, in particular Word.

Interpersonal skills:

- Excellent communication skills;
- Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships in a multinational and multicultural environment;
- Strong analytical and research skills;
- Capacity to learn and a self-motivated worker;
- Excellent organisation skills and ability to meet specific deadlines.

Working conditions

- Office based position at WOAHA headquarters in Paris, France.