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OIE Launches Global Animal Health Database

The World Animal Health Organization (OIE) announced the availability of the World Animal Health Information Database (WAHID), a global animal disease tracking system.

A complement to OIE's World Animal Health Information System launched in April 2006, the new database, commonly referred to as WAHID, provides all available data on animal diseases per country, region, month and year. The compilation also includes, among other things, animal population by country, epidemiological events maps, global animal diseases distribution maps and comparative disease status between countries.

"WAHID is designed to provide high-quality, animal-diseases information to all stakeholders including veterinary services, international organizations, trading partners, academics, the media and the larger public," said Dr. Karim Ben Jebara, head of the OIE Animal Health Information Department. "All can access and monitor with us the evolution of animal diseases in one or several countries or regions of the world."

The new online interface will permanently replace Handistatus II, which compiles data from 1996 to 2004.

The database can be accessed at http://www.oie.int/wahid-prod/public.php?page=weekly_report_index&admin=0.