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Application from Pasteur International Network Association for admission into official relations with WHO

1. General information

(a) Name and address of the headquarters

Pasteur International Network Association
25–28 rue du Docteur Roux
75015 Paris
France

Website: Not available.

(b) Link to the entity's profile in the WHO Register of non-State actors

http://apps.who.int/register-nonstate-actors/nsa.aspx?id=243

2. Aims/purpose/objective of the entity

Created in March 2011, the Pasteur International Network Association is composed of 29 members of the Institut Pasteur International Network, who are involved in conducting research, performing public health activities and providing education in 22 countries over five continents. The purpose of the Association is to carry out and facilitate the development and implementation of large-scale scientific projects and initiatives, typically with the participation of several of its member entities, and possibly with the cooperation of other partners, with the overall goal and intent of contributing to the prevention and treatment of diseases, primarily infectious diseases.

3. Other criteria for the admission of the entity into official relations with WHO

International structure/scope: The Association brings together 29 members from around the world. It encourages, enables, facilitates and carries out ambitious and innovative international scientific projects across different sectors, and develops new international partnerships. Its activities focus on the international public health priorities identified in collaboration with ministries of health.

Constitution/by-laws: The governing document for the Association is the Articles of the Association, which determines the purpose, membership, funding, governance and decision-making role of the Association.

Governing body: The Association is governed by the Board of Directors, composed of five ex-officio Institut Pasteur representatives, five other elected members (directors of institutes from the five regions recognized by the Network), and two associate members or external qualified personalities, who are not members of the Association and who are co-opted by the other members of the Board. The Board of Directors may take any decisions that do not require a resolution by the General Meeting. In particular, it defines the Association's strategic choices and guidelines; votes on the budget for the next financial year; approves the annual financial statements based on a proposal by the President of the Association and submits them for approval by the General Meeting; prepares an annual management report; authorizes legal proceedings; determines the powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the Executive Manager; and draws up the Association's Rules of Procedure.

The Association organizes an annual General Meeting, bringing together the 29 members, all of which have voting rights. The General Meeting elects and appoints the members of the Board of Directors, approves the report of the Board of Directors and the financial report, appoints a statutory auditor and approves new members.

Administrative structure: The Association has a central administrative structure at its headquarters in Paris, consisting of an Executive Manager and a Project Officer. It has the support of an accounting company and some administrative departments of the Institut Pasteur. When appropriate, the Association's members contribute to the functioning of the Association through their administrative resources.

Financial information: The Association's financing comes from membership fees (accounting for two thirds of its total income in 2013), donations and grants for implementing projects.

4. Collaboration with WHO

(a) Activities carried out with WHO over the past three years

The Association and its members involve WHO on a regular basis in regional, international and project meetings organized by the Association to improve the promotion and implementation of WHO's and national strategies and activities and to develop collaborative projects. WHO participates at the regional meetings that take place every two years in each of the five regions where the members are established (most recently held in Cambodia, Senegal and Uruguay) and at the Scientific Symposium of the Institut Pasteur International Network, held annually in France. The Association and its members promote WHO's work by disseminating, explaining, supporting and, when relevant, implementing WHO policies, guidelines and tools. They have nominated focal points for the WHO regional offices, to strengthen relations and communication.

The Association and a number of its members have contributed to, or are working to contribute to, national programmes through collaborative projects with WHO, including projects focused on malaria surveillance, the progressive elimination of rabies in humans and dogs in different countries, and fighting tuberculosis in Gabon. The Association has, with WHO, also organized training workshops in Cambodia and Senegal on the surveillance and control of rabies, to reinforce capacities in those and neighbouring countries.

The members of the Association involve WHO representatives in their activities, in particular with regard to strategy definition. The members are represented in WHO expert panels and in global alliances or surveillance networks such as the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System and its global alert mechanism for the emergence of influenza viruses with pandemic potential, the Global

Task Force on Cholera Control, the Global Leptospirosis Environmental Action Network, the Gonococcal Antimicrobial Surveillance Programme and the WHO Emerging and Dangerous Pathogens Laboratory Network.

Many members of the Association have also individually contributed to WHO's work through bilateral or multilateral collaborative activities. These include: contributions to strengthening capacities in the framework of the International Health Regulations; participation in the activities of the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network; and contributions to preparedness, surveillance and control of infectious diseases, including through research collaboration, the training of personnel and the development or improvement of diagnostics. They have contributed to a study on and to the dissemination of best practices for the management of intellectual property in line with public health objectives. In addition, they have conducted activities with the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases.

(b) Planned collaborative activities with WHO for the coming three-year period

The Association is seeking to develop an improved partnership with WHO, building on existing and new areas of collaboration at all levels of WHO and in areas of common interest. Based on the existing relationships of the Association and its members with WHO, collaborative efforts to promote and implement WHO's and national strategies and activities at the country level will continue. Further development of collaborative projects in the fields of competence of the Association and its members will be explored to support the work of WHO. Collaboration will also include training activities, exploring possibilities for a joint long-term training programme, notably to accelerate the implementation of the International Health Regulations, and for better preparedness, surveillance and control of infectious diseases, in line with the Global Health Security Agenda. Collaboration to follow up on the programme to fight tuberculosis in Gabon will be sought, in line with the WHO End TB Strategy.

The members of the Association will further strengthen the involvement of current experts and will mobilize new experts to contribute to WHO meetings, consultations, working groups and other activities. Participation in global alliances and global surveillance networks will also continue, to ensure a stronger input into WHO's policies and actions.

Several individual members of the Association will continue to contribute to WHO activities as WHO collaborating centres, national reference centres recognized by WHO and supranational reference laboratories. Of the 29 members of the Association, eight currently host WHO collaborating centres.

5. Other relevant information

Due diligence and risk assessment conducted by the Secretariat on the entity concluded that an application from Pasteur International Network Association could be presented to the Executive Board for its consideration.

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