Dear Dr. Bradley

Sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals

In the light of developments of current knowledge on this topic, I would like to devote a "special" issue of the OIE Scientific and Technical Review to sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals. The planned date of publication would be May 1992, which coincides with the presentation of this theme at the 60th annual General Session of the OIE.

On the suggestion of Dr. R.H. Kimberlin, I would be delighted if you could accept to be the coordinator of the issue. It may sound a daunting task but I can assure you that 80% of the work is done by the OIE and your role would be limited to the following tasks:

a) designing the lay-out or contents for the issue (enclosed for your convenience are copies of the contents of Volumes 7 (4), 8 (2), 9 (1), 9 (2) and 9 (3) to give you an idea of what is covered in a "special" issue of the OIE Review). For the contents, a list of ten to fifteen papers with suggested authors is required. Each paper presented should be between 10 and 15 pages in length (or 20-30 manuscript pages), which makes an issue of approximately 200 to 250 pages. The model letter we send to authors is also enclosed;

b) reading, and if you wish editing, the papers submitted by the authors you will have selected, to ensure the content corresponds to what you had in mind when designing the issue;

c) writing a paper yourself, which is often either the introductory paper (as was the case in Volume 9 (2) where Dr. H.R.F. Miller wrote the comprehensive paper), or the final paper, taking into account all the other papers (as was the case with Dr. J. Brownlee in Volume 9 (1)).
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d) drafting the Preface;

e) drafting a promotional text just before the issue is released.

All the secretarial and editorial tasks will be performed by the OIE Publications Department (letters to authors, follow-up, preparing the copy for the printer, reading proofs, etc.). Zoe would work directly with Gill Dlimitis on the issue. You may like to speak with her if you have any queries on how a special issue is organised.

In regard to a) above, I would like to mention a few items which, from my point of view, appear important:

a) I think it would be advisable to include scrapie, BSE and transmissible mink encephalopathy (hence the proposed title);

b) the OIE attempts to ensure that most or all of the world regions are represented (as far as possible) when designating authors; this is sometimes impossible due to the nature of the issue, which might well be the case with this one!

c) should you require any statistics or data (closer to the publication date) which we have at the OIE concerning the status of any of the diseases, I would be happy to provide these. However, I imagine the only information which you might not have is the data which we receive each year from Member Countries on scrapie.

I am also enclosing a copy of Volumes 9 (1) and 9 (2), both "special" issues, devoted to bovine virus diarrhoea and immunity to and diagnosis of internal parasitism, respectively. Also enclosed is the leaflet which we have published on the Review and a copy of the 1990 Publications Catalogue, which gives a brief presentation of the Review on page 4.

I enclose, for your convenience, suggested issues for discussion in this book. This I have done in an attempt to simplify your task of drafting a layout and these are simply ideas which you should feel free to change as you think appropriate.

A proposed schedule for the issue is enclosed, both for your approval and comments should you accept my invitation. In regard to the control methods section (no. 9), I have been advised that L. Betweiler of the USDA would be keen to write this paper. In addition, the "economic incidence" paper (no. 10) could be dealt with by specialists in France. I could also perhaps find someone in the EEC for the final paper on regulations (no. 11).
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You know, I am sure, that the OIE will do everything possible to make your task not only as "light" as possible but an enjoyable one too. If I can further assist by informing official authorities of your role in this issue, please let me know.

Again, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or Gill Dilmitis. A visit by you to the OIE could also be organised prior to the launching of the issue, should you consider this necessary or useful.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

J. Blancou
Director General

Enclosures: 13

- 5 Copies of the contents of the OIE Scientific and Technical Review, Volumes:
  7 (4), 8 (2), 9 (1), 9 (2), 9 (3)
- 1 Copy of the model letter to be sent to authors
- 1 Instructions to Authors
- 1 Review Leaflet
- 1 1990 Publications Catalogue
- 2 Promotional leaflets for Volumes 9 (1), 9 (2) & (3) of the Review
- 1 copy of Volume 9 (1) "Bovine virus diarrhoea"
- 1 copy of Volume 9 (2) "Immunity to and diagnosis of internal parasitism"
For: Dr R. Bradley

OFFICE INTERNATIONAL DES ÉPIZOOTIES

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

devoted to:

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* 4 March 1991
Layout and suggested authors prepared by Coordinator

** 6 March 1991
1. Despatch to authors of letter inviting them to contribute to issue
2. Follow-up (faxes and letters), letters of thanks to authors who have accepted to write a paper

** 11 November 1991
1. Receipt of papers from authors
2. Despatch of papers to coordinator

* 9 December 1991
Reply from Coordinator advising if articles are appropriate

** 9 December 1991-17 January 1992
1. Editing and perhaps translation of papers received
2. Despatch of these to authors for approval

** 31 January 1992
Reply from authors to above despatch (papers sent to them for approval)

* 14 March 1992
Receipt of Preface & short publicity text for issue from Coordinator

** 17 February-24 April 1992
1. Despatch of papers to printer
2. Proof-reading and correction of all papers

** 5 May 1992
1. Publication of issue
2. Publicity: advertisements in specialised journals

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Suggested papers
for Vol. 11 (2), June 1992
OIE Scientific and Technical Review, devoted to:
Sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals *

1. Sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals: an introduction
2. Clinical signs and prognosis of sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals
3. World geographic distribution of the three major sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals
4. Nature of causal agents of sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals: components, structure, biological properties, classification...
5. Pathogenesis of sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals: mode of transmission, receptivity (environmental, genetic, individual)
6. Overall analytical and descriptive epidemiology (susceptible animal species, infectious material, spread of infection, transmissibility, resistance of pathogens)
7. Post-mortem and laboratory diagnosis
8. Relationship between sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals and sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies of man: inter-species transmissibility
9. Control methods against sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals: feed control, destruction of carrier animals, movement prohibition (treatment?)
10. Economic incidence of sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies in animals: direct or indirect losses
11. Regulations governing domestic and international trade

* including scrapie, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and transmissible mink encephalopathy (TME)
MODEL LETTER

to be sent to authors of
devoted to
Sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies

Dear

Sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies

The International Office of Epizootics (OIE: Office International des
Epizooties) was founded in 1924 with the aim of coordinating the
control of highly contagious animal diseases. There are at present
114 Member Countries in our Organisation.

The OIE helps to keep Member Countries abreast of scientific
developments through a variety of publications. One of these, the
quarterly Scientific and Technical Review, is addressed to the
veterinary community as a whole, and in particular to Officers of
Veterinary Services in Member Countries.

We are currently planning a special issue of the OIE Scientific and
Technical Review on "Sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies". This
important subject is also a timely one, and a review of our current
knowledge would be extremely useful.

I am enclosing with this letter the outline of the topics to be
discussed.

In the light of your knowledge and experience in this particular
field, I should like to ask if you would agree to prepare a review
article on the following subject:

TITLE

which would be the _____ paper in section _____ entitled
"_______".
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As the Scientific and Technical Review is primarily intended for non-specialists, I should like to ask that your article offer a concise, general presentation of the subject. The very specialised aspects should be limited as far as possible, in order to give full emphasis to the practical applications.

Considering the importance of this subject, and also our wish to make your work better known to our readers, we hope you will be able to contribute to this special issue of the Review. A total of 20-30 manuscript pages, including tables, figures and references, would be acceptable. Your paper would need to reach me by 11 November 1991.

The Review is a trilingual publication. Most articles are published in English but, where possible, papers are translated into the two other official languages of the OIE, namely: French and Spanish. Summaries are always presented in the three languages.

I enclose, for your convenience, copies of Vol. _____ and _____, respectively, of the Review, as well as the Instructions to Authors.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and will be pleased to provide any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

J. Blancou
Director General

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