

Strengthening Scientific Excellence of Middle East Region through WOAH Reference Centres network

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The Central Laboratory for Evaluation of Veterinary Biologics in Egypt serves as the regional centre for the quality control and evaluation of veterinary vaccines, ensuring that safe and effective biologics are used across the Middle East.



Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (UAE) contributes to regional capacity through its work on **quality management systems** and advancing knowledge and capabilities in **camel disease prevention and control**.

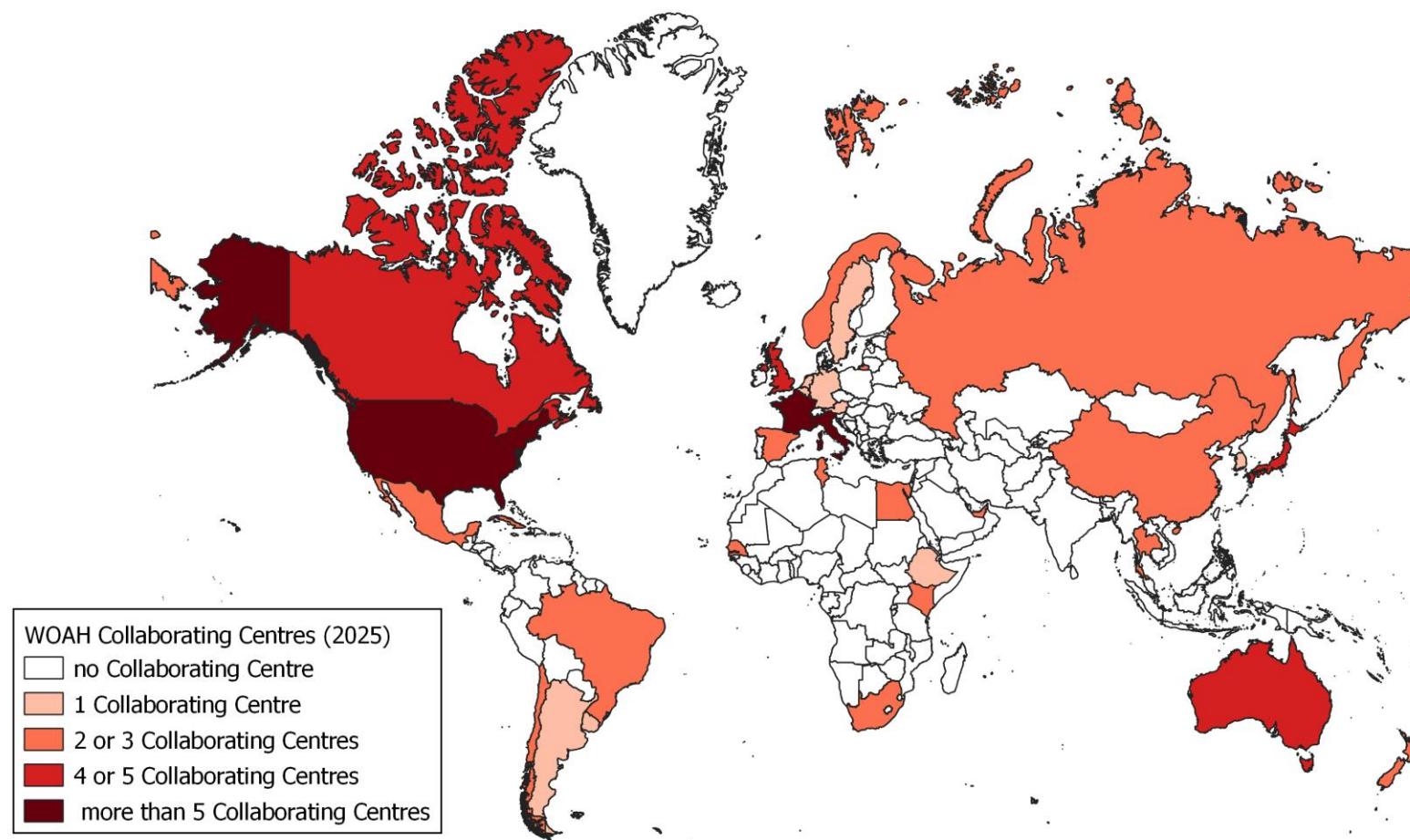


Cairo University – Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Egypt) leads regional efforts in **Day-One Veterinary Competencies**, supporting improvements in veterinary education and professional readiness in the Middle East.



The Central Laboratory for Aquaculture Research (Egypt) strengthens the region's aquaculture sector through its leadership in **fish health management**, enhancing diagnostics, monitoring and sustainable aquatic animal health practices.

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Regional Reference Laboratories

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Razi Vaccine & Serum Research Institute (RVSRI)

Location: Hessarak, Karaj, Teheran, Iran

Key Disease Focus: Sheep pox and goat pox

Central Veterinary Research Laboratory (CVRL)

Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Key Disease Focus:

- Middle East respiratory syndrome
- Glanders
- Camelpox
- Brucellosis (B. melitensis, B. canis, B. abortus)

Animal Health Research Institute (AHRI)

Location: Dokki, Giza, Egypt

Key Disease Focus:

- Brucellosis (B. melitensis, B. abortus)
- Avian influenza

Pendik Veterinary Control Institute

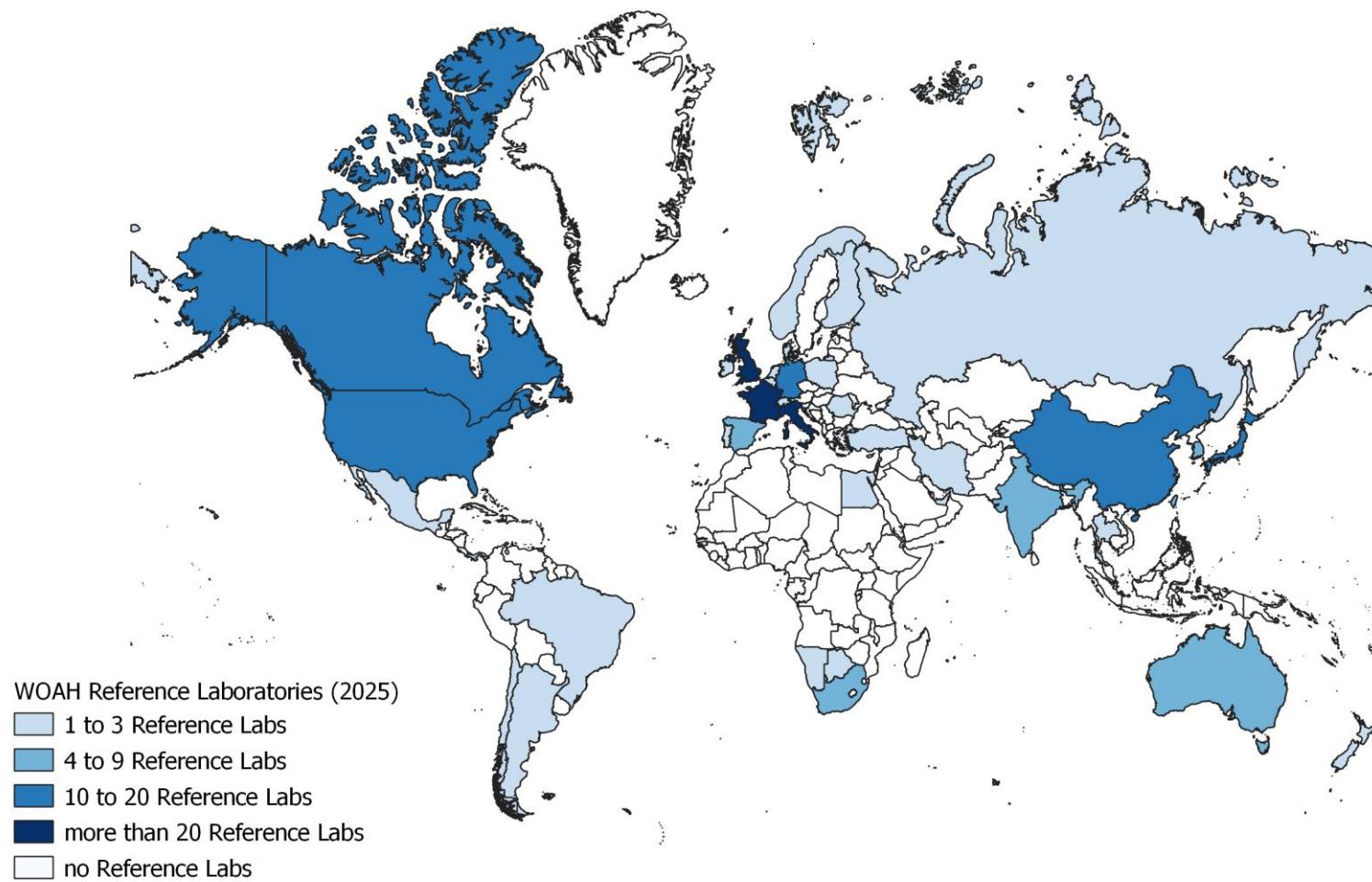
Location Istanbul, TÜRKİYE

Key diseases: CCPP, Avian Mycoplasma



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Panel Topic: How Reference Centres contribute to scientific excellence, capability and support for WOAH Members.