Background

• WHO and FAO operate Collaborating Centre schemes. Over 1,400 institutions participate worldwide.

• The Director General has agreed that the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications could implement a similar scheme on a trial basis, with a few Centres for 3 years.

• SAGNA has advised on and endorsed the proposed scheme.
Concept

• A Collaborating Centre is an institution which assists the Agency in implementing its regular budget programme through research and development and training in a relevant nuclear technology.

• The collaboration is implemented in accordance with a time-limited workplan (3 years maximum).

• The collaboration is at no cost to the Agency, but limited specialist supplies may be provided.
Designation Process

- Informal consultations held with the prospective institution, to agree collaboration and identify areas for the workplan. The institution ensures the relevant government department or official is informed of preliminary discussions.

- The Member State government, through the Vienna based Mission, is informed by the Agency of the wish to designate the institution as a Collaborating Centre and permission to do so requested.
Upon Designation

• The institution may officially refer to itself as an “IAEA Collaborating Centre for (the particular specialism)”.

• The Agency will present the institution with a plaque for public display.
What does Designation mean?

• Designation as a Collaborating Centre is a public recognition of the work that the institution is doing for the Agency. It can be regarded as an acknowledgement of being an internationally recognised player in the specified field, and as an expression of thanks by the Agency.

• Designation does not confer any special status on the institute, nor does it infer any pre-eminence in its field compared with other institutions in the same country or elsewhere.
The Agency is familiar with the scheme as a recipient. The Animal Production Unit of the Seibersdorf Laboratories is a recognised WHO/OIE Collaborating Centre.
How are institutions selected?

At the beginning:

At the start of the trial, institutions have been proposed by staff members who are familiar with its work, and where the institute has been, or is, engaged in work that is highly relevant to current programmes. Many institutions are eligible, but the outset, the trial will be for a limited number only.
How are institutions selected?

*As the scheme matures:*

Later, when experience is gained and in anticipation of the success of the trial, more institutions will be eligible for designation and proposals for such designation may come in a variety of ways, such as by institutions themselves, or through official channels.
IAEA Collaborating Centres

The Institute of Nuclear Agricultural Sciences, Zhejiang University

Universidade de São Paulo Animal Biotechnology Laboratory, Brasil

Department of Nuclear Medicine, Seoul National University Hospital

NFII National Food Investigation Institute, Budapest, Hungary

Italian National Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory, elettra

Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI), Philippines
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