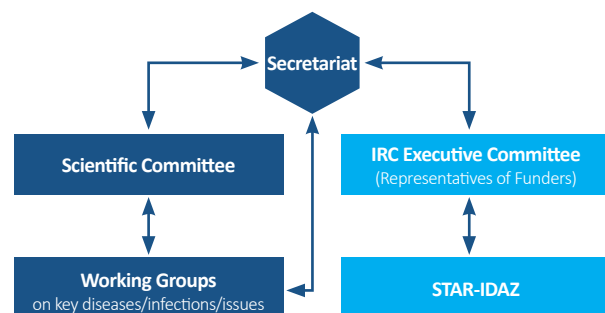


## Approach and Structure of the IRC

To achieve the IRC's goals the working groups, consisting of researchers, will be guided by a Scientific Committee and tasked with performing research gap analyses and critical path analysis resulting in the production of research 'roadmaps'.

The Scientific Committee, consisting of independent experts, will present the gap analyses to the IRC partners and advise them on how their programmes might be aligned to address the gaps.

A Secretariat has been established to provide the working groups with literature reviews and support them in their gap analyses, support the Scientific Committee and Executive Committee logistically and facilitate information exchange within and between all three levels.



## SIRCAH (Secretariat for the International Research Consortium on Animal Health)

SIRCAH, funded by the European Commission through H2020, is run by a partnership including Defra (UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), CAB International, BBSRC (Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council), and IFAH-Europe (European animal health industry). It provides organisational and communication support to the IRC, facilitates research gap analysis including the provision of literature reviews for working groups, maps funding activities against identified research needs, and helps mobilise resources to address them. The Secretariat also plays an important role in advocacy for the consortium and bringing in new members.

## Further Information

For further information about the IRC please visit [www.star-idaz.net](http://www.star-idaz.net). Research funding organisations and programme owners interested in joining the IRC or researchers interested in joining the working groups should contact the STAR-IDAZ IRC Project Office:

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# International Research Consortium on Animal Health

Animal diseases can cause serious social, economic and environmental damage, impact on animal welfare and in some cases directly threaten human health. Livestock provides one third of human protein intake so working together to develop new control methods for the disease problems that are common to countries around the world is essential to protect food security and the livestock industries.

The International Research Consortium for Animal Health (IRC) is an exciting initiative to coordinate animal health research globally. It aims to deliver measurable advancements in the control of animal diseases through the alignment of both public and privately funded animal health research programmes around the world.



## The Partners

The Consortium includes research funders and programme owners from Europe, Asia and Australasia, the Americas, Africa and the Middle East as well as veterinary pharmaceutical companies and international organisations with a total budget for animal health research in the region of US \$2.5 billion to invest over a five year period to 2021. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) will also participate as a member of the Executive Committee and hosts the scientific Secretariat.

## Priority Topics

The initial priority topics to be addressed by the IRC through working groups are shown below.

## Deliverables

The partners have agreed to coordinate their research programmes to address agreed research needs, share results and together deliver new and improved animal health strategies for at least 30 priority diseases/infections/issues.

The deliverables include:

- Candidate vaccines
- Diagnostics
- Therapeutics
- Other animal health products and procedures
- Key scientific information/tools to support risk analysis and disease control

## Working Groups

