OIE MANUAL - SUB-ACUTE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES IN ANIMALS

We discussed this in February when we understood that Richard Kimberlin was going to act as the coordinator.

As you will see from the attached, Richard Kimberlin has obviously declined and suggested to OIE that Ray Bradley takes on the role of both author of the introductory chapter and coordinator. In addition, we can expect other members of staff (ie John Wilesmith and Gerald Wells) will be asked to contribute.

I am concerned over the time input from CVL staff and how we will recover the cost - as you know we are obliged under our Framework Document to recover the FEC for all work we do.

If we were to approach the OIE I expect we would get a dusty answer.

I think the writing up of research papers for publication quite ligitimately is part of our BSE R & D Contract and, provided you agree, would have no problem agreeing to CVL staff providing 3 contributions to the Manual. However, if Ray Bradley is to coordinate the production of the Manual, this is not part of that Contract quite apart from the in-roads it will make into his very busy schedule.

If you and the CVO want Ray to take on this task - currently Ray is keen to do it - I would suggest it will probably take at least 10 working days of his time. As a Grade 5 this will cost around £8070.

Would the AHVG be prepared to conclude this is part of Ray Bradley's consultancy to the AHVG or should we tackle OIE? As they sell the Manuals it would not seem an unreasonable thing to do.

Currently Ray Bradley is attempting to do at least 2 and possibly 3 full time jobs; Head of Pathology Department at CVL, Project Leader for the BSE Project and Expert Adviser to AHVG, Tyrrell, EEC and so on.

OIE need an urgent answer. You may wish to discuss.

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