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Dear Dr Gabunia,

**OIE/WHO Sub-regional workshop on echinococcosis
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 10 – 11 December 2019**

I have the honor to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe in collaboration with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and in agreement with the Government of the Kyrgyzstan will hold the above-mentioned workshop.

The aim of the workshop is to (1) increase awareness on global initiatives addressing echinococcosis, (2) present the progress made and challenges on control and prevention of echinococcosis in participating Member States, (3) establish a network of specialists from the participating the workshop countries and partners (WHO Collaborating centers, OIE, WHO, experts, etc.) for regular data sharing, and (4) develop country specific collaboration plan on echinococcosis for each participating at the workshop country.

The working languages will be English and Russian, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

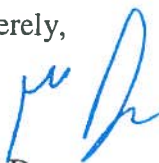
I have pleasure in inviting you to nominate two participants from your country to attend the workshop: one specialist responsible for epidemiological surveillance and control of echinococcosis at the national level, and one specialist involved in diagnosis and surveillance of echinococcosis at the hospital level. In addition, the representation of their animal health counterparts will be directly requested by OIE.

Travel for participants will be arranged and paid for by our office, and they will also receive a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the meeting in accordance with our travel regulations.

I look forward to receiving your nominations, giving the name, functional title and address of the proposed participants at your early convenience and not later than 20 November 2019. We shall then communicate with the nominees directly and provide the necessary documentation and administrative information in good time.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would kindly address your reply to Dr Elkhan Gasimov (email: gasimov@who.int) and Ms Elena Chulkova (email: chulkovae@who.int) from the malaria, NTDs and other parasitic diseases programme.

Yours sincerely,



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