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To whom it may concern

The OIE Reference Laboratory for Viral Nervous Necrosis/Viral encephalopathy and retinopathy (VNN/VER) hosted at the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (Padua, Italy) is going to organize the **3rd Inter-laboratory Proficiency Test (VER-IPT) for the molecular detection of Betanodavirus.**

The proficiency trial is expected to be shipped in **September 2020.**

If you are interested in taking part in the exercise, please complete the application form and send it back to nrlfishpathology@izsvenezie.it by the end of July.

The panel will include 10 ampoules labelled from 1 to 10, each containing 0,5 ml of heat-inactivated lyophilized material.

Both real time RT-PCR and end-point RT-PCR can be used to take part in the exercise. If suitable methods are available at the participant's laboratory, the identification of the viral species is also requested, although not mandatory.

Since the proficiency test is organized in the framework of H2020 projects MedAID (<http://www.medaid-h2020.eu>) and PerFormFish (<https://www.performfish.eu/>), partners of both these projects will participate for free. All the other participants will only be charged with shipping costs for sending the proficiency test panel.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by fax, telephone or e-mail.

Yours sincerely,

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