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Ms Ana Maria Nicola is a veterinarian with a master's degree in biotechnology. She has over 25 years of experience in diagnosis, quality assurance and biosafety in veterinary laboratory fields. In her current position as General Director of the Laboratory in SENASA, she manages and coordinates network veterinary laboratory activities, which involve implementing strategies and policies.

Since 2004, she is a designated OIE expert in charge of the Reference Laboratory for Brucellosis, which is also the FAO Reference Centre. Between 2018 and 2021, she was also a Member of the OIE Biological Standards Commission. She has been actively involved in several activities with the OIE and IAEA, such as OIE performance veterinary services for laboratory missions and as s Chief Scientific Investigator (CSI) of the IAEA project entitled "Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Network (VETLAB Network).

In addition, she has also conducted audits concerning ISO/IEC 17025 standard, GMP and biosafety facilities; making serological diagnosis and conducting quality control of biologics; preparing reference sera, and organizing interlaboratory rounds under ISO/IEC 17043 standard in Latin America.

