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Institute of Virology and Immunology IVI

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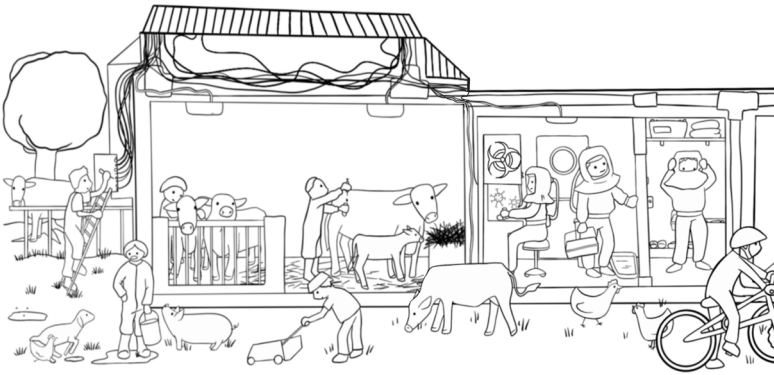
Our vision

Innovative, visionary and interdisciplinary for the protection from animal diseases and zoonoses

Epizootics, infectious diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans (zoonoses) and emerging diseases pose a major challenge to society. At the Institute of Virology and Immunology (IVI), we work on innovative solutions to combat viral animal diseases and zoonoses. We act with foresight – based on advanced diagnostics, research and teaching in virology and immunology. We work interdisciplinary in the sense of «One Health». In this way, we make a sustainable contribution to human and animal health.



Our Mission

We operate reference laboratories for viral animal diseases that are highly contagious, to be eradicated, to be combatted, and to be monitored and thereby support the prevention and control of viral animal diseases and zoonoses.

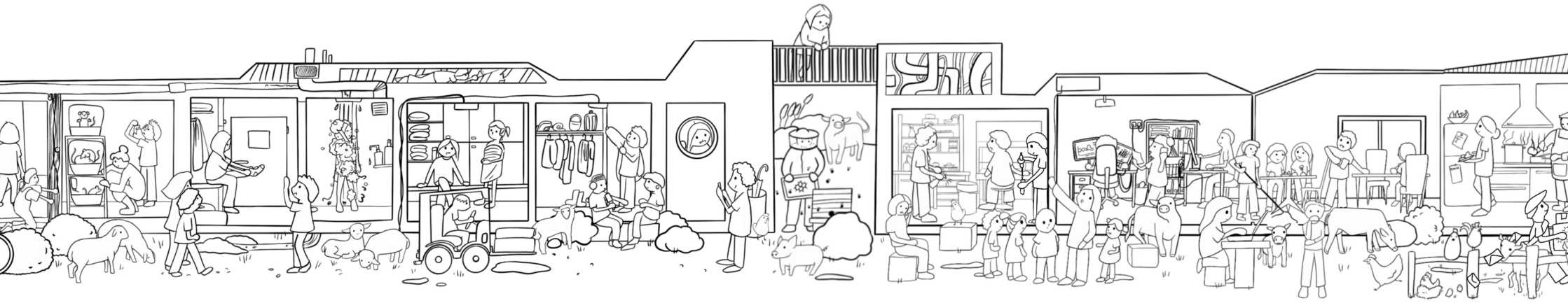
Thanks to our experience in diagnostics and research, we react quickly and competently to outbreaks of disease and the appearance of new zoonoses and support the enforcement authorities.

In the One Health approach, we pursue interdisciplinary research in virology and immunology in order to have the necessary knowledge and efficient tools to prevent and combat outbreaks of emerging animal diseases and zoonoses in good time.

With our expertise in biosecurity and technology, we operate the high containment laboratory that is necessary for diagnostics and research and that has been specially designed for this purpose. This unique infrastructure is a precondition for the safe handling of highly contagious pathogens.

With our commitment to vocational training and education, with teaching at the University of Bern, and the support and promotion of young scientists, we are making an important contribution to the future.

Key success factors are recognised to include our close cooperation with the University of Bern, the interdisciplinary and intercultural profile of our employees, as well as our strong links with partner institutions in Switzerland and abroad.



Our values

One for all – all for the IVI

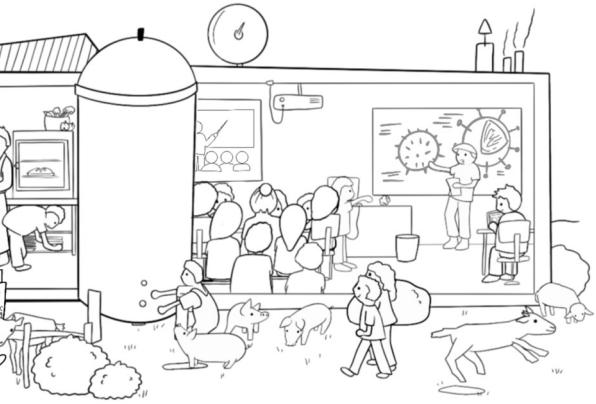
With this motto, we look confidently and enthusiastically into the future, with the knowledge that our common values make us strong. The IVI is an attractive workplace where the needs of employees are addressed and where further training and personal development are promoted. Through cooperation, team spirit, respect and appreciation, we can take on all the challenges that come our way.

At the IVI we focus on cooperation and team spirit. We know that the whole is more than the sum of its parts.

By bringing together our various competencies, we create added value for the IVI and for those who benefit from our work.

We value the contribution of every single employee. We know that appreciation is an essential prerequisite for personal commitment and motivation at work as well as for fulfilling the IVI mission.

As a multicultural, multinational, and multilingual institute, we embrace our diversity and consider it a strength. Respect and tolerance are essential elements of our cooperation.



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