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Dear Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, following the request of the Ministry of Health, Laboratory of Virology and Molecular Diagnostics, Institute of Public Health, Skopje, North Macedonia, has been recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a National Influenza Centre, and subsequently, as a member of the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS).

Please find enclosed the Terms of Reference for the National Influenza Centres for both seasonal influenza viruses and influenza viruses of human pandemic potential. Official recognition by WHO is for one year and will be annually reviewed based on criteria for maintaining WHO recognition and annual review of NIC compliance with the Terms of Reference.

I hope it will be possible for WHO to call upon the National Influenza Centre, North Macedonia, Dr Golubinka Boshevska, Head of Laboratory of Virology and Molecular Diagnostics for expertise on influenza whenever necessary and participation in the activities of the WHO GISRS as well as the joint WHO Regional Office for Europe/European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control influenza bulletin Flu News Europe.

Yours very truly,

Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab  
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**Enclosures:**

Terms of Reference for National Influenza Centres of the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System How to become a WHO-recognized National Influenza Centre: Description of the process for influenza laboratories in the WHO European Region  
[http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs\\_laboratory/national\\_influenza\\_centres/tor\\_nic.pdf](http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/national_influenza_centres/tor_nic.pdf)

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