



China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV) Chinese trainers' attendance at the 15th International Symposium of Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE15)

FAO China Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) Office organized the Chinese trainers of China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV) to participate in the 15th International Symposium of Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE 15) in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 12-16 November 2018. ISVEE 15 was a global forum for interdisciplinary collaboration and communication among graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, practitioners, junior and senior researchers, as well as policymakers, health, veterinary public health, social science, and animal health economic professionals, for learning and sharing with a vision of building a better life tomorrow for veterinary epidemiology at the local, regional, and international levels. The ISVEE15 was organized by the Thai Veterinary Medical Association under Royal Patronage and the Department of Livestock Development, Thailand. 715 participants from 70 countries attended the event.



CFETPV Chinese trainers at ISVEE15

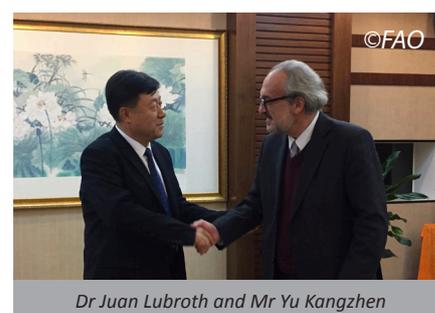
FAO China ECTAD Office actively engaged in this global event. In the earlier stage, FAO China ECTAD Office organized CFETPV alumni to submit research paper abstracts and seven papers were accepted by the Symposium. During the five-day Symposium, Dr Wang Youming, Division Chief of Epidemiology Investigation of China Animal Health and Epidemiology Centre (CAHEC), the Chinese trainer of the CFETPV, presented "African Swine Fever Control in China" to introduce the detail measures taken by the Government of China on ASF prevention and control and the results achieved. Ms Yu Qi from FAO China ECTAD Office, who is also the Chinese trainer of the CFETPV, delivered a presentation on "Spatial Analysis of African Swine Fever (ASF) Outbreaks in China" in the "African Swine Fever Special" session, as well as presented the poster on "Risk Mitigation for Influenza A(H7N9) Spread Outside of China through Informal Poultry Trade". The attendance of the CFETPV Chinese trainers at the global event showed the achievements of the Training Program.

FAO Chief Veterinary Officer's (CVO) visit to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) of China

FAO Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), Dr Juan Lubroth was invited to visit the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) of China on 16 November 2018. During his visit, Dr Lubroth met with Mr Yu Kangzhen, Vice Minister of MARA, Mr Zhang Zhongqiu, Chief Veterinary Officer of China, Mr Feng Zhongwu, Deputy Director-General, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Bureau, MARA and other senior officers of MARA.

During the meeting, Mr Yu Kangzhen thanked the continuous cooperation of FAO on animal diseases prevention and control in China in the past years and he shared the policies and measures that the Government of China (GoC) has been taken to respond African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreaks since this August, as well as the current challenges. Mr Zhang Zhongqiu introduced the recent collaborations between GoC and FAO. He also highly appreciated the China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV) that was co-organized by FAO and MARA and the contributions of the CFETPV graduates on ASF outbreak investigations. Mr Feng Zhongwu introduced the control and prevention measures on ASF in details.

Dr Lubroth acknowledged the measures taken by GoC on ASF prevention and control and appraised the transparent, open and cooperative attitudes of GoC on ASF. He pointed out that the comprehensive preparedness of GoC on ASF during the past year was critical and effective, otherwise the confirmed cases of ASF would outnumber the current amount. Moreover, he highlighted that the GoC not only timely updated the situation to the international communities, but also worked positively with FAO ECTAD Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) on portable PCR technique, which could serve as the guidance to other Asian-Pacific countries on ASF prevention and control. He also emphasized the influences of "Belt and Road Initiative" and South-South Cooperation (SSC) on the promotion of international animal



Dr Juan Lubroth and Mr Yu Kangzhen

health field and made further suggestions on strengthening the cooperation between FAO and MARA. Both sides agreed to keep frequent communication on ASF prevention and control and work closely to fight against the disease.

After the meeting, Dr Lubroth visited China Animal Disease Control Center (CADC) to further exchange technical information on the prevention and control of ASF.

Dr Zhang Zhongjun, Assistant FAO Representative (Programme) in China and other two technical officers from FAO China ECTAD Office attended the meeting.

➤ The 4th Multilateral Cross-Border Meeting in the Upper Mekong Sub-region to Strengthen Collaboration of Transboundary Animal Disease Control among China, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam

The 4th Multilateral Cross-Border Meeting in the Upper Mekong Sub-region to Strengthen Collaboration of Transboundary Animal Disease Control among China, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam was held in Beijing, China from 22-24 November 2018. The meeting was co-organized by FAO China Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) of China, with the objectives to: a) built on the outcomes of previous multilateral meetings among the countries, share information regarding Avian Influenza (AI) and other transboundary animal diseases (TADs), main progresses and challenges identified in the previous meetings and updates



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on the South-South Cooperation (SSC) project; b) share progress made towards the cattle safer trade pilot project, as well as similar pilot projects on the trades of poultry and pigs; c) identify possible areas of collaboration to strengthen multi-lateral efforts on TADs prevention and control; d) review African Swine Fever (ASF) situations in the regions and risks in the neighboring countries; e) gain better understanding of Good Emergency Management Practices (GEMP), including key elements to national emergency preparedness, prevention, detection, and response; f) identify gaps and actions required to enhance national ASF preparedness, prevention, detection, and response; and g) discuss collaborative actions towards ASF risk mitigation among the countries and other international partners.

About 50 participants, including senior officials from animal health agencies and government authorities from the national, provincial or local levels from China, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam, representatives and experts from FAO Headquarter (HQ), FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP), FAO Country Offices of the 4 countries, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) participated in the three-day meeting. Mr Kong Liang, Deputy Director-General and Dr Zhao Xiaodan, Division Consultant of the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Bureau, MARA of China, Dr Sithong Phiphakhavong, Deputy Director General of Department of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Lao PDR, Dr Than Naing Tun, Deputy Director General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Myanmar and Dr Phan Quang Minh, Vice Chief of Epidemiology, DAH of Viet Nam led the national team respectively.

During the conclusion session, the meeting noted: a) the information on disease situation and livestock movement; b) the progress made on agreed collaborative areas; and c) further collaborative areas, including information sharing, safer trade of cattle, poultry and pig and technical collaboration to develop capacities on laboratory, epidemiology and other areas. Also, the four countries agreed: a) to set the target to increase the proportion of unofficial to semi-official and eventually official movement; b) to expand the “Safer Trade Initiative” from bilateral level to sub-regional level; c) to harmonize the trade protocols at the sub-regional level, while finalizing the protocol at bilateral level; d) to conduct systematic capacity building in alignment with existing laboratory networks; e) to engage other stakeholders; f) to encourage collaborations at sub-national level among sub-national offices sharing borders; g) to utilize the OIE focal points for disease notification to share disease situations among countries on a timely manner; g) to explore the application of LMT for laboratories in China; and h) to set up social media network to share disease and livestock movement information.

It was agreed that the next multilateral meeting will be held in Lao PDR in 2019.

! Upcoming activities:

1. Introductory Course of the fifth cohort of the China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV) will be held in Qingdao, Shandong Province from 19 November to 14 December 2018.
2. Annual Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Backstopping Seminar will be held in Qingdao, Shandong Province from 25-26 December 2018.



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