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FAO China ECTAD Highlights

➤ Agreed plan for China FETPV in 2015



FETPV Steering Committee Meeting

The 11th Steering Committee (SC) Meeting of the China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (FETPV) was held on 28 January 2015. The meeting reflected on the successful completion of two cohorts since the program was launched in November 2010 and how the FETPV network was now having great impact through its engagement in priority national programs and emergency response.

The main outcome was agreement to the Action Plan for 2015. This includes a training framework, confirmation of the next cohort of trainers and engagement of Chinese trainers. Three training modules are scheduled for 2015 and these will be complemented by training of Chinese trainers, joint-training for western provinces, FETPV-E workshop, and training for university academic staff.

To ensure the expansion and sustainability of the program there will be an emphasis on formalizing arrangements for Chinese trainers and strengthening their capacity to teach epidemiology.

➤ Visit to Poyang Lake area to understand the eco-system and preliminary value chain for poultry

As invited by Prof Xiao Xiangming from Okalahoma University, Prof John Edwards and Mr Tang Hao visited Poyang Lake and Nanchang City of Jiangxi Province from 16 to 18 January 2015, where they explored potential collaboration opportunities related to H5N1 and H5Nx influenza; to observe the methodology of using electronic transmitters to track duck movements; and to understand Poyang Lake's eco-system and conduct preliminary studies on value chains for waterfowl.



Prof Edwards visiting the Jiangxi Normal University Laboratory with Prof Xiao Xiangming, Prof Liu Ying and Prof Martin Wikelsk



Ducks in Poyang Lake

They visited the Jiangxi Normal University's Poyang Lake wetland laboratory where they were impressed with the technology. They also visited local duck farms with a team of experts from Okalahoma University and Jiangxi Normal University. Okalahoma University is partnering with Jiangxi Normal University to conduct an ecology study using transmitters to track duck movements. They also visited an egg wholesale market and the biggest poultry wholesale market in Nanchang, where they spoke to traders and buyers and gained a preliminary understanding on some of the poultry value chains, local consumption preferences and recent changes in the production systems. Reductions in prices of meat ducks and farmed wildlife coupled with higher prices and demand for duck eggs had resulted in significant changes.

There is potential for FAO to collaborate with local universities and animal health authorities in areas of mutual interest.

➤ **Advanced veterinary epidemiology training on risk-based surveillance and risk analysis for Chinese university academics**

Advanced veterinary epidemiology training on risk-based surveillance and risk analysis for Chinese university academics was held at Huazhong Agricultural University in Wuhan, Hubei Province from 9 to 13 January 2015. It was the third training for the Chinese university academics and the focus was on strengthening capacity among university academics on risk based approaches to surveillance, disease control as required for their work on national programs.



Trainees were having a discussion during the training

Around 50 academic staff from 17 national universities attended the five-day training. Prof Ian Robertson and Dr Cai Chang delivered the training, with assistance from Dr Li Yin from CAHEC, Dr Guo Fusheng and Mr Tang Hao from FAO China ECTAD Office.

Participants demonstrated keen interest in the training topics and were actively engaging in the discussion sessions. They also expressed the need for an in-depth training in the future.

! **Upcoming activities**

1. Dr Wantanee Kalpravidh, Regional Manager and Dr Peter Black, Deputy Regional Manager of FAO ECTAD RAP will visit China from 2 to 6 February 2015.
2. The Module 1 of the China FETPV will be launched in Qingdao on 30 March 2015.