



## The Global Control of FMD

### Tools, Ideas and Ideals

Erice, Sicily

14-17 October 2008

#### Dear All,

thank to you all for your active participation in EuFMD 2008 Meeting.

You might want to check some of the pictures taken,  
click on <http://www.flickr.com/photos/eufmdsecretariat/>

We are already thinking about the next EuFMD Open Session in 2010 and would appreciate your feedback in order to improve what we can and set the meetings standards even higher.

Please click [here](#) to participate in the post-Erice survey. It only takes a few minutes and will help us prepare the next Open Session and improve communication between participants. Give us your feedback on Erice 2008 and suggest the location for the Open Session 2010.

Submit by 20th November.

Click [here](#) for the **Draft REPORT** of the Open Session of the Research Group of the Standing Technical Committee .



Palazzo Sales entrance

#### UPDATE

#### EuFMD Open Session

Where the world's technical specialists on FMD get together

Please check our website at  
<http://www.fao.org/ag/eufmd.html>

#### NEXT DEADLINES

This newsletter includes:

- Next deadlines
- Share your photos
- Acknowledgments
- GBE
- EuFMD Erice 2008 awards
- After Erice towards a global network of FMD expertise
- Movie/video clip competition
- Survey
- Coming soon

The **new November deadlines** are:

- Full Papers: 5<sup>th</sup> November
- PDF Posters: 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Diagnostic kits Survey closing date: 7<sup>th</sup> November
- Survey on EuFMD 2010: 20<sup>th</sup> November

#### SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

Have you enjoyed Erice? Did you take any pictures?

Send them to us so we may put them on the photo-sharing site Flickr:  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/eufmdsecretariat/>

Visit our flickr webpage to see and download the group photo and some moments from the Conference. Feel free to post your comment and express your ideas.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



The Session was attended by about 200 participants from across the world; the highest ever for a EuFMD Open Session and was truly a Global Event. We are very grateful to the mayor of Erice, the local organizing agency, their staff and to our sponsors for their efforts

- Merial
- Intervet
- Smiths Detection
- Prionics
- Svanova
- IZSLER
- EMPRES

## GIVING BACK TO ERICE

**GBE** has managed to gather at least 500€ thanks to the Secret Erice tours that will be handed over to the local administration to carry out restructuring works in Erice. We will be informed once this is done and will let you know.

## EuFMD ERICE 2008 AWARDS



Prize-giving

### BEST PRESENTATION ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**Z. Zhang**

Expression of foot-and-mouth disease virus capsid proteins in Silkworm-Baculovirus expression system and its utilization as an empty capsid vaccine

### BEST PRESENTATION ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**N. Goris**

Keynote: Vaccine quality tests: the value of alternative methods?

### BEST PRESENTATION ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**S. Balinda**

Sero-prevalence of foot-and-mouth disease in small ruminants under contrasting husbandry practices in Western Uganda

### BEST POSTER PRESENTATION

**R. Waters**

An in-vitro cell culture model, investigating infection of novel cell types with foot-and-mouth disease

## AFTER ERICE-TOWARDS A GLOBAL NETWORK OF FMD EXPERTISE



Photo of participants

The Erice Session was unique in the scale of participation from across the FMD endemic and free regions of the world; the only significant regional gap was in participation from west Africa, although in terms of weight of country infection other areas were also under-represented.

We recognise that the expertise present in Erice is a very significant international technical resource to assist the international agencies and member states with experience, advice, guidance, and services. Over the next few months and years we will need to draw on this experience, and to gain feedback and opinion from this pool of experts at a more frequent rate.

We also recognise many experts work in isolated conditions, and may desire more frequent contact with other labs and groups.

We therefore seek your opinion (through the survey) on how we can facilitate networking between experts - e.g. regional or global, language based groups - that could be sustained through meeting your needs and interests. Any ideas please e-mail us!! Including suggested links to your website or other FMD projects.



## MOVIE/VIDEO clip COMPETITION



### SOME STATS

At the moment our channel is most popular in these countries:

- Italy
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- Czech Republic
- Spain



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## SURVEY



## COMING SOON



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Do keep on sending You Tube videos although the competition is closed, as we find it a very effective means of increasing awareness of this all aspects of FMD.

All you have to do is use your phone or a camcorder to record a short clip of 30 seconds to 2 minutes and post it on You Tube on the site <http://uk.youtube.com/> with the title "Eufmd-Erice2008" plus the topic title.

EuFMD Secretariat is pleased to announce the winners of the EuFMD Erice 2008 You Tube competition:

### FIRST PRIZE

**S. Curry:** Antivirals? (available at: <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=T3Bh5ka29ws>)

### SECOND PRIZE

**K. Sakamoto:** Japan FMD Team

(available at: <http://it.youtube.com/watch?v=hNsYz5jW9EY>)

**Y. Basyouni:** FMD cases in Sekem farm

(available at: <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=Fix2rGPVC-Y>)

**L. Venter:** An African perspective

(available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sntSmFCy0Lo>)

### THIRD PRIZE

**EuFMD project in Transcaucase- Armenia:** FMD vaccination campaign -Transcaucase (available at: [http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=pGeK\\_C1t0-Y](http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=pGeK_C1t0-Y))

**EuFMD project in Transcaucase- Georgia:** Vaccination Campaign-Transcaucase (available at: <http://it.youtube.com/watch?v=qAb8lvULf9o>)

### The other videos presented to the Erice 2008 conference

**G. Ayelet:** The status of FMDV in Ethiopia

(available at: <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=5QbMEw0AAZY>)

**Y. Basyouni:** FMD cases in sheep, goat and cattle

(available at: <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=uSdWEFFY6PE>)

**V. Otarod:** Fars\_movie (available at: <http://it.youtube.com/watch?v=T09S6fpfwu8>)

Qom\_movie (available at: <http://it.youtube.com/watch?v=SBruWkrD1dE>)

**S. Perez:** Genomics Prototype and PhyloSTV

(available at: <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=-R06wO-x3A>)

**H. Yadin:** FMDV in Israel (available at: <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=khpskFS7tNs>)

**EuFMD Erice 2008 Conference Improvement Survey** is now available at:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=jD\\_2fWvBbhcB9wZGuiR\\_2bkfSw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=jD_2fWvBbhcB9wZGuiR_2bkfSw_3d_3d)

EuFMD survey on **Priorities for New Diagnostic Tests for foot-and-mouth Disease (FMD)** is still available at:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2fZsWxvAk4Qku0160rslCgg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2fZsWxvAk4Qku0160rslCgg_3d_3d)

**Closing date:** 7<sup>th</sup> November

- CD Rom with presentations, posters and abstract book
- EuFMD Erice 2008 Report

### Upcoming meetings on FMD:

**Regional meeting on FMD to develop a long term regional control strategy**

Shiraz, Islamic Republic of Iran, 9-13 November 2008

**77<sup>th</sup> Eufmd Executive Committee session,**

Vienna, Austria, 11-12 December 2008

**West and Central Africa Laboratory Network annual meeting**

Bamako, December 2008 (date to be established)

**GF-TADS PanAfrican FMD experts- FMD Regional Workshop**

Nairobi, Kenya 26-30 January 2009