Global Conference on FMD control: “The way towards global control”
Asunción, Paraguay 24-26 June 2009

Progress Paraguay conference

Steering Committee met 21 November

• Organizational aspects were further clarified
  ➢ Support by a local Steering Committee
  ➢ Delay due to pending clarifications financial support
• Refinement of objectives of the conference
• Identification of possible candidates for Scientific Committee (currently being contacted, subject to confirmation)
• Preparation of web announcement (online ~16 December)
• Draft agenda is being prepared for consultation / circulation
• Target audience Veterinary Services

Summary conference objectives I

1. Provide an overview on the current world situation on foot and mouth disease
2. Highlight the socio-economic (including market access) and food security considerations on FMD
3. Promote the need for global control of FMD
4. Provide an overview of current ongoing regional approaches for FMD control
5. Provide an overview on current research on FMD related to prevention and control
Summary conference objectives II

6. Assess the components necessary to move towards global control
   - Surveillance
   - Disease control strategies in a local, national and regional context
   - Vaccination
   - Diagnostic tests
   - Wildlife/livestock interface
   - Attaining and maintenance of international standards and guidelines
   - Trade concerns related to FMD
   - Capacity of veterinary services
   - Financial resources and needs
   - Public/private partnerships
   - Research needs
   - National, regional and global political commitment

7. Formulate recommendations for the way towards global control

Preliminary Sessions

1) Opening statements
2) Overview of the global and regional situation on FMD
3) Disease control methods to move towards global eradication: Surveillance
   - Occurrence – an overview of the current situation
   - Current situation - research and research needs
   - Overview of available vaccines - need for vaccine development and control
   - FMD situation and control strategies in South America / Europe / sub-Saharan Africa / South East Asia and the Pacific / Middle East
4) Disease control methods to move towards global eradication: Vaccination
5) Disease control methods to move towards global eradication: Diagnostics
6) FMD and international trade
7) Moving towards global eradication of FMD
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• Interpretation of surveillance test results - focus distinction vaccinated and infected cattle
• Ensuring vaccine potency and purity
• Strategic reserves of vaccines - needs and applications

• Global standards for diagnostics:
  - Challenges for high performance diagnostics
  - Diagnostic kits for foot and mouth disease: constraints and challenges
  - ….

• The OIE standards for FMD control – trade facilitating issues
• Risk mitigating measures for FMDV in animal products to facilitate national, regional and international trade
• The impact of FMD on global food security
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• The hemispheric program for the eradication of FMD (PHEFA)
• A world without FMD— the roles and visions
• The global control of FMD vs challenges, opportunities and lessons learned from the global rinderpest campaign