

Risk Assessment Training in Qingdao

FAO sponsored a Risk Assessment Training in Qingdao on May 4 - 8, 2009, delivered by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC). Trainees came from the China Animal Health and Epidemiology Centre (CAHEC) and our partner provinces of Yunnan, Guangxi and Hunan. Additionally, the Veterinary Bureau wishes to introduce risk analysis and other epidemiological skills to the Specific Animal Disease Free Zones and so invited staff from the non-project provinces of Beijing, Tianjin, Jilin, Liaoning, Shandong, Chongqing, Sichuan and Hainan to participate in the training. Provincial trainees work in either the Provincial Centre for Animal Disease Control



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and Prevention and or in the Provincial Animal and Animal Product Supervision Station. Topics covered in the training included: risk-based surveillance, risk analysis theory, and qualitative and quantitative risk analyses. In total, 44 participants were trained in these risk analysis methodologies.

The live bird market survey questionnaires were received from participating provinces; and data entry will begin soon. Complete laboratory results are still pending.



▲ Training participants, Qingdao

Lessons Learned

It is hoped that the lessons learned from the risk analysis training will be applied as part of the trainees' duties in HPAI prevention and control. The participants expressed a desire for additional, similar training of at least two weeks' duration. Further feedback from participants and trainers is expected as part of RVC's final report on the training, which is still pending. RVC supplied participants with a demonstration version of the @Risk software most commonly used in risk analysis.

Upcoming Events

A two weeks training focusing on disease outbreak investigation and training of trainers will be delivered by CIRAD by the end of June.

A Socio-economic & risk analysis workshop will be held in Yunnan and provide the opportunity to discuss AI risk assessment from a market flow and cross-border point of view.

A meeting on transboundary animal diseases (TADs) with China and Mongolia will be organised by FAO to discuss TAD cooperation in the region and the implementation of a TCP (technical cooperation programme) project. Russia will also be invited to participate in this important meeting.