

Rabies Surveillance and Control in China

Under the UN theme group on diseases at the human-animal interface (UNTGH), WHO held a joint meeting with FAO, the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC), China Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) on 17th of January 2012 to review the options for collaboration on Rabies surveillance and control.

Vincent Martin gave a presentation about ECTAD China and Rabies activities implemented in 2010-2011. Sirenda Vong from WHO introduced the goal of the meeting, and the way forward to better collaborate and assist in formulating policy recommendations to control Rabies in China.

During the meeting, the participants unanimously agreed to form an advocacy group for Rabies, with the aims of providing recommendations that will help design and implement a Rabies elimination program in China. It was also agreed that the group will have regular meetings and that the work should start with a situation analysis to identify gaps in current programs. The next meeting is planned in mid-February to confirm the roles and responsibilities of each partner/participant.



▲ Joint meeting at WHO

China FETPV fifth Steering Committee Meeting



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The China Field Epidemiology Training Programme for Veterinarians (FETPV), fifth Steering Committee Meeting was held on 18th January 2012. Representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center (CAHEC), China FETP, US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (USCDC) and FAO attended the meeting.

The meeting summarized the progress of the 4th training module and trainees' suggestions for the next training module. Dr. Sun Yan from the Veterinary Bureau of MoA suggested we build better connections and networks with Universities to advocate for veterinary epidemiology education in China. He also recommended the production of communication and awareness material in Chinese language in order to keep relevant

Chinese authorities informed on the achievements of the FETPV program so as to seek further support and ensure its sustainability. The participants also discussed the teaching objectives of the 5th module of China FETPV, which will be held in May 2012.

Upcoming activities:

1. The regional Annual ECTAD Meeting will be held between 20th and 22nd February 2012 in Bangkok.
2. The EPT+ launch meeting will be held in Bangkok from 23rd to 24th February 2012.
3. Under the UNTGH, WHO will hold the second joint meeting with FAO and China CDC on Rabies surveillance and control in mid-February.