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Scientific  
Consultation on  
Avian Influenza  
at the Human  
Animal  
Interface

Verona 7-9 October  
2008

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**Objective**

We have called to a closed meeting 80 world leading experts on Avian Influenza, to include a wide number of disciplines and backgrounds to work together to identify gaps and research needs and propose technical systems and methods of collaborative work in areas of common interest.



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Delegates and participants:

- Research scientists covering 5 continents
- Different areas of expertise
- Representatives of international organizations and funding bodies - FAO, OIE,WHO, EC, USAID, CIDA



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The first part of the consultation will focus on Avian Influenza infections and on aspects of their zoonotic potential.

The second part will explore systems and tools to extend the collaborative approach to include other zoonotic diseases towards the “One Health” concept.



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#### Method of work:

- Short presentations in each session followed by a panel discussion led by thread leaders
- Thread leaders have been asked to raise questions that emerge from the presentation sessions and to collect written questions from the auditorium and lead the discussion
- Participants are asked to take note of points that require to be discussed and of main points that should be included in the final recommendations



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#### Method of work:

- Tara Anderson will be the scientific rapporteur and will take notes during the conference and support thread leaders and panelists to draft final recommendations
- Proposed layout of final recommendations:
  1. Current situation on AI
    - 5-7 bullets
  2. Short-medium term recommendations and actions
    - 7-8 bullets
  3. Medium-long term recommendations and actions
    - 7-8 bullets
  4. Beyond Avian Influenza
    - 5-7 bullets



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Outcome

- Published as “recommendations” on websites
- Publication in international journal
  - Meeting summary
  - Extended abstracts
  - Recommendations
- Presenters are asked to let the organising committee have a publishable extended abstract by 30th November



Instructions will follow

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Housekeeping:

- All participants funded by FLUTRAIN please see Roberta Bassan at the break



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Thank you for coming, please,  
don't be shy, we need your  
experience for a lively and  
multi- faceted discussion!

