

Yanko Ivanov

Yanko Ivanov was born on 08.29.1955. He graduated Veterinary Medicine in 1981 in the Thracian University, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria and started his carrier as a field veterinarian. In 1983 he joined the FMD Laboratory, in Central Veterinary Research Institute, Sofia, where he completed PhD on “Diagnostic methods of FMD”. In 1990 he became the head of this Laboratory and later Director of the Institute. During the years spent in the Institute he received FMD trainings in: Friedrich Loeffler Institute, Germany, Institute for Animal Health in Vladimir, Russia, World Reference Laboratory on FMD in IAH, Protection, UK.

For the period 1997-2004 Yanko Ivanov consecutively occupied the positions of Director General and Deputy Director General of the Veterinary Services of Bulgaria.

For the period 2004-2012 he worked as international consultant: FAO Regional Coordinator for the Balkans on HPAI; Project Team Leader of EU Funded TA Projects for: Animal Identification and Registration in Serbia, Control and Eradication of HPAI in Turkey, Control and Eradication of CSF and Rabies in Serbia. After his returning to Bulgaria he was appointed as CVO of Bulgaria from Dec.2013 to Dec. 2014 and Director for Training and Education and International Affairs of the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency. Currently Yanko Ivanov is Chief Expert in Department for Risk Analysis and part-time lecturer in the Department of Infectious Diseases at the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Forestry in Sofia.

His overall carrier is closely linked to the prevention, control and eradication of transboundary animal diseases at national and international level. His main contribution in the control of FMD in the Balkans is associated with the establishment and maintenance of the surveillance zone in the transition period from vaccination to non vaccination policy. For this Yanko Ivanov was elected as a member of the research group of the EU FMD Commission, from 1995 to 2001 and as a member of the Executive Committee in 2001, and as the First Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee in 2003.