

## **:: Interested in becoming an FMD Intelligence Focal Point (IFP)? ::**

The EuFMD Commission is making a call for experts worldwide to join our international team and to contribute to the improvement of a better global understanding of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) circulation and risk.

### **The Opportunity**

We are encouraging the application of individuals to contribute to the [EuFMD Global Monthly Report](#), specifically by liaising with a network of regional experts to:

- Validate the current and forecast the future FMD situation in their region;
- Be a “guest editor” for EuFMD’s Global Monthly Report twice a year;
- Define FMD surveillance priorities and vulnerability assessments for their region;
- Describe the regional livestock movements patterns and estimate values of animals and animal products; and characterize potential FMD risks associated with changes in these patterns and values.

As a member of the EuFMD Team, the focal points will become part of a greater community working towards the global control of FMD and other animal diseases, contribute to improved FMD management and have access to a selection of e-learning material developed by EuFMD to improve their skills and knowledge.

### **The profile**

We are looking for one expert for each of the regional FMD Pools of countries listed below (*see table 1*). Applicants should have a strong knowledge of FMD epidemiology in general and have a good understanding of regional FMD virus activity and FMD control measures across the region of interest (in particular vaccination). They should also understand factors influencing FMD spread in their region. The focal point should either already have an established network of contacts both in their country and in their region or be in the position to establish one in short period. Application of staff from Universities with activities regarding animal health education is encouraged. For more details please see selection criteria below.

Candidates selected for the positions will be expected to undergo an initial training program (approximately four hours) of study depending on prior knowledge with EuFMD, to familiarize themselves with the Global Monthly Reports (GMR) and the reporting requirements of a Global Focal point.

We also encourage the Focal Point to make use of volunteers from their networks or personal links to help and contribute for the Global Monthly Report (GMR) (see other benefits for Focal Point and volunteers).

The Global Focal Points are expected to work from their home country and communicate with EuFMD through email/ internet. The Focal point will be supported by the trainers where related (see below Other benefits)

Timeframe of the reports will be discussed during the interview with the focal point and included in the formal Term of Reference for the collaboration.

## What are FMD Pools?

Pools represent regions with independently circulating and evolving foot-and-mouth disease virus (FMDV) genotypes; within the pools, cycles of emergence and spread occur that usually affect multiple countries in the region.

Table 1 FMD Pools

POOL	AREA	Countries in the region
POOL 1	SOUTHEAST ASIA/CENTRAL ASIA/EAST ASIA	Cambodia, China, China (Hong Kong, SAR), Taiwan Province of China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea, Laos People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Russian Federation, Thailand, Viet Nam
POOL 2	SOUTH ASIA	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Mauritius, Nepal, Sri Lanka
POOL 3N	North AFRICA	Algeria, Egypt, Libya Morocco and Tunisia
POOL 3	WEST EURASIA & MIDDLE EAST	Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, , Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jordan, , Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, , Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan
POOL 4	EASTERN AFRICA	Burundi, Comoros, , Djibouti,, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya,, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Yemen
POOL 5	WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central Afr. Rep., Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo
POOL 6	SOUTHERN AFRICA	Angola, Botswana, Congo D. R., Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

## Duration, selection criteria and remuneration

The duration of involvement, after the selection process has been completed, will be for eleven months. During this time the focal point will provide updates on their region and contribute as a guest editor for the Global Monthly Report when required.

Selection Criteria will be based on:

- Understanding of FMD epidemiology (including current circulating strains).
- Ability to interpret FMD laboratory reports (serological, virological and vaccine matching results).

- Knowledge on current situation regarding FMD in their country and region (with focus on knowledge of strains circulating and control measures applied, including vaccination).
- Ability to build a strong network to provide information on FMD within the region.
- Strong written skills in communication in English and important language(s) in the region.
- Reliability and availability to produce reports according to deadlines.
- Responsiveness to emails and willingness to engage in discussion forums or other online platforms as needed for ongoing training.

Remuneration will be on a lump sum basis and according to the size of the region and its relative complexity.

Other benefits for Focal Point and volunteers:

- Access to courses offered by the EuFMD as E-learning courses or webinar with our trainers;
- Potential linkage to develop training programmes in Universities or Institutions;
- Guest editor to the GMR.

### Remuneration

Pool	Remuneration - for 11 month of contribution
POOL 1, 2, 3N, 3, 4, 5, 6	Remuneration from 850USD to 1'800USD according to the area and complexity of the report

### Application

Candidates will be selected on merit, taking into consideration their experience and professional profile. Interviews will be held by teleconference for shortlisted candidates.

Applications should be made to the EuFMD Secretariat ([eufmd@fao.org](mailto:eufmd@fao.org) ; subject line: GFP 2018).

Applications should include:

- A curriculum vitae and a cover letter indicating the relevance of the position based on the selection criteria with special attention to the pool (region) applied for. Applications will only be considered if both of these documents are received.

### The Deadline

The deadline for applications is: **13 April 2018**

## Annex I. Draft Term of Reference

**EuFMD Workplan Component 1.8 of the EC Phase IV workplan** – act as an Intelligence provider and ensure good delivery of

- a) Editing the Regional section of the Global Monthly Report **twice per year**, based on the information received from official and unofficial sources within the region; including the specific regional sections:
  - i) *“surveillance priorities and regional vulnerability assessment ” which acts as a prompt for greater international attention to address gaps in information or known vulnerabilities (circulating strains not known to be covered by vaccines in use in the region) and*
  - ii) *“Forecast of the expected FMD situation in the region”. This should include the predicted relative prevalence of serotypes as well as a narrative component justifying the rationale behind the forecast.*
- b) *Developing and maintaining by monthly communication a network of informed sources on FMD, include at least one person in each country in the region, compiling the information received into a form that enables data entry into the regional report.*
- c) *Reviewing and editing the regional entries in the Global Monthly Report of the relative prevalence of each serotype/strain **on a monthly basis**, providing justification for each estimate.*
- d) *Assisting to prepare proposals to improve the networking and/or specific studies to address gaps or/and editing proposals.*
- e) *Collate on monthly basis information from the region on trade-related and pastoral movement flows, and estimates of the value of live animals (small and large ruminants) and of wholesale meat in the region (at national level).*