



### EuFMD Open Session

Where the world's technical specialists on FMD get together

Please check our website at <http://www.fao.org/ag/eufmd.html> for further details.

Please note that in "upcoming events" tag you will find relevant information such as rules and requirements in order to write full papers.



Erice: Traditional building

### UPDATE



### HIGHLIGHTS



## The Global Control of FMD Tools, Ideas and Ideals

Erice, Sicily

14-17 October 2008

### OBJECTIVES

- science based debate on tools and options to improve FMD control
- exchange and debate: diverse ideas, evolving new approaches
- agree ideals and principles for effective action against endemic FMD
- ensure scientific basis of international strategy against FMD is exposed to scrutiny

### PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- stimulating mix: presentations, debates, meeting points => ideas for new work and action
- international experts review recent experience and advances, and their relevance for solving constraints to FMD control.

### WHAT'S DIFFERENT FROM OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS?

- **Open Space:** the meeting space is the WHOLE village... not a Hotel or a Conference Room.
- **Open for ideas:** the aim is more discussion, more debate, more interaction.
- **Open-minded:** more time is devoted to panel debates and chaired discussions: we want to hear a range of opinions!
- **Not your average meeting facilities:** please do NOT expect a conventional set of Conference facilities. Erice is an ancient village full of treasures - adapting it for this Session is a challenge. It is not conventional: but we believe you will love it.
- **Parallel sessions:** we will have Parallel Sessions on one day, concerning Epidemiology and Laboratory Diagnostics, so there will be more time for debate and new developments.
- **Environmental policy:** we want you to take home ideas, not paper. Your hands should be free to communicate ideas ! - not carry handouts.
- **Helping Erice:** Erice 2008 has the full support of the mayor and the community, and the meeting should help in preservation of this jewel of Sicily.

Over **140 participants** from all continents!

Please find the **provisional agenda** at <http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/commissions/docs/Erice/agenda.pdf>

This newsletter gives an update on

- Highlights
- Deadlines
- Movie/video-clip competition
- Sponsors
- Corporate social responsibility
- Coming soon

**The Frenkel lecture:** will be given by Bryan Charleston, Institute for Animal Health, UK (on Tuesday evening)

**The Fred Brown debate:** on FMD control strategies in endemic regions, speakers include Gavin Thomson, Botswana (Wednesday evening).



### Keynote speakers in the Open Session:

Aldo Dekker, Lelystad, NL  
Nesya Goris, VAR, Belgium  
Nick Honhold, FAO  
David Paton, IAH-Pirbright, UK  
Andres Perez, Davis, USA  
Donald King, IAH-Pirbright, UK  
Kris de Clercq, VAR, Belgium  
Brian Perry, Nairobi/Oxford

### NEXT DEADLINE



The **deadlines** are:

**Hotel: Without delay - Hotels are booking fast!**

**Abstracts:** 31st August

**Full Papers:** 3rd October

**Ppt presentations:** 3rd October

**FMD video/movie (posting on Youtube):** 3rd October

### MOVIE/VIDEO clip COMPETITION



**Over 1000€ in prize money** has been donated by sponsors. Keep the entries flowing!

Movies/videos help to understand why problems and solutions are different around the globe. We want you to disclose and share your opinions - FMD matters to people, express it! **Do you care about your work on FMD? Show it!**

Please, check at <http://it.youtube.com/watch?v=xnUxqkjHybo&feature=related> in order to get suggestions for FMD video competition!

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**Means:** being environmentally responsible in our meeting organisation as far as we can!

**Travelling light:** bring only what you need – expect to need a light sweater/jacket in the evenings.

**Respecting and supporting the local environment:** many of the Hotels, shops and eating places are locally owned and run, so the meeting will help sustain the local environment and economy. The food supplied is, as far as possible, locally sourced...and delicious!

Please, visit <http://www.unep.fr/greenpassport/> to achieve further information.

### COMING SOON



#### Survey on FMD Diagnostic Kit priorities

We are preparing a quick survey on FMD Diagnostic Kit priorities. Expect an e-mail from us and more in the next newsletter!



Landscape of Erice