



EuFMD

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A street in Erice

UPDATE

DOCUMENTS



Snow covered Etna

Best wishes
for 2009!!



Dear all,

Click [here](#) for the full **REPORT** of the Open Session of the Research Group of the Standing Technical Committee held at Erice from 14th to 17th October 2008. On the EuFMD Website you will also find presentations and posters submitted during the Conference.

The **“OIE/FAO FMD Reference Laboratories Network Meeting”** held in Lanzhou, China, is now available at

www.fao.org/ag/againfo/commissions/en/eufmd/report_regional.html

Please have a look at our short video “EuFMD Erice 2008 Open Session” at <http://it.youtube.com/watch?v=lrMyvPTz5vM>

The reports of **“West And Central Africa Laboratory Network Annual Meeting”**, held in Bamako in December will soon be available on our website.

This newsletter includes:

- Documents
- Fmd Training Bank
- Survey
- GBE
- Coming soon

Click [here](#) to download the report of the **Regional Roadmaps for FMD Control in West EurAsia** – and **the Progressive Control Pathway approach**

This is the approach used by FAO in the recent West EurAsia FMD control workshop in Shiraz, Iran, for classifying country progress in FMD risk management. In this approach we have written **criteria for describing the FMD risk management** position of countries that are NOT-free of FMD. We think the **PCP** has merit, and may lead to a tool that can be applied to measure (and communicate) country progress within regional roadmaps.

The approach was developed by an FAO team and aimed at starting countries along a pathway of activities from measuring risk to risk management, covering the stages before they could apply for recognition of disease freedom.

One difference with OIE status is that stage 1 is mainly a set of activities; not a status. After stage 1, there should be data to defend claims of reaching stages 2-3.

We welcome feedback on the approach

- are the stages logical?
- are the activities or indicators appropriate and consistent?
- comments on technical feasibility of application



TRAINING BANK



Sicily, landscape

The idea of the “**Training Bank**” concept is to promote the “**banking**” of useful resources for training of staff in different veterinary and technical skills involved in FMD recognition, surveillance, diagnosis, and response. Some of the resources will come from EuFMD –but we ask you and other partners to “deposit” items in the Training Bank - and then give your feedback to improve quality.

In the Bank so far:

- The “**wiki**” site on FMD investigation (<http://km.fao.org/eufmd/wiki/MainPage>)
- Some of the “**You-Tube**” videos demonstrating FMD lesions (<http://uk.youtube.com/>) Keyword: eufmd

In order to develop this approach, **next time** we will ask you to enter our short online survey: the first survey asks for your interest in VIDEO/Movies as a training tool and to select priorities for the training issues.

SURVEY



Thank you for your feedback on Erice! The comments were mostly very positive and helpful to highlight areas we need to work on.

The post-Erice survey is still open, submit it at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=jD_2fwBbhcB9wZGuiR_2bkfSw_3d_3d

It only takes a few minutes!

Some of the results so far:

The preferred (most votes) location for the next open session is the **Mediterranean area**, followed by **Asian countries**.

There was also significant interest to visit countries affected by FMD, which would also fit with the interest to hold the meeting in Asia (**for the first time**).

The most voted parts of the technical program were:

- **Session 4:** Measure progress in early warning of FMDV Emergence
- **Session 2D:** FMD vaccine standards required for global control
- **Session 5:** Diagnostics: making quality services available where needed
- **Parallel Session 5:** Epidemiology
- **Session 2A:** Optimizing programs in a situation of limited resources

Despite the width of the technical program, a number of persons wanted to hear a wider range of presentations, as well as have a more time to follow all preferred presentations; which suggests a longer (4 days?) meeting or more use of parallel sessions.

Thank you for the feedback: it is very helpful!

GIVING BACK TO ERICE



The local administration has allotted the amount of money (500€) raised by **Secret-Erice tours** to create info-boards for the monuments in Erice.

COOMING SOON



- CD Rom with presentations, posters and abstract book
- EuFMD Erice2008 Conference: short videos on you tube.
- 77th eufmd Executive Committee report, Vienna (Austria) 11-12 December 2008

Upcoming meetings on FMD:

- **GF-TADS Pan African FMD experts – FMD Regional Workshop** Nairobi, Kenya – 26th-30th of January 2009
- **4th GF-TADS Steering Committee for the Middle East** Beirut, Lebanon – February 2009
- **Third Regional Animal health Coordination (RAHC) meeting for North Africa** Algeria – 7th to 10th of February
- **General session of EuFMD** FAO HQ, Rome, Italy – 27th-29th of April 2009