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UPDATE



FMD DISCUSSION GROUP

FMD TRAINING BANK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FAO/OIE Round Table for Surveillance and Control of FMD in the Middle East**
Beirut, Lebanon
7-8 April 2009
- **38th General Session of EuFMD**
FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
28-30 April 2009
- **OIE/FAO Global Conference on FMD meeting**
Asunción, Paraguay
24-26 June 2009
- **Closed Session of the Standing Technical Committee**
Slovenia
24-26 September 2009

Dear All,

Thank you for your feedback on the meeting at Erice, Sicily. There seems to be a very high agreement to create a global FMD **technical network**, which will provide experience, advice, guidance and services to Member States, students, researchers, and international agencies. In this Newsletter are some new developments which lead in this direction. **We hope you will participate!**

Items in this newsletter:

- FMD Discussion Group
- FMD Training bank
- The Progressive Control Pathway approach
- Smiths Detection Bio-Seeq Portable Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory
- Reports
- Coming soon
- Upcoming meetings on FMD

The role of the wildlife as reservoir of SAT Serotypes of FMDV

Understanding of risk and options for FMD mitigation and management.

A discussion group on FMD Progress Control Pathway with a first discussion on [FMD and Wildlife Risk Management](http://d2.dgroups.org/fao/FMDcontrol) (<http://d2.dgroups.org/fao/FMDcontrol>) Please, do simply participate in the discussions by [clicking here](#)

The "FMD Training Bank" is a term to describe the online resources available for education, training and advocacy. Resources are gradually increasing in the training bank, but many gaps exist – in quality, content, language – so we need your inputs. **Current need:** training videos on diagnostic laboratory procedures. ("How to" videos) Do send us anything you think useful – it could result in better quality samples submitted to your lab!! and publicity for your Institute. Videos on other topics are welcome!

To deposit items in the training bank send an email to E-EUFMD@fao.org

New in the Training Bank!

- **You Tube videos** (<http://www.youtube.com/EuFMDEric>):
 - "HOW TO use the Bio-Seeq Portable Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0CZTlo4EDs>
- **EuFMD Training Wiki-interactive website:**
http://km.fao.org/eufmd/index.php/Main_Page

2009 proposals

- The second **You Tube competition**
All videos sent in through us will be evaluated by number of You Tube 'hits' at the end of the year.



THE PROGRESSIVE CONTROL PATHWAY APPROACH



Participants in the GF-TADs for Africa FMD Regional Workshop

The innovative document produced concerns the **Progressive Control Pathway (PCP) approach** for FMD. A framework for monitoring progress was developed, based on indicators of country progress in risk identification and risk management, along a PCP, with 5 stages (0-4). It was foreseen that all countries should attain at least level **3 by 2020 (FMD under control and approaching disease freedom status)**.

Interested to know more? Participate in the PCP approach. [Click here](#) for the PPT presentation.

The PCP in action:

- **West EurAsia:** Development of a long-term Strategy for FMD Control in West EurAsia.

[Click here](#) for the **full report of the “Regional meeting on FMD to develop a long term Regional Control Strategy”** held in Shiraz, Iran on November 2008. Find the Shiraz Workshop on [You Tube](#): **“Development of a Roadmap for the Progressive Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in West Eurasia”**

- **PanAfrica FMD control:** Development of a long term vision for FMD Control in West/Central, East and Southern Africa

The participants in the **Nairobi Regional workshop** (January 2009) developed and agreed to the following **vision statement regarding FMD**: “*By 2020, there will be sufficient control of FMD in Africa to enable the livestock sector to participate in local, regional, sub-continental, international trade, and contribute to improved food security and livelihoods. In this regard, obtain by 2010 the commitment from the public and private sectors and other relevant role players to enter into the FMD Progressive Control Pathway.*”

[Click here](#) for the **draft report of the GF-TADs for Africa - FMD Regional Workshop** held in Nairobi, Kenya on January 2009.

[Click here](#) for the Africa PCP **Country Survey presentation**.

SMITHS DETECTION BIO-SEEQ PORTABLE VETERINARY DIAGNOSTICS LABORATORY



The **Bio-Seeq Portable Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory** is now being field tested by the EuFMD Commission, with support from the EC (DG-SANCO) and the Government of Turkey. The international nature of this validation programme is critical in ensuring the consistency in standards and acceptance of field testing.

“BioSeeq has great potential to meet the need for a rapid and sensitive FMD test suitable for areas normally free from the infection. It can also fill a gap in laboratory capacity in regularly affected areas” (...) “...and could be used at the frontline in the management of epidemics when they occur. Speed in confirming FMD is vital as any delay potentially increases the impact of the disease”.

(Keith Sumption, Secretary EuFMD Commission)

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REPORTS



[Click here](#) for the **“77th EuFMD Executive Committee”** report, held in Vienna, Austria on December 2008.

[Click here](#) for the **“West And Central Africa Laboratory Network Annual Meeting” report**, held in Bamako, Mali on December 2008.

COMING SOON



- Printed report of the Open Session of Research Group held in Erice on October 2008, CD Rom with presentations, posters and abstract book. (The report will be sent to all participants.)
- You tube competition