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The online FMD Emergency Preparation Course (FEPC) has been delivered to around 900 veterinarians from Member States so far during the 2015-2017 EuFMD programme. 500 had already been trained under the 2013-15 programme.

There have been three courses in English with participants from different countries interacting and sharing experiences. Tailored national courses have been run for veterinarians in Spain, UK and France with content from the EuFMD and the specifics of the contingency plans and procedures in the country. These national courses often lead to the liveliest debates and discussions amongst participants.

There are several National FEPC scheduled for Autumn 2016 and one for participants from different Member States, 14th November-9th December (tentative). The courses are getting positive feedback and we welcome suggestions for even more improvements.



Field visit during Real Time Training in Kenya with the NTC24 group (Laura Sighinas).

Real Time Training

The Real Time Training (RTT) held in Nakuru, Kenya was implemented for the 24th time in June 2016. The participants now have plans to deliver cascade training in their countries equipped with EuFMD training material. The 23rd Nakuru Training Course (NTC) in February was a special edition with 22 German participants. This initiative also had preparatory and follow up in training Germany supported by EuFMD.

The next RTT in November is currently full but we invite you to nominate participants for the course in the spring 2017.

Upcoming Training Courses:

- 13-16 September
Workshop “Managing a Crisis”
in Budapest, Hungary
- 7-18 November
Laboratory training Course, Pirbright Institute, UK
- 20-25 November
Real Time Training
in Kenya
- November
Workshop
modelling for decision making on vaccination. Dates and location to be confirmed
- 14 November-9 December (tentative): **online FMD Emergency Preparation Course** for Member States



The EuFMD networks are a way to facilitate discussions and information sharing between colleagues involved in FMD preparedness in Member States.

Some features include:

- Three networks: contingency planning, modelling, vaccination
- Regular webinars
- Discussion forum
- Online resources: contingency planning knowledge bank
- Database of experts
- Webinar recordings available on EuFMD e-learning site

To join the networks please send an e-mail to eufmd-training@fao.org specifying which network you are interested in. We encourage you to also advertise this to colleagues.

Pilot cascade training in Italy

Last month, a Foot-and-Mouth disease preparedness training was carried out for Italian Official Veterinarians with the launch of a cascade training initiative. The training was a joint project between the Italian Ministry of Health and Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna (IZSLER), FMD Reference Laboratory with support from EuFMD. It was a two day course with lectures, exercises and discussions. The trainees are now expected to deliver training in the same format to



Practicing biosecurity procedure during FMD training in Italy.



FMD training at the Italian Ministry of Health.

Veterinarians in their regions using EuFMD presentations, videos, factsheets and exercises. We congratulate the Italian organizers for all the hard work with translations and preparation with this training. This was a pilot course, for other training initiatives to be carried out in Member States.

We will be sharing the findings of this training in a webinar for all EuFMD training focal points in September, and we encourage you to get in touch with the EuFMD training team if you are interested in a similar project in your country.

Workshop “Managing a crisis”

On the 13th -16th of September 2016, 19 participants from 16 Member States will get together in Budapest, Hungary to discuss effective principles of FMD Emergency Management and Communications.

The workshop will cover activities before, during and after an outbreak. In order to leave as much time as possible for discussions, some principles will be taught online leading up to the workshop, on the EuFMD e-learning site.

We will have the pleasure of assistance from experts from the Danish Emergency Management Agency, Danish Food and Veterinary Administration, UK Animal and Plant Health Agency and a risk communications expert consultant.

The lessons and outputs from the workshop will be shared with all Member States including through a webinar and the development of guidelines and tools.

EuFMD Training 2017

- **Workshop: simulation exercises**
- **Workshop: putting vaccination into practice**
- **Online course: Risk based FMD surveillance**
 - Three places per Member State are available
 - No cost of training credits
 - More information to follow



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