Call for expression of interest:

Academic institutions for collaboration in e-learning initiatives

Summary

The European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD) has developed an extensive program of e-learning courses which aim to build capacity in emergency preparedness or progressive control of foot-and-mouth disease. Tutored e-learning courses have been provided for veterinarians in multiple regions of the world and in multiple languages. In anticipation of continued future demand for online training of this nature, the commission is currently seeking expressions of interest from academic institutions interested in mutually beneficial partnerships for development or delivery of e-learning, or who may be able to assist in academic accreditation of online courses.

Type of collaboration sought

Areas for potential collaboration include, but are not limited to:

1. Sharing of existing e-learning content and subject matter expertise.
2. Provision of technical and pedagogical expertise in the development of new e-learning content, particularly relating to content development for international veterinary audiences.
3. Provision of expertise in the development of e-learning resources suitable for delivery by mobile technology to livestock owners or para-veterinarians in resource poor settings.
5. Academic institution accreditation or certification of EuFMD courses.

Availability of funding

Funding for specific small projects is available through a letter of agreement between FAO and academic institution(s) which can demonstrate capacity in one or more of the above areas and who propose projects of mutual benefit to both parties.

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How to express interest

Please complete the attached short application form and send it to eufmd@fao.org by 16th August 2018.

For background information please consult the annex.

Following initial consideration of applications, shortlisted institutions will be contacted in order to arrange an online meeting where potential collaborations will be discussed in more detail.
Annex: Background

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Core to the activities of the Commission are the provision of training, and the EuFMD’s innovative training programme has undergone significant expansion in recent years. The programme includes the organization of a variety of face-to-face training courses, including applied workshops on a number of topics related to emergency preparedness. Field-based courses are held in Kenya and Nepal, over 700 vets from across Europe and Australasia have been trained under this unique “Real Time Training” programme.

Since 2014 the Commission has prioritized the development of e-learning courses through a dedicated Moodle based VLE (https://eufmdlearning.works). A variety of e-learning courses and resources are available through this platform including:

- Tutored online short courses (14 hours) on a variety of topics related to FMD preparedness, including disease recognition, outbreak investigation, biosecurity and emergency response.
- Tutored courses aimed at building specialised epidemiological FMD control capacity in non-free countries.
- Short open access self-directed e-learning courses
- A series of special interest networks which host regular webinars

EuFMD e-Learning currently has 7000 users registered with our site and our networks include veterinarians from around the world, with a large number of European users but increasing audiences in Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

Due to the international nature of the Commission's audiences e-learning courses have been translated and delivered in nine languages including Russian and Arabic.


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