

Launching ceremony of the China FETPV 2010

China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (FETPV) was formally launched on 29 November 2010. Representatives from MoA, State Forestry Administration, USCDC, EU, Development solutions, Livestock Health Extension Services Project (LHESP), China FETP, Embassies, National Veterinary Institutions and Universities attended the launching ceremony. The meeting was chaired by Vincent Martin, ECTAD FAO China. Following the introduction of participants, Deputy Director General Mr. Li Changyou, Veterinary Bureau of MoA, the Regional Emerging Infectious Disease Advisor Dr. Daniel Schar from USAID, Ms. Marie-Paule Benassi, First Counselor from EU, Mr. Jeffrey McFarland, Country Director from USCDC and Ms. Lu Mei from China CDC/CFETP delivered speeches respectively. Professor Dirk



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▲ China FETPV Launching Ceremony-Group photo

Pfeiffer from the Royal Veterinary College of London who coordinates the teaching activities also gave a few words of introduction and wished the program all the success it deserves. Ms. Victoria Sekitoleko, FAO Representative also gave opening remarks at the ceremony, and wished the program, which is already heavily internationally supported, to grow up steadily and empower the trainees' capacity by practicing skills and intelligence in the field of animal health.

China FETPV second steering committee meeting and trainee recruitment panel meeting

With the aim of updating on the progress made since the first steering committee meeting, discussing key issues, reviewing candidates' applications and deciding upon the ones who will be enrolled in the first cohort, the China FETPV second steering committee meeting and trainee recruitment panel meeting took place at Yong An Hotel, Beijing on 4 November 2010. A total of 21 participants from MoA, Center for Animal Health and Epidemiology (CAHEC), provincial Animal CDC, Beijing Animal Health Inspection Institute, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Station of Beijing, LHESP/Canada, USCDC, China FETP, FAO RAP and FAO ECTAD China attended the meeting.

Dr. Sun Yan from MoA and Vincent Martin from FAO first welcomed the participants from different institutes, and praised their efforts to make the China FETPV program a success. Dr. David Castellan from FAO RAP introduced the training model "Training through service" and the responsibilities of mentors. The afternoon session focused on the trainee recruitment panel evaluation. After deliberations, it was confirmed that 15 trainees in total will be attending the first cohort China FETPV.

Upcoming activities:

The first cohort of China FETPV trainees will start their training activities in December 2010. The first-month training will primarily focus on principles and concepts for field epidemiology for disease prevention and control. Four international experts from Royal Veterinary College (RVC), London and one international expert from International Research Center for Agriculture and Development (CIRAD), France will deliver the first-month training courses to the trainees.