



LinkTADs Dissemination Event

AGENDA

Date: 2nd September 2015 (Wednesday) Time: 10:30am - 12:35pm

Location: Room Sully 1, Congress Centre "Le Corum", Montpellier, France

| Time | Title | Speaker |
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| <i>About LinkTADs and the Tools Available for the Research Community</i> | | |
| 10:30-10:55 | Overview of LinkTADs and the Main Achievements to Date | Daniel Beltrán-Alcrudo Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) |
| 10:55-11:20 | Chinese Research Funding and LinkTADs Online Cooperation Opportunities/ Funding Database | Kai Zhang Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação (SPI) |
| <i>Applied Examples of Cooperation and Collaborations under LinkTADs</i> | | |
| 11:20-11:45 | Cooperation between CIRAD and China in the Field of Veterinary Epidemiology | François Roger Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD) |
| 11:45-12:10 | Applied Research and Teaching Opportunities between the EU and China | Timothee Vergne Royal Veterinary College (RVC) |
| 12:10-12:35 | Evaluation of a Portable Real-Time PCR Assay for African and Classical Swine Fever Viruses via Close Collaboration | Frederik Widén Swedish National Veterinary Institute (SVA) |



LINKING EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY
RESEARCH ON TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL
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The objective of the dissemination meetings is for researchers and other stakeholders working on animal health to meet LinkTADs partners, to learn about LinkTADs activities and main achievements to date, but most importantly, how they can benefit from LinkTADs networking, resources and collaboration opportunities.

The first of two dissemination meetings will take place on 2 September 2015 as a parallel session at the [9th Annual EPIZONE Meeting](#), Congress Centre "Le Corum" in Montpellier, France.

LinkTADs Project Background:

Launched in November 2013, [LinkTADs](#) is a three-year initiative funded by the European Commission's (EU's) Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) to coordinate European and Chinese research on animal disease prevention and control.

The fight against animal diseases relies heavily on the research community developing new intervention/control tools and strategies. These could be in the form of new vaccines and diagnostics, or through a better knowledge and understanding of the disease to prevent its emergence and spread, and improve approaches to surveillance, prevention and control. It is also paramount that these two disciplines (i.e. laboratory sciences and epidemiology) are linked and coordinated in their work.

International collaboration between animal health researchers can speed up these advances by bringing together new ideas, technologies, funds and expertise to solve livestock health challenges, thus optimizing the use of research resources. However, there are also many barriers that challenge joint projects. LinkTADs was developed to assist in the coordination and facilitation of research between the EU and China.

Focusing on epidemiology and laboratory diagnostics, the broad objectives of LinkTADs are:

- to identify priority areas for joint actions;
- to link European and Chinese animal health research, training programmes and innovation projects;
- to ensure a wide-ranging network of scientific communities and stakeholders;
- to provide a long-term vision and achieve coordinated planning regarding future common research;
- to contribute to the international policies related to EU animal health and trade;
- to support young researchers through exchange programmes and training;
- to share and disseminate the results and methodologies within and outside the consortium.

