

Good Emergency Management Practice (GEMP) Workshop held in Beijing

The GEMP Workshop on Strengthening Capacity to Respond to Animal Disease Emergencies was held from 15 to 17 May 2013. It was organized in conjunction with the China Center for Animal Diseases Control (CADC), the Veterinary Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture. The objectives of this workshop were to improve capacity to respond to animal diseases emergencies at provincial levels, promote capabilities of veterinary authorities to prevent and control of major animal diseases.

Dr. Huang Weizhong, Deputy Director-General of the Veterinary Bureau, Prof. John Edwards, Senior Technical Coordinator, FAO ECTAD, Dr. Ian Douglas, Director of Crisis Management Center-Animal Health (CMC-AH) made opening remarks. The trainers were Dr. Douglas, Dr. Tomio Shichiri and Dr. Sherrilyn Wainwright from CMC-AH, FAO HQ in Rome. There were more than 30 participants from provincial and municipal animal diseases control centers.



▲ Group Photo after the Opening Ceremony of the GEMP training

Meeting on Carcass Disposal and Farm Waste Management

The GEMP Workshop on Strengthening Capacity to Respond to Animal Disease Emergencies was held on 14 May 2013, when the CMC-AH and ECTAD China also met with representatives from the Veterinary Bureau and Zhejiang and Shanghai animal health authorities to discuss animal carcasses disposal and farm waste management.

During the meeting, national partners described the current situation on the disposal of animal carcasses and farm waste in China, including the legislation, policies, major technical measures and challenges. FAO experts provided their comments and recommendations from the technical perspective at a broader view from other countries. Some initial arrangements for follow-up were reached by the end of the meeting.



▲ Group Photo

FAO-USAID Partners Meeting held in Guangzhou

Since 2005, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and its partner organizations have supported programs to strengthen capacity for prevention, early detection, and rapid response to emerging infectious disease threats in China. On 5-6 May 2013, a USAID Partners Meeting was held to review current projects and identify opportunities for future work and collaboration, and consider the ongoing H7N9 situation.

A total of 25 participants from USAID (Washington and Bangkok), relevant USAID projects (PRIDICT/IDENTIFY), World Health Organization (WHO) China, United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (USCDC), World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), FAO ECTAD and the Veterinary Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) attended. They shared experiences, identified critical gaps, and identified areas for further collaboration. The recent avian influenza A (H7N9) incident in China was also discussed. This provided an opportunity to ensure a common understanding of the epidemiology of the emerging virus, and enabling adjustment of technical assistance programs.

Prof. Edwards and Mr. Guo Fusheng also visited the Veterinary College, of Huanan Agricultural University in Guangzhou on 7 May and Huazhong Agricultural University in Wuhan on 8 May 2013. Both universities agreed to participate in FAO activities to promote veterinary epidemiology education.



▲ Group Photo of the FAO-USAID Partners Meeting

Upcoming Activities

1. Mr. José Graziano da Silva, DG of FAO, will visit to China during 4-7 June 2013.
2. Mr. Guo Fusheng, Senior Technical Advisor will join in the CMC-AH emergency mission for avian influenza (H5N1) outbreak to the DPR Korea from 3-10 June 2013;