

**The 4th FAO-APHCA/OIE/DLD Regional Workshop
on Brucellosis Diagnosis and Control in Asia-Pacific Region
– Proficiency Test and Ways Forward –**

Chiang Mai, Thailand, 18-21 March 2014

**Information Sheet
(Please read carefully)**

FAO-APHCA, OIE and the Department of Livestock Development (DLD) of Thailand will jointly organize the “The 4th FAO-APHCA/OIE/DLD Regional Workshop on Brucellosis Diagnosis and Control in the Asia-Pacific Region (Bovine Brucellosis Serum Proficiency Test and Ways Forward for the Region)” in Chiang Mai, Thailand, between 18 and 21 March 2014.

(Priority will be given to participants who participated in the previous workshops and/or run the Brucellosis PT using the reagent received from DLD between September and December 2013.)

The objectives of this workshop [for government officials from selected 17 FAO-APHCA and OIE member countries in the Asia-Pacific Region] are:

- To update on Brucellosis situation in Asia and the Pacific with an emphasis on epidemiological situation of *B. melitensis* in the Region;
- To update protocol development for control of Brucellosis;
- To refresh hands-on trainings on standard laboratory tests for diagnosis of Brucellosis (*B. melitensis*); and
- To promote collaboration on diagnosis and control of *B. melitensis* in the Region.

1. Participants will make their brief countries presentation (10 minutes) updating the disease situation and the laboratory (PT) works*. The country paper in PowerPoint format shall be submitted to the organizers before 7 March 2014.

[* The country papers should contain: (i) updated livestock population, brucellosis situation and surveillance/control programmes, (ii) short updates on the country's laboratory organization (including the reference lab., if available) and diagnostic strategy in regard to brucellosis, (iii) test results from the PT reagent provided by the DLD of Thailand, and (iv) country plan/policy for regional collaboration on diagnosis and control of B. melitensis.]

2. The Organizers have arranged for all participants to be accommodated:

Centara Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai

132 Loykroh Road, Chang Klan, Muang, Chiang Mai 50100, Thailand

Reservations Centre:

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(Room rates are Baht1,400 and 1,600 for single- and double-occupancy, superior room, net, breakfast inclusive.)

3. The Organizers will arrange/cover lunches and coffee/snack breaks during the workshop days. Breakfasts will be provided in the hotels and 2 dinners will be hosted.

4. Overseas guests from countries which require entry visa into Thailand shall obtain their visas prior to their departure.

5. For sponsored participants, round trip airline tickets (*your country/Bangkok-Chiang Mai-Bangkok/your country*), daily allowance (to cover your hotel, personal expenses and foods) and terminal expenses (to cover visa, taxi, airport tax/transfer fees, etc.) will be provided either by FAO-APHCA or OIE.

For FAO-APHCA's guests, your daily allowance and terminal expenses will be disbursed by your FAO country office or in Chiang Mai (for participant from country without FAO country office).

6. All overseas guests will arrive in Thailand at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok. Immigration formality will be processed either at Suvarnabhumi International Airport or in Chiang Mai Airport. Please check with the airline staff regarding your immigration formality.

Your airline transit and transfer from Bangkok to Chiang Mai will take place at Suvarnabhumi Airport.

The airport transfer from Chiang Mai Airport to Centara Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai by the Hotel's shuttle bus costs Baht130 per person per trip.

7. It is advisable that you change some Thai Baht at bank counter in Suvarnabhumi International Airport or in Chiang Mai Airport for your petty cash pocket money. The current exchange rate is approximately Baht 32+/- for US\$1.

8. All overseas guests are requested to confirm their arrival details to the Workshop Focal Point (at DLD/NIAH-Thailand) with copy to your sponsor (FAO-APHCA or OIE) **before Friday, 28 February 2014.**

9. The weather in Chiang Mai in March ranges between 28-35°C. Chiang Mai is one of the most famous touristic place in Thailand.

10. Focal Points/Co-sponsors/Organizers for the Workshop: (We suggest that you communicate by fax or e-mail.)

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12. The Organizers will not be responsible for life/medical insurance of the participants/observers nor for any accidents/illnesses or losses of personal belongings which may occur. It is advisable that travelers obtain their insurance covers by themselves.