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9-11 April 2008

Annual meeting of the National Laboratories for avian influenza - Wednesday 9th April 2008

14:00-14:05	Welcome	
14:05-14:25	(1) HPAI in Great Britain since 1959	D. Alexander
14:25-14:45	(2) Current OIE activities and initiatives on AI	C. Bruschke
14:45-15:00	Tea/ Coffee	
15:00-15:20	(3) Maximising the outcome of veterinary activities to support public health: the challenge of AI	I. Capua
15:20-15:40	(4) Activities of the FVO with respect to the Unit for Birds and Fish	G. Czifra
15:40-16:00	(5) Avian Influenza in Russia: Current situation and control strategies	V. Irza
16:00-16:20	(6) Country Reports for Avian influenza 2007	I. Brown
16:20-16:50	(7) AI surveillance in the EU during 2006/7	U. Hesterberg
16:50-17:00	(8) Flu-lab-net: Progress report	I. Brown
17:00-17:45	(9) Flu-lab-net: Web based communication systems	M. Windham

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09:00-09:20	(10) Antigenic cartography of H5 viruses.	R.Fouchier
09:20-09:40	(11) "Do we need a regular virological duck monitoring?" Experiences and consequences from HP H5N1 outbreaks in Germany 2007	T. Harder
09:40-10:00	Tea/Coffee	
10:00-10:20	Active surveillance of wild birds in East of France following the H5N1 HP outbreaks in summer 2007	V. Jestin
10:20-10:40	Evidence of infection by HPAI H5 in healthy wild waterfowls	G.Cattoli
10:40-11:00	(12) HPAI H5N1 outbreaks in the UK, 2007/8	I. Brown
11:00-11:20	(13) Analysis of HPAI H5N1 cases in Poland in 2007	K. Smietanka
11:20-11:40	(14) Epizootic of an LPAI H1N5 virus in turkeys in the Netherlands	G.Koch
11:40-12:00	(15) Evaluation of different markers of infection in chickens after LPAI experimental inoculation	S.Marché
12:00-12:20	Transmission experiments with HPAI H5N1 in vaccinated Pekin ducks	J. van der Goot
12:20-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-13:50	(16) Immunoselection and characterization of an HPAI H5N1 escape mutant	H. Lage Ferreira

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13:50-14:10	(17) OFFLU project on vaccination against H5N1 in Indonesia	G. Dauphin
14.10-14.20	(18) Viral Variation Resulting in False Negative Results in a H5 Real-time RT-PCR Test	D. Suarez
14:20 -14:40	Comparison of virus isolation and real time RT-PCR (to be confirmed)	J. van der Goot
14:40-15:10	Tea/Coffee	
15:10-15:40	(19) The third pan-European AI PCR Proficiency Panel	M. Slomka
15:40-16:10	(20) Why a European Surveillance Network for Influenza in Pigs (ESNIP)?	K. Van Reeth
16.10-16.30	(21) Update from the European Influenza Surveillance Scheme (EISS) - human influenza laboratory network	K. van der Velden
16.30-16.50	(22) Report from the European Commission	M.Pittman /V.Piazza
16:50 -17:10	(23) Technical update from CRL	M.Slomka
17:10 -17:20	(24) Investigation of the effect of swab type on the detection of influenza A viral RNA	I.Brown
17: 20 - Close	Round Table discussion of laboratory technical issues for proposed revision to the AI diagnostic manual: on tabled method: Development and validation of a one step real time PCR assay for the simultaneous detection of H5, H7 and H9 subtype avian influenza viruses	I.Brown G.Cattoli

Annual meeting of the National Laboratories for Newcastle Disease - Friday 11th April 2008

08:30-08:50	(25) Interlaboratory comparative tests using HI	R. Manvell
08:50-09:10	(26) Country Reports on Newcastle Disease in 2007	I. Brown
09:10-09:30	(27) Continued evaluation of the NDV RRT-PCR test for specificity	D.Suarez
09:30-09:45	Tea/Coffee	
09.45-10.05	(28) Technical report from the Community Reference Laboratory for 2007	I. Brown
10:05-10:25	Newcastle Disease Virus in several Sub-Saharan Countries	C. Muller
10:25-10:45	(29) Studies on concealed virulence of NDV in a commercial vaccine	C. Grund
10:45-11:05	Phylogenetic studies of Newcastle disease virus of antigenic type C1	K. Handberg
11.05-11.25	(30) Atypical APMV-1 in wild birds	I. Brown
11.25-11.45	Work programme for Community Reference Laboratory for 2009	M.Pittman/V.Piazza
11.45-12.00	Discussion laboratory matters, recommendations and close	