

**Scientific Seminar on the
Management of Schmallenberg Virus**

2 April 2012

**CENTRE DE CONFERENCES A. BORSCHETTE, Room AB-O.D
Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels, Belgium**

Objectives:

To present the current state of play on the latest scientific data on Schmallenberg virus and the risk management approach taken by the EU. Third countries are invited in order to transparently communicate and reassure them on that all the required precautions are being taken at EU level.

Audience (150 max):

The invitation list includes representatives from the Member States (2 per MS), including Chief Veterinary Officers, representatives from third countries. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and EU relevant major stakeholders (COPA-COGECA, EUCVB, FESSAS, IFAH, EMVD and FVE) are invited as well. Staff from the European institutions will also be invited together with representatives from ECDC, EFSA and EMA. Interpretation will be provided in French, German, English, Italian, Spanish, Dutch and Russian.

INTRODUCTION

10:00 – 10:10 **Opening** by *Miko Ladislav*, Deputy Director-General - For the Food Chain (DG SANCO)

Scientific data on Schmallenberg virus: epidemiology, pathogenesis and its impact on livestock production

CHAIR: Claudia Heppner, Acting Director of Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance Directorate (EFSA)

10:10 – 10:40 **Epidemiology of the Schmallenberg virus**
Ana Afonso (EFSA)

10:40 – 11:10 **The Virus in Ruminants**
Franz Conraths (DE-FLI)

11.10 – 11.30 **Transmission of the Virus**
Stephan Zientara (FR- ANSESS)

11:30 – 11:50 **Prevalence Studies in Animals**
Armin Elbers (NL-CVI)

11:50 – 12:10 **The Impact of the Infection: Country Indicators**
Yves Van Der Stede (BE-CODA-CERVA)

European Commission - Health and Consumers

12:10 – 12:30 **Schmallenberg Virus, an Animal Virus?**
Katrin Leitmeyer (ECDC) and Marion Koopmans (NL-RIVM)

12.30 – 12.50 **OIE Technical Fact Sheet**
Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel (OIE)

12.50 – 13.00 Discussions

Lunch Break

Risk management of Schmallenberg virus

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14:30 – 15:00 **Akabane and Other Simbu Viruses: Epidemiology, Pathogenesis and Impact**
Peter Kirkland (Australia)

15:00 – 15:30 **The Australian Risk Management Approach for Akabane**
Peter Kirkland (Australia)

15:30 – 16:00 **Diagnostic Tools. What is available?**
Falko Steinbach (UK-AHVLA)

16:00 – 16:15 **Scientific studies in the EU**
Francesco Berlingieri (DG SANCO)

16:15 – 16:40 **Risk Management and Control Strategy in the EU**
Francisco Reviriego Gordejo (DG SANCO)

16:40 – 17:00 Discussions

17.00 **Conclusions and Closing Remarks**
Closing remarks by *Bernard Van Goethem, Director, Veterinary & International Affairs (DG SANCO)*