

Work Plan for the European Union Reference Laboratory
for Swine Vesicular Disease
(for the period 1st January -31st December 2014)

Activity 1 The EU Reference Laboratory shall support the functions of National Reference Laboratories of EU Member states and countries surrounding the EU;

Description: Carry out an Annual Proficiency Test for the EU NRLs for SVD; Distribute materials, gather and collate results and data and information on the methods of used for diagnosis from EU National Reference Laboratories (NRLs). The results from this exercise will be distributed to participating NRLs via feedback letters to each participant and where appropriate the necessary arrangements will be made for further training of experts in specific methods used for laboratory diagnosis. Where requested, the EURL will advise NRLs on accreditation to ISO/IEC17025 for specific tests used for SVD diagnosis.

Objective: to promote harmonisation of diagnosis and ensure proficiency and external quality assurance of testing within the Community and to transmit of the results to the Commission, the EU Member States, and National Laboratories;

Expected outputs: The combined SVD and FMD proficiency test (PTS) 2014 consisting of 4 panels and containing infectious or non-infectious (serology) materials will be organised during 2014. 26 labs are expected to participate in this exercise. These results and recommendations from the PT will be provided to the Commission.

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