

**Work Plan 2013 for the European Union Reference Laboratory
for Swine Vesicular Disease**

Activity 1 The laboratory shall support the functions of National/Central Laboratories by;

Description: Carry out the Annual Proficiency Test for the EU NRLs for SVD; Distribute materials, gather and collate results data and information on the methods of diagnosis from EU NRLs and distribute the results of trial and the information on the diagnostic capability from NRLs to the Commission and the Member States. Provide feedback letters from the PTS 2013 to each participant NRL of Member States; make the necessary arrangements for the further training of experts in laboratory 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 Member States, and National Laboratories;

Expected outputs: The combined SVD and FMD proficiency test (PTS) 2013 consisting of 4 panels and containing infectious or non-infectious (serology) materials will be organised during 2013. 26 labs are expected to participate in this exercise. Out of them, more than 80% are expected to meet the threshold of a test they used.

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