

Joint Thirteenth Annual Meetings of the National Laboratories for Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease of European Union Member States 2007

Programme for Wednesday 23rd May 2007

Annual meeting of the National Laboratories for avian influenza (AI)

14:00-14:15	Welcome	
14:15-14:35	(1) FAO projects in Eastern Europe and Caucasus	K. Depner
14:35-14:55	(2) Avian Influenza in Russia: Current situation and control strategies	V. Irza
14:50-15:10	On line reporting system for poultry and wild bird surveillance	S. Morello
15:10-15:30	(3) Country Reports on AI based on questionnaires	I. Brown
15:30-16:00	(4) Wild Bird Surveillance Epidemiology Report February-May 06	U. Hesterberg
16:00-16:30	Tea and Coffee	
16:30-16:50	Phylogeny and molecular changes of H5N1 HPAI viruses circulating in African poultry	G. Cattoli
16:50-17:10	(5) H5N1 outbreak in turkeys in the UK, February 2007	I. Brown
17:10-17:30	(6) H5N1 Avian Influenza in dogs: susceptibility and receptors	G. Koch
17:30-17:35	(7) Flu-lab-net: Progress report	I. Brown
17:35-18:00	(8) Flu-lab-net: Web based communication systems	T. Stacy

Close

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09:00-09:10	(9) Conclusions of FAO/OIE/EU Verona Conference on AI vaccination	G.Dauphin
09:10-09:30	(10) EFSA scientific opinion on AI vaccines	O.Ribo
09:30-09:50	(11) Evaluation of the Dutch voluntary vaccination of hobby and commercial flocks	G. Koch
09:50-10:10	Passive protection afforded by maternally derived antibodies and their influence on the protection elicited by Avian Influenza inactivated vaccination in progeny	T. Van Der Berg
10:10-10:30	(12) AI vaccination using licensed inactivated H5 vaccines under field conditions in layer hens and geese parents - Protection after primary and booster vaccinations	M. Rudolf
10:30-11:00	Tea/Coffee	
11:00-11:20	(13) Development and validation of H7 real time RT-PCR	M. Slomka/ J.Voermans
11:20-11:40	(14) Suitability of two commercial swab sampling systems for the detection of AI viruses in faecal samples from birds	S. Fereidouni
11:40-12:00	(15) Evaluation of automated RNA extraction methods during an AI outbreak	M. Durban
12:00-12:20	(16a) Technical update from CRL: H5 & N1 real-time PCRs	M.Slomka
	(16b) LFD validation protocols	
12:20-12:40	(17) Structured approach towards a 'double-check' strategy for rapid molecular diagnosis and virus characterisation during outbreaks of HPAI	T. Harder
12:40-13:00	(18) Interlaboratory ring trial of molecular detection/characterisation methods for AI	M. Slomka
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:20	(19) Influenza virus surveillance in Wild Birds and backyard flocks in Slovenia	O. Zorman Rojs
14:20-14:40	(20) Future surveillance programmes in poultry and wild birds	V.Piazza
14:40-15:00	(21) Report from the European Commission	M.Pittman
15:00-15:20	(22) Challenges and opportunities arising from cooperation programmes developed to support African and Middle-Eastern countries in the management of the H5N1 epidemic.	P DeBenedictis
15:20-15:35	Tea/Coffee	

15:35-15:55	(23) Challenges and opportunities arising from cooperation programmes developed to support African and Middle Eastern countries	G.Dauphin
15:55-17:15	Round Table discussion of laboratory technical issues to include proposed revisions to the AI diagnostic manual	
17:15	Close	
18:30	Departure of Coaches	
19:00	Sightseeing and Dinner on the Island of Riems	

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Programme for Friday 25th May 2007

08:30-08:40	(24) Global update ND/AI	I. Brown
08:40-09:00	(25) ND update and Community Animal Health Policy from the European Commission	R.Freigofas
09:00-09:20	(26) Country Reports on ND based on questionnaires	I. Brown
09:20-09:40	(27) EFSA scientific opinion on ND vaccination	S.Correia -Rodeia
09:40-10:00	(28) Technical report from the Community reference laboratory for 2006	I. Brown
10.00-10.15	Tea/Coffee	
10:15-10:35	(29) ND outbreak due to PPMV1 in game birds in Scotland, October 2006	R.Manvell
10:35-10:55	(30) Evaluation of ND virus immunoassay for waterfowl sera	R.Häuslaigner
10:55-11:15	(31) Phylogenetic studies of Polish APMV-1 strains	K. Smietanka
11.15-11.35	(32) Interlaboratory comparative tests using HI	R.Manvell
11.35-11.50	(33) Draft Work programme for Community Reference Laboratory for 2008	M.Pittman/V.Piazza
11.50-12.00	Discussion laboratory matters, recommendations and close	
12.00	Lunch	
13:17	Departure of intercity train to Berlin central station	