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Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center



PRE-COSALFA INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

“The eradication process and the challenges of maintaining the Foot-and-Mouth Disease free status”

Asuncion, Paraguay – May 7-8, 2012

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

ANTECEDENTS

The Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease’s 1988-2009 Action Plan (PHEFA) experienced significant eradication progress as it ensured that 85 percent of South America’s bovine population were recognized by OIE as free of the disease. However, it did not achieve its ultimate objective, as there are still territories where the disease is endemic or where there is high risk of infection of herds, which poses a risk for the populations considered free. In 2010 the countries of the region reaffirmed their commitment to eradicating foot-and-mouth disease from the continent, as they approved PHEFA’s 2011-2020 Action Plan, setting a ten-year deadline for achieving the total eradication target.

On the basis of the epidemiologic situation and the sanitary status achieved in each territory of the region, the Action Plan defined the commitment the countries must undertake to achieve the objective and establish an action strategy and schemes to be put into practice by the official and private veterinary services in conjunction with the production chain, designed for reaching the target by the aforesaid deadline.

The purpose of this International Seminar is to contribute to the countries’ effort toward achieving PHEFA targets through a review and analysis of the eradication process and the challenges of maintaining the FMD-free zones.

In this connection, the Seminar should review the relevant technical aspects of the Action Plan’s priority components in respect of the different sanitary situations identified under the Plan. In addition, it is expected that after an analysis and discussion by the countries each analyzed component’s strengths and challenges will be identified and working schemes will be proposed for strengthening the intervention capabilities of the countries’ veterinary attention structures, thereby contributing to the achievement of the eradication target by the established deadline.

The outcome of the discussions, their conclusions and recommendations will be submitted to COSALFA 39 as draft work proposals to be considered by the delegates.

SEMINAR AGENDA

MONDAY, 7 May 2012

- 09:00 - 09:30 Registration
- 09:30 - 09:45 Opening of the Seminar on **“The eradication process and the challenges of maintaining foot-and-mouth disease free status”**
Dr. Ottorino Cosivi, Director, PANAFTOSA – PAHO/WHO
- 09:45 - 11:15 **THEME I: Information system**
- Introduction to the theme - Antonio Mendes – PANAFTOSA – PAHO/WHO
- Addresses by:
 - Colombia – Myriam Luz
 - Bolivia – Hernan Daza
- 11:15 - 11:30 Discussion and conclusions
- 11:30 - 11:45 Break (Visit to posters)
- 11:45 - 13:15 **THEME II: Surveillance**
- Introduction to the theme - José Naranjo - PANAFTOSA – PAHO/WHO
- Addresses by:
 - Uruguay – Luis Días
 - Argentina – Rodolfo Bottini
- 13:15 - 13:30 Discussion and conclusions
- 13:30 - 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 - 16:00 **THEME III: Vaccination**
- Introduction to the theme - Gilfredo Darsie - PANAFTOSA – PAHO/WHO
- Addresses by:
 - Brazil – Plínio Lopez
 - Paraguay – Manoel Barbosa
- 16:00 - 16:15 Discussion and conclusions
- 16:15 - 16:30 Break (Visit to posters)
- 16:30 - 18:00 **THEME IV: Diagnostics**
- Introduction to the theme - Rossana Allende - PANAFTOSA – PAHO/WHO
 - Argentina – E. Maradei
 - Debat of the participants countries
- 18:00 - 18:15 Discussion and conclusions

TUESDAY, 8 May 2012

- 08:30 - 10:00 **THEME V: Prevention in free zones**
- Introduction to the theme - José Naranjo - PANAFTOSA – PAHO/WHO
- Addresses by:
• Chile – Marta Rojas
• Perú – Glen Hauze
- 10:00 - 10:15 Discussion and conclusions
- 10:15 - 10:30 Break (Visit to posters)
- 10:30 - 12:00 **THEME VI: Forum on relations between the public and the private sectors**
- Introduction to the theme - Julio Pompei – PANAFTOSA – PAHO/WHO
- Addresses by:
• Ecuador, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela
- 12:00 - 12:30 Discussion and conclusions
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:30 **THEME VII: Forum on the incorporation of family farming and small producers into the eradication program**
- Introduction to the theme – Félix Otazú – SENACSA - Paraguay
- Addresses by:
• Peru, Uruguay, Colombia, and Chile
- 15:30 - 15:45 Discussion and conclusions
- 15:45 - 16:00 Break (Visit to posters)
- 16:00 - 17:00 Pre-COSALFA Seminar **Conclusions and Recommendations**