Report of the Regional Conference in Cebu 2013

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28th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania
Cebu City, Philippines
18 - 22 November 2013
Regional Seminar for OIE Delegates on Activities of Specialist Commissions (18 November 2014)

Pre-Conference Activity

Specialist Commissions
- Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission
- Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission
- Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases
- Biological Standards Commission
One hundred and five (105) participants, comprising OIE Delegates and/or nominees of 22 Member Countries, senior officers from 5 international organisations and local observers attended the conference. Delegates and participants came from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.
Press Conference
Meeting of Dr. Karin Schwabenbauer, President of the OIE, with lady OIE delegates, OIE representatives and local observers
Items Discussed

1. OIE Activities and Vision for the 21st Century
2. Activities of the Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania
3. Activities of the OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific
4. Activities of the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia
5. Technical Item I: The use of cost-benefit analysis in animal disease control, including practical examples from the region
6. Update on the Improved Animal Welfare Programme (IAWP) and on the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy
Items Discussed

7. OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission – Issues of interest to the Region – Challenges and proposals

8. Animal health situation of Member Countries in the region during the first semester of 2013

9. Technical Item II: PRRS control in the Region

10. Facilitation of international competition horse movement – A new OIE initiative

11. OIE Initiative on the establishment of an alliance of countries with pastoralism activities by nomadic populations

12. Regional initiatives for rabies control
Items Discussed

13. Strengthening relationship between the Delegate and Focal Points

14. Roadmap for FMD Control in East Asia

15. The OIE 6th Strategic Plan – Concepts & Perspectives

16. Presentations by international and regional organisations

17. Other matters:
   - Proposal for designation of a new Collaborating Centre
   - Date, venue and technical item with questionnaire for the 29th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania
Adoption of the Draft Final Report and Recommendations
OIE Member Countries to:

1. Consider **economic analyses in the planning** of animal disease control programmes;

2. Identify the **sources of demographic and epidemiological data** to support economic analyses and consider the means of addressing the gaps in this information;

3. Encourage **publication and dissemination of economic analyses** undertaken in their countries in order to share with one another findings and methodologies used in performing economic analyses of animal disease control;
Recommendation No. 1
The use of cost-benefit analysis in animal disease control, including practical examples from the region

OIE Member Countries to:

4. **Identify economists** in their Veterinary Services, universities and other institutions, and establish working relationships between these experts, policy analysts and decision makers to support the development of capability in economic analysis of disease control and eradication programmes;

The OIE to:

5. Continue to advocate, at high level, on the economic benefit of animal disease control;
Recommendation No. 1
The use of cost-benefit analysis in animal disease control, including practical examples from the region

The OIE to:

6. Promote the use of economic analyses of animal disease control and eradication programmes by delivering regional workshops;

7. Support economic analyses of animal disease control programmes by producing a special publication on socio-economic analysis of animal disease impact that could be then translated in relevant national languages, if resources are available;
The OIE to:

8. Support economic analyses of animal disease control programmes by maintaining an indexed register of analyses undertaken by Member Countries and providing a list of relevant experts;

9. Promote the establishment of an OIE Collaborating Centre on the use of economic analysis in animal disease control; and

10. Establish an *ad hoc* Group and publish guidelines on economic analysis in animal health policies including disease control and eradication.
Recommendation No. 2
PRRS control in the region

OIE Member Countries to:

1. Establish more effective measures to **strengthen border controls through mutual collaboration** with their neighbouring countries;

2. Systematically **notify the occurrence of PRRS** in a timely manner using the OIE World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS);

3. Develop a **national disease control strategy** for PRRS and other infectious diseases of swine addressing, among others, animal movement management and control to prevent the spread of PRRS virus;
OIE Member Countries to:

4. **Conduct risk and impact assessments** along the production chains to add to our understanding of PRRS;

5. **Increase their surveillance for swine diseases** as well as their capacities at all levels, including national laboratory networks;

6. Encourage the **establishment and the improvement of biosecurity measures** to limit and prevent the spread of PRRS viruses;

7. Promote the **appropriate use of safe and efficient vaccines** matching circulating strains as a tool to reduce clinical disease;
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OIE Member Countries to:

8. **Collaborate and share information** using all appropriate mechanisms, including regional GF-TADs, in order to ensure a harmonised approach to PRRS control strategies;

9. **Take better advantage of the expertise** available in the OIE Reference Centres;

10. **Be actively engaged in commenting on the Terrestrial Animal Health Code** chapter on infection with PRRS virus to be circulated soon;

11. **Support the National Veterinary Service of Member Countries** in building capacity in terms of epidemiology, early detection, and appropriate response to PRRS;
The OIE to:

12. **Promote research activities** regarding pathogenicity, immunity, epidemiology, improvement of vaccines, development of a diagnostic marker to accurate predict the virulence of an isolate, and a DIVA method to differentiate vaccine strains and field viruses;

13. **Develop**, in the *Terrestrial Manual*, **new standards on the quality of vaccines for PRRS**; and

14. In collaboration with other international and regional organisations, **support the development and publication of scientific information on PRRS**, including on biosecurity and surveillance.
Date and Venue of the Next Conference

29th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania

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Thank You Very Much!