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Day 1

17th of April 2019

Time	Item	Presenter
09:00		Opening of the Session <i>FAO, OIE, DG SANTE</i>
09:20	1	Adoption of the Agenda <i>J. Angot, EuFMD</i>
09:25	2	Global and Regional surveillance reports <i>D. King, WRL/TPI</i>
09:50		Progress of the GF-TADS Global Strategy <i>FMD working Group</i>
10:20	3	Transboundary disease risks in the European region: situation report, co-ordination arrangements and priorities for future actions to reduce risk <i>F. Rosso, EuFMD</i>
10:40		Break
11:00	4	Technical Point 1. Modelling FMD and transboundary diseases at European scale: potential for optimizing control measures at regional and national scales <i>K. Mintiens, EuFMD</i>
11:30	5	Technical Point 2. Biosecurity classification of holdings in Europe: potential gains for the public and private sectors in disease emergencies <i>J. Dewulf, University of Ghent</i>
12:00		Technical Point 3. How prepared are we? Towards a framework for better planning and testing of emergency preparedness <i>S. Gaynor, EuFMD</i>
12:30		Lunch
14:00	6	Technical point 4. Early warning and better preparedness for FMD and similar TADS in the European neighbourhood: the case for an integrated approach <i>F. Rosso, EuFMD</i>
14:30	7	Report of the Executive Committee on the actions since the 42 nd Session <i>EuFMD team</i>
		Report of the Training evaluation <i>W. Wapenaar, University of Nottingham</i>
15:00		Break
15:30	8	Proposed updating to the four year Strategic Plan (2019-2022) – Introduction <i>K. Sumption, EuFMD</i>
15:45		a. Improved preparedness for management of FMD and similar TADS (“FAST diseases”) crises by Members and across Europe as a whole <i>M. de la Puente, EuFMD</i>
16:05		b. Reduced risk to Members from the FAST disease (FMD and similar TADS) situation in the European neighbourhood <i>F. Rosso, EuFMD</i>
16:25		c. Sustained progress of the GF-TADS Global Strategy against FMD and the improved security of supply of effective vaccines <i>N. Lyons, EuFMD</i>
16:45		Discussion
17:30		Side-events foyer: presentation of Get Prepared; EuFMDis; Training
19:00		Bus departs for Dinner
19:30		Dinner at Taverna Capranica

Day 2

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Time	Item		Presenter
09:00	9	Information Session - Current FMD Situation in: Turkey	<i>A. Bulut</i>
09:20		Israel	<i>T. Gosher</i>
09:35		Georgia	<i>Z.Rukhadze</i>
09:55	10	Report on the status of FMD antigen and vaccine banks in the European Neighbourhood	<i>K. Krstevski, EuFMD</i>
10:10	11	Report of the Standing Technical Committee (STC) and its working groups	<i>E. Ryan, Chair of the STC</i>
10:30		Break	
11:00	12	Minimum Standards for laboratory containment of foot-and-mouth disease virus: proposed updating	<i>K. Tjørnehøj, National Veterinary Institute, Technical University, Denmark</i>
11:25		Training planned on Biorisk management	
11:30	13	Proposal for Technical Committees and their functions in the upcoming biennium	<i>K. Sumption, EuFMD</i>
11:50	14	Financial Report, Budget and membership contributions for the biennium 2018-2019	<i>K. Sumption, EuFMD</i>
		a. Administrative Fund	
		b. Emergency Fund and EC Trust Fund	
12:20	15	Election of the Executive Committee	<i>FAO</i>
13:00	16	Any other issues (recognitions for service)	
13:15	17	Draft Conclusions	<i>K. Sumption, EuFMD</i>
13:30		Closing	



A note on speakers

D. King: Head of the FAO World Reference Laboratory for FMD and an OIE expert for foot-and-mouth disease and swine vesicular disease. He works at The Pirbright Institute in the United Kingdom and coordinates international FMD surveillance activities undertaken by the global OIE/FAO FMD Laboratory Network for FMD.

F. Rosso: Manager for Pillar II - Risk reduction programme. He is involved in coordinating the activities aimed at reducing the risk to EuFMD Member countries through the progressive control of FMD in the European neighbourhood (North Africa, Middle East and South East Europe). He also works as senior veterinary officer in Malta.

K. Mintiens: FMD Quantitative Risk Assessor for EuFMD, managing contingency planning and enhancing preparedness for Member States. He has over 25 years of experience in helping farmers, industry and government with managing animal diseases and welfare in livestock in Low, Middle, and High income countries. He has key expertise in quantitative risk analysis, epidemiology, biostatistics and international project management.

J. Dewulf: Professor in Veterinary Epidemiology at Ghent University, Belgium. He has long standing experience in studying biosecurity as a tool to control endemic and epidemic animal diseases. He is the creator of the Biocheck.Ugent biosecurity scoring system.

S. Gaynor: Emergency Preparedness Officer for EuFMD, involved mainly in simulation exercises, training and guideline documents. In her previous experience as an official veterinarian in Ireland she was involved in exotic disease control and emergency preparedness for 20 years.

M. de la Puente: Coordinates Pillar I activities for EuFMD as FMD risk management specialist. She is involved in delivering training for Member States and the adaptation of the Australian Animal Disease Spread Model (AADIS) to Europe to develop a multi-country FMD spread model (EuFMDIS). She has been involved for the last 6 years in the BTSF initiative as tutor and training coordinator.

N. Lyons: Manages Pillar III for EuFMD and is a veterinary epidemiologist. In addition to his role at EuFMD, he is a research fellow at the Pirbright Institute where he works on field-based vaccine evaluation, novel surveillance tools and the socio-economic burden of livestock diseases. He works mainly in East Africa and the Middle East.

E. Ryan: Head of Ruminant Animal Health division in the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. He previously worked in EuFMD. He has been on the EuFMD Standing Technical Committee since 2014, acting as chair since 2015.

M. Stone: Deputy Director General, International Standards and Science, at the World Organisation for Animal Health, OIE. Before that, he worked as a veterinary epidemiologist in various roles for the New Zealand government.

W. Wapenaar: Clinical Associate Professor in Cattle Health and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, Nottingham University, UK. Within the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science she leads the development and implementation of digital learning and assessment during the 5-year veterinary degree course.

K. Krstevski: Short Term placement in the EuFMD where he coordinates the activities for support of the national FMD laboratories in the Balkan region. He is seconded by the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University-Faculty of Veterinary Medicine from North Macedonia, where he manages the work of the national animal health laboratory and gives lectures in infectious diseases.

K. Tjørnehøj: Chair of the EuFMD Special Committee for Biorisk Management (SCBRM). Senior Adviser and Biosafety Officer for the high-containment facilities of the National Veterinary Institute, Technical University of Denmark, at Lindholm Island. She has coordinated review process of the FMD Minimum Biorisk Management Standards during 2018-2019.

