



Workshop

# **Strengthening research capacity in veterinary science through the consolidation of a collaborative network**

***Agenda***

Teramo, 1-2 March, 2017

International Centre for Veterinary Training and Information (CIFIV)

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale"

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## **Introduction**

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise “G. Caporale” (IZSAM) organises the workshop titled “**Strengthening research capacity in veterinary science through the consolidation of a collaborative network**” with the participation of representatives of National Competent Authorities, Laboratories, Universities from 12 invited African countries. The event will take place at the International Centre for Veterinary Training and Information (CIFIV), in Teramo, Italy on 1-2 March 2017.

Since early ‘90s, IZSAM has adopted an international policy based on a supranational approach toward human and animal health. This approach favoured the implementation of stable and lasting relationships with African countries and scientific communities.

Considering the world population growth and its impact on the environment, the identification of sustainable development strategies inevitably passes through the strengthening of scientific research. This crucial task has to be faced with a global approach oriented towards skills improvement and sharing. Collaborative networking is an essential prerequisite to permeate the international scientific contest, since networking may foster research spreading and research-to-action processes.

The aim of the workshop is to assess how collaborative networks, established by IZSAM in the last decades thanks to international projects carried out with African partner institutions, can be improved in order to mutually increase research capacities and optimise exchanges in terms of scientific knowledge, researcher mobility, access to logistics and technical resources. The strengthening of synergic durable relationships may foster the development of research initiatives, oriented to the promotion of veterinary public health and the stimulation of sustainable development processes.

The workshop will represent an opportunity for IZSAM and the invited countries and organisations to assess the results of the existing collaborative relationships and the research developed so far, in order to identify relevant and shared research objectives and appraise opportunities for collaboration and contributions arising from the network. The event will also favour exchange and interaction between the Italian and African research reality and entities, representing the private sector and civil society, operating in Africa with a public-private partnership.

The Italian Ministry of Health and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will sustain the organisation of this workshop, providing their contribution to the achievement of the workshop goals. The Italian Istituti Zooprofilattici Sperimentali (IIZZSS) have been invited to provide their contribution and expertise.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of the workshop are:

- to share results of the collaborative scientific relationships among IZSAM and the African countries;
  - to define research capacity, assessing the role of a strengthened scientific collaboration;
  - to identify future areas of collaboration, on the basis of the scientific skills gathered within the network, and research priorities defined in national strategic plans;
  - to build a road map in order to outline future and shared commitments for 2017-2021.
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## ***Participants***

Invited participants from National Competent Authorities, National Central Laboratories, and Universities of the following African countries: Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Technical-scientific contributions of the International Organisations, Italian Ministry of Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Istituti Zooprofilattici Sperimentali, Local Authorities and organisations of the civil societies are foreseen.

A professional journalist with experience and knowledge of the African context will be invited to facilitate the debate.

## ***Organisation***

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## **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

*March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017*

<b>TIMETABLE</b>	<b>SESSION I: SETTING THE SCENARIO</b>	<b>SESSION CHAIRMAN: Mauro Mattioli</b>
9.00	Opening Remarks	Mauro Mattioli <i>DG, IZSAM</i> Manola Di Pasquale <i>President, Board of administration, IZSAM</i> Luciano D'Alfonso <i>President of Abruzzo Region</i> (tbc) Paolo Di Laura Frattura <i>President of Molise Region</i> (tbc) Romano Marabelli <i>Secretary General, Italian Ministry of Health</i>
9.30	Research and scientific cooperation: Africa-Europe partnership	Massimo Zaurrini <i>Journalist</i>
9.55	Research and development in Africa: building a lasting and trustful relationship	Massimo Scacchia <i>IZSAM</i>
10.15	The Italy-Africa initiative: the role of the Italian cooperation system	Emilio Ciarlo <i>Head, Institutional relations and Communication, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation</i>
10.40	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>TIMETABLE</b>	<b>SESSION II: OPPORTUNITIES, FINANCIAL TOOLS, STRENGTHS AND THREATS IN VETERINARY COOPERATIVE RESEARCH</b>	<b>SESSION CHAIRMAN: Massimo Zaurrini</b>
11.15	Twinning Projects of the World Organisation for Animal Health: strategies, development, results	Tomoko Ishibashi <i>SM, International Trade Department, OIE</i>
11.45	New technologies applied to veterinary services and laboratories: intelligence for disease surveillance in Africa	Eran Raizman <i>Head of EMPRES, FAO</i>
12.15	Networking veterinary laboratories in Africa to build and sustain capacity and transfer technology – the VETLAB Network	Giovanni Cattoli <i>Head, Animal Production and Health Laboratory, Joint FAO/IAEA Division</i>
12.45	Discussion	
13.15	<i>Lunch</i>	

14.30	<b>Strengths and threats in cooperative research. Experiences in:</b>	<b>Contributions from:</b>
14.35	OIE Twinning Project on CBPP	Chandapiwa Marobela <i>Head, Botswana National Veterinary Laboratory Botswana</i>
14.55	A long term collaboration including export meat and residues analysis	Siegfried Khaiseb <i>Head, Central Veterinary Laboratory Namibia</i>
15.15	Animal Identification and Registration Systems for Zambian livestock	Anna Songolo <i>Head of Research and Epidemiology Ministry of Fishery and Livestock Zambia</i>
15.35	SADC Laboratory Networking Initiatives: Adopting the “One Health” concept in regional disease diagnosis and control	Pious Makaya <i>Head, Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostics and Research Zimbabwe</i>
15.55	<i>Coffee-break</i>	
16.30	SILAB for Africa: Tanzania Veterinary Laboratory Agency Perspective	Joseph Masambu <i>TVLA Tanzania</i>
16.50	Quality system management to improve diagnostic activities	Assia Kassab <i>Ministry of Agriculture, rural development and fishery Algeria</i>
17.10	Animal health situation and identification of strategic areas for future research and collaboration activities	Heni Haj Ammar <i>Head, Infectious Disease Department Ministry of Agriculture Tunisia</i>
17.30	Experiences in research activities in African countries	Antonio Fasanella <i>DG, IZSPB Romano Zilli Research and Cooperation Grant Unit, IZSLT IZS Sicilia</i>
18.15	Discussion, synthesis and closure	<i>Scientific Committee</i>
20.00	<i>Social event</i>	

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<b>TIMETABLE</b>	<b>SESSION III: NEW RESEARCH GOALS FOR THE EXISTING COLLABORATION NETWORKS. ROUNDTABLE</b>	<b>SESSION CHAIRMAN: Massimo Scacchia</b>
9.00 – 10.45	Introduction	Massimo Scacchia IZSAM
	Animal health including zoonoses	Discussion facilitated by Botswana and Algeria
	Food safety	Discussion facilitated by Tunisia and Namibia
10.45	<i>Coffee-break</i>	
11.15 – 13.00	Animal welfare	Discussion facilitated by South Africa
	Veterinary training	Discussion facilitated by South Africa and Namibia
	North –South Networks: strengthening collaboration in research and training	Koos Coetzer <i>Professor Emeritus, University of Pretoria, South Africa</i>
	Veterinary epidemiology	Discussion facilitated by Zambia and Morocco
	Information systems	Discussion facilitated by Tanzania
	Building sustainable and interoperable Health Information Systems across public sector: a South to South Cooperation model	Alessandro Campione <i>PD, Jembi Health Systems</i>
	Discussion and synthesis	<i>Scientific Committee</i>
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
<b>TIMETABLE</b>	<b>SESSION IV: NEW GOVERNANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY COOPERATION</b>	<b>SESSION CHAIRMAN: Massimo Zurrini</b>
14.30	Epidemiological situation in North-Africa and its impact on socio-economic and research strategies	Rachid Bouguedour <i>Sub-regional Representation for North Africa, OIE</i>
14.50	Veterinary cooperation and IIZZSS network	Marco Ianniello <i>DG Animal Health, Italian Ministry of Health</i>
15.10	Focus countries and policy areas: the Italian cooperation three year plan (2015-2017)	Federico Lorenzo Ramaioli <i>Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>
15.30	The role of the Direction General for communication and European and international relationships to support sanitary collaboration	Gaetana Ferri <i>DG, Direction General for communication and European and international relationships, Italian Ministry of Health</i>

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15.50	The role of the Italian industry for a safe development of agri-food in Africa	Giovanni Sorlini, <i>QAM, INALCA</i>
16.10	Discussion	Massimo Zaurrini <i>Journalist</i>
16.30	Closing Remarks	Marco Ianniello <i>DG Animal Health, Italian Ministry of Health</i> Mauro Mattioli, <i>DG, IZSAM</i>

## ***Conference Chairman***

Massimo Scacchia

## ***Scientific Committee***

Mauro Mattioli (Chairman)

Rossella Lelli

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