



Expert workshop

OIE laboratory network on diseases of camelids

Teramo, Italy. October, 21-22, 2011

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Introduction

The need to set up a network of laboratories for diseases of camelids was expressed by the OIE *ad hoc* group on this issue and confirmed by the OIE Biological Standards Commission. The network should build up processes and tools to facilitate the fight against the most important diseases of camelids, to exchange information and to standardise and validate diagnostic tests according to the OIE Terrestrial Manual.

This workshop follows the meeting of the OIE *ad hoc* group on diseases of camelids, held in Paris, May 3-5, 2010. As stated in the meeting report, *the group agreed on the need to set up a network of laboratories for diseases of camelids with the main objective of exchanging information and validating diagnostic tests that were currently used for the significant diseases in other species for the different species of camelids.*

The network to be implemented should include three types of laboratories: *OIE Reference Laboratories for the diseases of interest, associated research laboratories and laboratories in camel-rearing countries that were first in line to collect data and samples in the field. The countries to be involved would be, but not limited to, Argentina, Chad, Chile, China (People's Rep. of), Djibouti, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mauritania, Mongolia, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, the USA and Yemen.*

This workshop is intended to be an exploratory meeting, aiming at setting up rules and procedures to activate the proposed network.

Objectives

The objectives of the training workshop are:

- to review the major outcomes of the last meeting of the OIE *ad hoc* group on diseases of camelids;
- to share and discuss objectives, rules and procedures to activate an OIE laboratory network on diseases of camelids;
- to prepare a working plan to achieve the network implementation in a short term provision.

Language

The working language is English.

Agenda

October 21st, 2011

Time	Resources	Subject
09,00	V. Caporale	Welcome and purposes of the meeting
09,20	M. El Harrak	Meeting of the OIE ad hoc group on diseases of camelids.(Paris. May 3-5, 2010): final conclusions and recommendations
11,00		Coffee-break
11,30	Chairman: M. El Harrak Rapporteur: TBD	Validation of diagnostic methods for viral diseases in camelids: OIE standard requirements for diagnostic methods validation, choice of diagnostic methods for priority viral diseases, suggestion for future activity of the camelid laboratory network in view of the validation of diagnostic methods Short introduction and discussion
13,00		lunch
14,00	Chairman: M. El Harrak Rapporteur: TBD	Validation of diagnostic methods of bacterial, parasitic and fungal diseases in camelids: choice of diagnostic methods for priority bacterial, parasitic and fungal diseases, suggestion for future activity of the camelid laboratory network in view of the validation of diagnostic methods Short introduction and discussion
16,30		Coffee-break
17,00		Visit to Istituto G. Caporale
19,30		Welcome dinner

October 22nd, 2011

Time	Resources	Subject
09,00	Chairman: M. El Harrak Rapporteur: TBD	Vaccines against diseases of camelids and vaccine validation protocols Short introduction and discussion
11,00		Coffee-break
11,30	Vincenzo Caporale	Encouraging twinning projects between OIE laboratories of reference and laboratories in camel-rearing countries as a tool to foster the building of camelids diaseses laboratory network Building a network: setting up rules and procedures
12,30	V. Caporale M. El Harrak	Conclusions and definition of a working plan
13,30		lunch
14,30		Departure to the airport

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