

**MEETING OF THE
NETWORK OF OIE BLUETONGUE REFERENCE LABORATORIES**

Torre di Cerrano, Teramo, Italy 1-2 June 2009

Draft agenda

Monday, 1 June 2009

Morning

1. Welcome (V. Caporale)
2. Objectives of the meeting.
(V. Caporale)
3. The evolution of the OIE-WAHIS system (A. Ripani)
4. Overview of the networking activities performed by the OIE Bluetongue Reference Laboratories (R. Lelli)
5. Web-based network of OIE Bluetongue Reference Laboratories:
 - 5.1 General overview (P. Calistri)
 - 5.2 BTV strain database (F. Monaco)
 - 5.3 Web Geographic Information System (A. Conte)
6. Discussion
Chairperson: A. Petrini

Afternoon

7. Short presentations
 - "Information dissemination and the UK's response to Bluetongue", OIE and EC Reference laboratory for Bluetongue, Pirbright, UK, C. Oura
 - "Bluetongue surveillance activities in California", School of Veterinary Medicine University of California, Davis, N. J. MacLachlan
 - "Unusual BTV Cases", Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute, Onderstepoort, South Africa, T. Gerdes
 - "Recent Bluetongue Activities at the National Veterinary Services", Diagnostic Virology Laboratory, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, United States of America, E. N. Ostlund
 - "Recent Activities in Diagnosis and Surveillance for BTV in Australia", Australian Animal Health Laboratory, CSIRO Livestock Industries, R. Lunt
 - "Equine encephalosis, Israel", OIE ad hoc group on Bluetongue, Israel, A. Shimshony

- "International surveillance of Bluetongue in the European Union -EU Btnet", IZS A&M, P. Calistri
- "Cross placental transmission of some Bluetongue isolates other than BTV-8", IZS A&M, G. Savini
- Innovative eLearning system for the agricultural sector of the Mediterranean countries: recognition, diagnosis, control and prevention of arthropod-borne diseases (eMed): preliminary outputs, IZS A&M, S. D'Albenzio

Chairperson : R. Lelli

Tuesday, 2 June 2009

Morning

Network policy for the involvement of National Reference Laboratories
(Discussion chaired by the Network Secretariat)

Future activities and improvements of the network and collaborative projects
(Discussion chaired by the Network Secretariat)

Appointment of new Secretariat

General Conclusions and Recommendations. Approval of the final report