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**LIST OF SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED BY  
THE OFFICE INTERNATIONAL DES EPIZOOTIES (OIE) IN 2002  
AND PLANNED FOR 2003**

Seminars and workshops in each region

Title	Purpose	Date	Participants and participating countries	Location
<b>AFRICA</b>				
<p><b>Seminar on Health Surveillance and Emerging Diseases</b></p> <p>This seminar was organised by the OIE Regional Representation for Africa and the Central Bureau of the OIE, with the support of the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Cooperation), OAU/IBAR<sup>1</sup> through the PACE<sup>2</sup> programme financed by the European Union.</p>	<p>To discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- animal disease information systems</li> <li>- the control of emerging diseases</li> <li>- strengthening food safety in international trade of animal products, developing this trade and protecting public health</li> </ul>	<p>28 to 31 January 2002</p>	<p>82 participants and 15 speakers from 41 countries and four international organisations, bilateral sponsors and research institutes: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Comores, Congo, Congo (Dem Rep), Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.</p> <p>International and regional organisations: OAU/IBAR/PACE, CIRAD-EMVT<sup>3</sup>, European Commission, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Cooperation)</p>	<p>Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)</p>
<p><b>Workshop on support for the preparation of health documents by OIE Member Countries</b></p> <p>This workshop was organised by the PACE Coordination and the OIE Regional Representation for Africa</p>	<p>To assist the Member Countries in the procedure for declaring their country free from rinderpest</p>	<p>11 to 15 February 2002</p>	<p>11 countries participated: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo</p>	<p>Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)</p>
<p><b>OIE/FAO/World Bank Seminar on the Organisation of Veterinary Services and Food Safety for OIE Member Countries from Africa and the Middle East</b></p> <p>This seminar was organised within the framework of the World Veterinary Congress</p>	<p>To discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- collaboration with the world veterinary profession</li> <li>- participation of Veterinary Services in international health negotiations and raising awareness amongst political decision-makers</li> <li>- proceedings of international organizations</li> <li>- organisation of the Veterinary Services of developing countries,</li> <li>- training for Veterinary Service agents</li> <li>- collaboration of Veterinary Services with private veterinarians</li> <li>- Veterinary Service partners</li> </ul>	<p>27 and 28 September 2002</p>	<p>85 participants and 22 speakers, from 55 countries and 7 international organisations, participated in the seminar: Countries: Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Congo (Dem Rep), Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Kuwait, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Yemen, Zambia. Speakers from: Brazil, France, Germany, Ireland,</p>	<p>Tunis (Tunisia)</p>

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			Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Morocco, Netherlands New Zealand, OIE, Senegal, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, United States of America. International and regional organisations: OAU/IBAR/PACE, CIRAD/EMVT, European Commission, FAO, PANAFTOSA (PAHO) <sup>4</sup> , WHO, WTO, WAAP <sup>5</sup> , World Bank	
<b>AMERICAS</b>				
<b>First Regional Workshop on TSE in Animals</b>  This workshop was held at the Laboratory of INTA <sup>6</sup> , Castelar	To discuss: - harmonization and standardization of diagnostic procedures for TSE in animals - up-date of disease surveillance in the Region - recommendations on procedures and organization of a diagnostic network in the region	5 to 11 May 2002	Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Chile, France, Guatemala, Panama, Dominican Republic, Switzerland, Uruguay and USA FAO, PANAFTOSA (OPS/OMS) <sup>7</sup> ENFER-ABOTT BIORAD PRIONICS (ROCHE)	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
<b>The 8<sup>th</sup> Seminar on Harmonisation and Control of Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products</b>	Harmonization of biological products, pharmacological active principles and GMP	9 to 16 August 2002	Argentina, Brazil, Belize, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, USDA-APHIS <sup>8</sup> (USA), Venezuela, CAPROVE (Argentina) <sup>9</sup> SINDAN (Brazil) <sup>10</sup> , Agencia Española de Medicamentos (Spain), IFAH <sup>11</sup> , PANAFTOSA (OPS/OMS), INFARVET (Mexico) <sup>12</sup> , F ILASA (USA) <sup>13</sup> , AVISA (Venezuela) <sup>14</sup> , CEV (Uruguay) <sup>15</sup>	Merida, Yucatan (Mexico)
<b>Seminar on Avian Influenza, experiences in America</b>  This seminar was organised jointly with the Latin-American Association on Poultry (ALA), during the 17 <sup>th</sup> Poultry Congress for Central America and the Caribbean (FEDAVIAC)	To inform, clarify and promote actions to better knowledge of Avian Influenza by the countries of the Region	2 October 2002	This activity was hold during the 17 <sup>th</sup> Poultry Congress for Central America and the Caribbean and the countries participating in this congress attended this seminar as well; 400 people participated	La Havana (Cuba)

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<b>Meeting to constitute a permanent commission on TSE in animals for Americas</b>	To create a commission to explain free-status recognition pathway of countries or zones, improve diagnostic capabilities and evaluate risk analysis for TSEs in the countries of the Region in relation to the OIE International Animal Health Code	5 and 6 December 2002	Argentina, Ecuador, Paraguay, USDA-APHIS (USA), Uruguay, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, OIE (Central Bureau), Peru, FAO, PANAFTOSA (OPS/OMS), INTA (Argentina)	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
<b>Course on quality and audit systems for manufacturers of Veterinary Medicines</b>	Objectives: - to promote technical updating of participants on HACCP - to standardise criteria on technical interpretation of the requirements of the international norms - to harmonise the application of criteria for inspections - to reflect on the impact the inspections produce in quality, safety and therapeutic efficiency of medicines	10 to 21 March 2003	Official and private veterinary services of the American countries and members of FILASA	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Seminar on Harmonisation and Control of Veterinary Drugs, and 3<sup>rd</sup> CAMEVET<sup>16</sup> Assembly</b>	Continue Harmonisation of Register and Control of Veterinary Medicines by technical guides. Meeting of CAMEVET regarding actions to improve GMP systems.	11 to 15 August 2003	Officials of the Veterinary Services of the American countries and veterinary medicines industry of the American countries and members of FILASA	Buenos Aires, (Argentina)
<b>EUROPE</b>				
<b>Seminar on the fulfilment on the part of East European countries (CIS) of the Third OIE Strategic Plan one year after its implementation</b>	To discuss - current structure and quality of Veterinary Services - information system put in place - veterinary sanitary control, border control, surveillance of animals - surveillance and control from the farm to the market carried out for infectious diseases - contact between national Veterinary Services and the State - seminars, OIE General Session, etc. - contact between national Veterinary Services and the OIE	24 to 29 June 2002	16 countries participated:  Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Macedonia (FRY), Mongolia, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan	Teramo (Italy)

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	- measures for protection against bio-terrorism			
<b>Seminar for Chief Veterinary Officers and Deans from Veterinary faculties to discuss veterinary education within the context of the political and economic changes in the East European countries</b>	-	May 2003	Countries from the CIS, Balkan and Baltic areas	Kiev (Ukraine)
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>				
<b>Workshop on the Surveillance and Control of the Main Epizootics in the Middle East</b>	To discuss <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- animal health status in the region</li> <li>- organisation of Veterinary Services</li> <li>- control of FMD and FMD virus strains in the region</li> <li>- control of brucellosis</li> <li>- brief overview of other major diseases in the region</li> <li>- surveillance programmes of epizootics</li> </ul>	4 to 7 May 2002	57 participants attended the workshop: Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, France, India, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen. International or regional organisations: AFSSA <sup>17</sup> , FAO, MERIAL	Cairo (Egypt)
<b>Joint WHO/MZCP<sup>18</sup> – OIE Regional Representation for the Middle East Training Course on Emerging and Re-emerging Zoonotic Diseases: Intersectoral Surveillance</b>	To discuss <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- emerging and re-emerging zoonotic and food-borne diseases</li> <li>- intersectoral surveillance system planning</li> <li>- screening and diagnostic characteristics</li> <li>- measures of disease frequency</li> <li>- types of data, and describing and summarising data</li> <li>- studying designs and sampling methodology</li> <li>- basics steps of analysis</li> <li>- questionnaire design</li> <li>- case/outbreak investigation</li> <li>- prioritise actions</li> </ul>	24 to 29 June 2002	25 trainees, representing both the public health and animal health sectors, participated from 13 MZCP Member Countries : Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, France, Lebanon, WHO, OIE	Beirut (Lebanon)

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<b>Workshop on Camels and Wildlife diseases</b>	To discuss: - animal health and Veterinary Services status of the countries in the region - control of camel diseases in the Middle East - control of wildlife diseases - procedures and certification for trade in animals and animal products in the Greater Horn of Africa and the Middle East region	3 to 5 March 2003	2 delegates from each Member Country of the Regional Commission for the Middle East, REVC <sup>19</sup> , AU/IBAR, FAO	Sana'a (Yemen)
<b>ASIA</b>				
<b>Eighth Meeting of OIE Sub-Commission for FMD in South East Asia (SEAFMD)</b>	To review progress of the Programme of FMD control in South East Asia	3 to 8 March 2002	81 participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, USA and international organisations including AusAid, ACIAR <sup>20</sup> , EU, FAO, ILRI <sup>21</sup> and JICA <sup>22</sup> .	Penang (Malaysia)
<b>OIE/JLTA<sup>23</sup> Symposium on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)</b>  This symposium was held in collaboration with the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Labour	To provide updated information on BSE and to discuss and evaluate the cases reported in Japan	4 July 2002	About 650 participants from producers, processors, consumers, mass-media, universities and research institutions, administrative organisations in Japan	Tokyo (Japan)
<b>2nd OIE/FAO-APHCA<sup>24</sup> Regional Workshop on the WTO SPS Agreement</b>  This workshop was held in cooperation with the Department of Livestock Development, Thailand, Free University of Berlin, Germany, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, and the Japan Livestock Technology Association)	To train government officials, in particular at technical level in the Asia and the Pacific Region, on the roles of WTO/SPS Agreement, the OIE International Animal Health Code, the OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines and the Codex Alimentarius	8 to 12 July 2002	34 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and PR China. Speakers from Germany, Switzerland and Egypt. OIE Regional Representation and FAO-APHCA.	Chiang Mai (Thailand)

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<b>OIE/FAVA<sup>25</sup> Special Session (OIE Satellite Seminar) on Emerging Diseases</b>	To increase public awareness of the importance of emerging diseases related to public health	27 August 2002	About 250 participants from various countries in Asia and the Pacific including Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, USA, etc. and international organisations including OIE, FAO and World Veterinary Association.	Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
<b>2nd OIE Workshop on Animal Movement Management in the Lower Mekong Basin</b>	To discuss animal movement management and to find pilot projects for this purpose in the Lower Mekong Basin	8 to 13 September 2002	35 participants of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, People's Republic of China and international organizations including OIE, Japan International Cooperation Agency.	Hanoi (Vietnam)
<b>2nd Conference on International Harmonisation of Veterinary Medicinal Products</b>	To discuss and report the progress of activities related to International harmonization of veterinary medicinal Products.	9 to 11 October 2002	About 200 participants from EU, USA, Japan, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, France, Germany, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Slovenia, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and international organisations from OIE and VICH <sup>26</sup> .	Tokyo (Japan)
<b>Regional BSE Seminar and Workshop</b>  This seminar and workshop were jointly organised by the OIE, USDA, DVS <sup>27</sup> and JLTA	To discuss <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BSE disease status world-wide</li> <li>- current science of BSE</li> <li>- other TSEs</li> <li>- laboratory diagnosis</li> <li>- experiences of BSE surveillance and the rapid tests in Switzerland and the EU</li> <li>- BSE preventive and control strategies at the national level</li> <li>- USA surveillance programme</li> <li>- Japan's programme for BSE control measures</li> <li>- rapid tests for diagnosis of BSE, in particular the tests for surveillance</li> <li>- importance of risk analysis</li> <li>- preparation and histopathological findings of brain tissues of TSEs</li> </ul>	28 October to 1 November 2002	About 200 participants attended the seminar from various fields, including animal health and public health from the following countries:  Cambodia (two government officers), Hong Kong, China (one), Indonesia (two), Japan (one speaker), Laos (two), Malaysia (10 and many observers), Myanmar (one), People's Republic of China (two), Sri Lanka (two), Switzerland (one speaker), United States of America (one organiser and two speakers) and the OIE (the reporting officer)	Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh (Malaysia)

Title	Purpose	Date	Participants and participating countries	Location
<p><b>SEAFDEC<sup>28</sup> Hands-on Training Workshop on Important Viral Diseases of Shrimp and Marine Fish</b></p> <p>This workshop was organised in collaboration with NACA<sup>29</sup></p>	<p>To discuss importance of viral diseases of shrimp and marine fish and to provide the participants with hands-on training course on diagnosis of such diseases in the laboratory.</p>	<p>6-to 19 November 2002</p>	<p>Participants from 12 countries including Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, and SEAFDEC</p>	<p>Iloilo (Philippines)</p>
<p><b>Workshop on Animal Health Information Technology</b></p>	<p>To discuss and provide updated information on technologies regarding Foot and Mouth Disease in South East Asia and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)</p>	<p>24-28 February 2003</p>	<p>Participants to be from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam</p>	<p>Manila (Philippines)</p>
<p><b>11th International Symposium of the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (WAVLD) and OIE Seminar on Biotechnology</b></p>	<p>To share information disciplines in diagnostic sciences and to function as a scientific information source to governments, international organizations and national experts working in animal health and food safety</p>	<p>22-26 June 2003</p>	<p>Participants to be from Asia, Oceania countries, Europe and Americas</p>	<p>Bangkok (Thailand)</p>
<p><b>3rd OIE/FAO-APHCA Regional Workshop on WTO's SPS Agreement</b></p> <p>This workshop will be held in cooperation with the Department of Livestock Development, Thailand, Free University of Berlin, Germany, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, and the Japan Livestock Technology Association</p>	<p>To train government officials, in particular at technical level in the Asia and the Pacific Region, on the roles of WTO/SPS Agreement, the OIE International Animal Health Code, the OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines and the Codex Alimentarius</p>	<p>July 2003</p>	<p>Participants to be from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and PR China, speakers from Germany, Switzerland, Egypt, OIE Regional Representation and FAO-APHCA.</p>	<p>Chiang Mai (Thailand)</p>
<p><b>OIE/FAO Workshop on Risk Analysis with examples on BSE and food safety</b></p> <p>This workshop will be held for CVOs or their representatives of the Asian and Pacific Region, back to back with FAO-APHCA Session</p>	<p>To provide updated information on risk analysis and to discuss this with examples on BSE and Food Safety</p>	<p>August 2003</p>	<p>undecided</p>	<p>Vientiane (Laos)</p>



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<p><b>The 3rd Workshop on Animal Movement Management in the Lower Mekong Basin</b></p> <p>This workshop will be held by OIE SEAFMD RCU, in collaboration with OIE Regional Representation, Tokyo</p>	To discuss the development of a long term strategic vision for the South East Asia Foot and Mouth Disease Campaign and to provide specific advice on its application in Mekong Basin, and to develop work for the identified projects	undecided	undecided	undecided
<p><b>OIE Workshop on BSE Diagnosis and Surveillance</b></p>	To discuss BSE disease status world-wide, current science of BSE, laboratory diagnosis and surveillance, and provide a hands-on workshop for laboratory staff on BSE diagnosis and surveillance.	undecided	undecided	Bangkok (Thailand)
<p><b>SEAFDEC Hands-on Training Workshop on aquatic animal disease diagnosis and Surveillance</b></p> <p>This workshop will be organised in collaboration with NACA</p>	As for first workshop	undecided	undecided	Iloilo (Philippines)

<sup>1</sup> OAU: Organization of African Unity – IBAR: Interafrican Bureau of Animal Resources

<sup>2</sup> PACE: Pan-African Programme for the Control of Epizootics

<sup>3</sup> CIRAD-EMVT: Department of Livestock and Veterinary Medicine of the International Cooperation Centre for Agronomic Research and Development

<sup>4</sup> PANAFTOSA (PAHO): Centro Panamericano de Fiebre Aftosa (PanAmerican Health Organization)

<sup>5</sup> WAAP: World Association for Animal Production

<sup>6</sup> INTA: Instituto de Clima y Agua

<sup>7</sup> PANAFTOSA (OPS/OMS): Centro Panamericano de Fiebre Aftosa (Organizacion Panamericana de la Salud / Organizacion Mundial de la Salud)

<sup>8</sup> USDA-APHIS : The United States Department of Agriculture -The Animal and Plant Health inspection Service

<sup>9</sup> CAPROVE: Cámara Argentina de la Industria de Productos Veterinarios

<sup>10</sup> SINDAN: Sindicato Nacional Da Indústria de Produtos Para Saúde Animal

<sup>11</sup> IFAH: International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH)

<sup>12</sup> INFARVET: Industria Farmacéutica Veterinaria

<sup>13</sup> FILASA: Federación Latinoamericana de la Industria para la Salud Animal

<sup>14</sup> AVISA: Asociación Venezolana de Industria de Sanidad Animal

<sup>15</sup> C.E.V.: Cámara de Especialidades Veterinarias

<sup>16</sup> CAMEVET = Committee of the Americas for Veterinary Medicines

<sup>17</sup> AFSSA: Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments

<sup>18</sup> MZCP: Mediterranean Zoonoses Control Programme

- <sup>19</sup> REVC: Regional Emergency Veterinary Committee
- <sup>20</sup> ACIAR: Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
- <sup>21</sup> ILRI: International Livestock Research Institute
- <sup>22</sup> JICA: Japan International Cooperation Agency
- <sup>23</sup> JLTA: Japan Livestock Technology Association, Japan
- <sup>24</sup> FAO-APHCA:FAO Regional Animal Production Health Commission Asia Pacific
- <sup>25</sup> FAVA: Federation Asian Veterinary Associations
- <sup>26</sup> VICH: International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Products
- <sup>27</sup> DVS: Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia
- <sup>28</sup> SEAFDEC: Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Thailand
- <sup>29</sup> NACA: Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific.
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