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Seminars and workshops in each region

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Title	Purpose	Date	Participants and participating countries	Location
Meeting of the OIE Regional Representatives	To exchange opinions and information between the OIE Headquarters and Regional Representation on OIE processes and procedures to enhance participation by Member Countries in standard-setting activities.	12-14 January	All OIE Regional Representatives (Africa, Asia and The Pacific, Eastern Europe, Middle East).	Paris (OIE Headquarters)
AFRICA				
Meeting of the Veterinary Services of Mali, Mauritania and Senegal	To examine the epidemiological situation of the three countries following confirmation of the presence of antibodies of rinderpest in the serum samples taken from wild boar slaughtered in Mauritania by the OIE Reference Laboratory, Pirbright, United Kingdom.	20-23 October 2003	The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Livestock of Senegal and attended by the national coordinators of the PACE ¹ programme, representatives of the Veterinary Services and national laboratories of Mali, Mauritania and Senegal, the Regional Representative for Africa, the Director of the Inter-State School for Medical and Veterinary Sciences of Dakar (Senegal) and members of the Regional Coordination of the PACE programme in Bamako (Mali) and Nairobi (Kenya).	Saint Louis (Senegal)
OIE/AU-IBAR² Seminar on the implementation of animal health standards: the quest for solutions in the Africa and Middle East Regions This seminar will be organised by the OIE Regional Commissions for Africa and the Middle East and the AU-IBAR, with the collaboration of the FAO.	To discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - international standards for trade in animals and animal products and their impact on inter-regional trade; - new concept of 'export zones' for livestock trade; - controlling livestock movements to prevent the spread of transboundary animal diseases; - quality of inter-regional trade certification; - the role of para-professionals in supplying animal health services, in particular for surveillance and early warning; 	11-13 October 2004	All Member Countries of the OIE Africa and Middle East Regions. Some international and regional organisations will also be present.	Cairo (Egypt)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strengthening regional coordination for accreditation of freedom from rinderpest and foot and mouth disease; - OIE standards on the quality and evaluation of Veterinary Services; - the possible involvement of NEPAD³ and AOAD⁴ in the field of animal health in the two regions; - implementation of the GF-TADs⁵ concept between the FAO and the Regional Representations of the OIE in Africa and the Middle East; - implementation of the Doha Declaration; - strengthening investment in disease control programmes. 			
AMERICAS				
Training Course on Quality and Audit Systems for Manufacturers of Veterinary Medicines	<p>To discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promoting technical updating of participants on HACCPP; - standardising criteria on technical interpretation of the requirements of the international norms; - harmonising the application of criteria for inspections; - reflecting on the impact of inspections with regard to quality, safety and therapeutic efficiency of medicines. 	10-21 March 2003	<p>49 official and laboratory technicians from private industry, such as FILASA⁶, from 10 countries in the region:</p> <p>Belize, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.</p>	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
<p>9th Latin American Seminar on Standards Harmonisation and Control of Veterinary Medicinal Products</p> <p>Organised jointly CAPROVE⁷.</p>	<p>To continue harmonisation of registration and control of veterinary medicinal products through technical guidelines.</p>	11-13 August 2003	<p>158 participants from the official and private veterinary sectors and representatives from the Chambers of Veterinary Products, from 23 countries in the region:</p> <p>Argentina, Brazil, Belize, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, USA, Venezuela. Belgium and France also participated in this seminar.</p>	Buenos Aires (Argentina)

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<p>Second Seminar on Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease</p> <p>This meeting was organized jointly with the ALA⁸.</p>	<p>To inform, clarify and promote actions to improve knowledge of Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease in the countries of the Region.</p>	<p>13-15 August 2003</p>	<p>Official experts from: Bolivia and Cuba invited by the Regional Representative and the Avian Association Representatives from:</p> <p>Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Caribbean Islands, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, and Uruguay.</p>	<p>Lima (Peru)</p>
<p>FDA⁹/OIE workshop on “enhancing the participation and effectiveness of Latin American countries in the Codex Alimentarius Committee on residues of veterinary drugs in foods and in the JECFA¹⁰ Committee”</p>	<p>To encourage participation and awareness of Latin American countries with regard to residues of veterinary medicinal products in foods.</p>	<p>15-17 August 2003</p>	<p>63 professionals from the official Veterinary Services and the private sector from 15 countries participated:</p> <p>Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, USA, Venezuela.</p>	<p>Buenos Aires (Argentina)</p>
<p>The 2nd OIE/DILAVE¹¹/IDB¹² training course on quality and audit systems for manufacturers of veterinary medicines</p> <p>In collaboration with DILAVE, the Directorate of Animal Health Services of Uruguay and IDB.</p>	<p>To gain knowledge on the concepts and methodologies of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for biologics, and include in the Web page of the OIE Regional Representation for the Americas-CAMEVET, a few types of exercises or workshops that could serve to apply the concepts of GMP.</p>	<p>10-15 November 2003</p>	<p>87 participants from 9 countries in the region:</p> <p>Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Paraguay and Uruguay.</p>	<p>Montevideo (Uruguay)</p>
<p>10th Joint OIE/CAMEVET¹³ Seminar on Harmonisation of Registration and Control of Veterinary Medicinal Products</p>	<p>To continue harmonisation of registration and control of veterinary medicinal products through technical guidelines.</p>	<p>9-11 August 2004</p>	<p>Member Countries of the region and the private sector.</p>	<p>Brasilia (Brazil)</p>
<p>FDA/OIE workshop on FDA Approach to the Human Food Safety Evaluation of Veterinary Drugs</p>	<p>To review the FDA approach to the regulation of veterinary drugs residues present in human food. To familiarise the participants with the interpretation and analysis of toxicological and residue data presented by pharmaceutical sponsors for the human food safety evaluation of veterinary drugs.</p>	<p>12-13 August 2004</p>	<p>Member Countries of the region.</p>	<p>Brasilia (Brazil)</p>

Title	Purpose	Date	Participants and participating countries	Location
<p>Third Seminar on Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease</p> <p>This meeting is being organized with the ALA.</p>	<p>To review country sanitary measures to prevent avian influenza and Newcastle disease.</p>	<p>24-25 August 2004</p>	<p>Member countries of the Americas' Region and private sector.</p>	<p>San Pedro Sula (Honduras)</p>
EUROPE				
<p>Training course on risk analysis for East European, Baltic and Balkan countries</p>	<p>To discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - risk analysis in international trade of live animals and animal products; - epidemiological surveillance; - diagnostic tests. 	<p>18-24 January 2003</p>	<p>32 participants from 19 countries attended:</p> <p>Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kirghizistan, Latvia, Lithuania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Mongolia, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.</p>	<p>Teramo (Italy)</p>
<p>Seminar on the harmonisation of activities for national Veterinary Services and private veterinarians on the basis of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code</p>	<p>To discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the place and role of national Veterinary Services and private practitioners; - harmonisation activities between the national Veterinary Service and private veterinarians in line with the OIE Code; - the role of private veterinarians and para-professionals in the provision of animal health services; - partnership of official and private veterinarians for surveillance and control of diseases; - the role of national veterinary organizations. 	<p>2-4 September 2003</p>	<p>61 participants from 22 countries attended:</p> <p>Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, India, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.</p>	<p>Vilnius (Lithuania)</p>

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Seminar on education in veterinary medicine within the new context in East European countries, for Chief Veterinary Officers and Deans of veterinary medical faculties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to harmonise training of veterinary students in various universities of Europe by coordinating and adapting educational plans and programmes on fundamental and specialised disciplines; - to train veterinary students in the light of the new economic and political changes in Eastern Europe; - to cooperate in the field of training of veterinary professions. 	3-4 November 2003	35 participants from 20 countries attended: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, France, Georgia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.	Kiev (Ukraine)
OIE Seminar on Food Safety, Health and Consumer Protection in Europe	To discuss various control and traceability aspects in food safety, health and consumer protection in Europe, involving the Commonwealth of Independent States, Balkan and Baltic countries.	19-23 June 2004	50-60 participants from 31 countries will be invited: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldavia, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. European Commission.	Belgrade (Serbia and Montenegro)
OIE Seminar on Environmental Protection in relation to Veterinary Service Activities	To discuss veterinary Services and environmental protection in the CIS, Balkan and Baltic countries.	1-5 September 2004	50-60 participants from 31 countries will be invited: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldavia, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.	Warsaw (Poland)

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MIDDLE EAST				
Workshop on Camel and Wildlife Diseases in the Middle East	To discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	3-5 March 2003	11 countries of the region participated: Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Oman, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, UAE and Yemen.	Sana'a (Yemen)
Workshop on Veterinary Certification in the Middle East with Special Reference to the Somali Meat Industry This workshop was jointly organised with the FAO/UNDP¹⁴/SBC (Somali Business Council).	To discuss animal health and Veterinary Services status in the region with special attention to Somalia, and procedures of trade in meat and meat products.	29 April-1 May 2003	Chief veterinary officers from Middle East and Greater Horn of Africa countries and livestock trade agencies in the region : Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Lebanon, Oman, Somalia, Yemen, UAE FAO, OIE, UNDP, WHO, WB, EU, REVC ¹⁵ , SBC.	Dubai (United Arab Emirates)
Joint OIE/AU-IBAR/IRI¹⁶ Workshop on the development of a model to forecast the potential of Rift Valley fever virus activity in the Middle East and Great Horn of Africa	To define a suitable system, its parameters and end users useful for the prediction of RVF and other vector-borne diseases.	21-23 June 2003	All the countries of the Middle East and Greater Horn of Africa, as well as special institutions to model climate: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Syria, Lebanon, Cyprus, Turkey, KSA, Yemen, UAE, Egypt, Sudan, Djibouti OIE, AU-IBAR, RSLTC ¹⁷ , IRI DMCN ¹⁸	Port Said (Egypt)
FAO/OIE Second Round Table on FMD in the Near East and North Africa Region (NENA) This meeting was organized by FAO/NENA.	To discuss the FMD project in the Middle East.	5-7 October 2003	Kuwait, KSA, Egypt, Sudan, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, Syria, Iran and Turkey.	Cairo (Egypt)

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<p>OIE/AU-IBAR Seminar on the Implementation of animal health standards: the quest for solutions in the Africa and Middle East Regions</p> <p>This seminar will be organised by the OIE Regional Commissions for Africa and the Middle East and the AU-IBAR, with the collaboration of the FAO.</p>	As above.	11-13 October 2004	<p>All Member Countries of the OIE Africa and Middle East Regions.</p> <p>Some international and regional organisations will also be present.</p>	Cairo (Egypt)
<p>Workshop on Food Safety Management Systems (HACCP and other tools)</p> <p>This workshop will be organized by OIE Regional Representation for the Middle East and WHO/MZCP.</p>	To discuss strategy for Food Safety.	October 2004	Mediterranean and Middle East countries.	UAE
ASIA				
<p>OIE Workshop on Animal Health Information Technologies and Introduction of the Geographical Information System (GIS)</p>	To discuss and provide updated information on technologies regarding Foot and Mouth Disease in South East Asia and to introduce GIS.	24-28 February 2003	30 participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as SEAFMD and the ILRI ¹⁹ .	Manila (Philippines)
<p>OIE/JLTA²⁰ Workshop on Emerging Diseases and Zoonosis</p> <p>It was held in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan.</p>	To update information on emerging diseases and zoonoses.	19 June 2003	About 300 people participated in the Workshop: officers (the majority were veterinarians) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries including Animal Health Division, Animal Quarantine Services and National Veterinary Assay Laboratory, and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, veterinary officers of 47 prefectural governments including Local Animal Hygiene Service Centres, researchers of the National Institute of Animal Health and veterinarians or livestock people from public organisations in Japan and specialists from USA, OIE Regional Representation and Japan.	Tokyo (Japan)

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<p>3rd OIE/FAO-APHCA²¹ Regional Workshop on the WTO SPS Agreement</p> <p>This workshop was held in cooperation with the Department of Livestock Development, Thailand (DLD), 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 Asia and the Pacific Region, on the roles of the WTO/SPS Agreement, risk analysis on animal health and food safety, the OIE <i>Terrestrial Animal Health Code</i>, the OIE <i>Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals</i> and the Codex Alimentarius.</p>	<p>8-11 July 2003</p>	<p>37 participants: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.</p> <p>Speakers from Egypt, Germany and Switzerland, OIE Regional Representation and FAO-APHCA.</p>	<p>Chiang Mai (Thailand)</p>
<p>OIE/FAO-APHCA/DLD Regional Workshop on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Diagnosis and Surveillance</p>	<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.</p>	<p>6-8 October 2003</p>	<p>11 participants from Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Korea (Republic of), Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taipei China, Thailand and Vietnam.</p> <p>6 speakers from Switzerland (University of Berne), OIE Regional Representation and FAO-APHCA.</p>	<p>Bangkok (Thailand)</p>
<p>OIE/FAO-APHCA/DLD Regional Workshop on BSE Risk Analysis</p> <p>This workshop was held for CVOs or their representatives of the Asian and Pacific Region, and organised by OIE, FAO-APHCA and DLD Thailand.</p>	<p>To provide updated information and recommendations on risk analysis for the region and on the pathway for BSE country status recognition according to the OIE <i>Terrestrial Animal Health Code</i> chapter on BSE.</p>	<p>9-11 October 2003</p>	<p>20 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China (People's Republic of), India, Indonesia, Korea (Republic of), Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Caledonia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu and Vietnam.</p> <p>7 Speakers from Switzerland (SAFOSO), Japan, OIE Regional Representation and FAO-APHCA.</p>	<p>Chiang Mai (Thailand)</p>
<p>OIE/FAO-APHCA/DLD Consultation Meeting on BSE Public Awareness</p>	<p>To carry out BSE public awareness information for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - policy-makers; - technical personnel; - livestock producers; - the public. 	<p>13-14 October 2003</p>	<p>3 participants from selected countries including Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand.</p> <p>5 Speakers from Switzerland (SAFOSO²²), OIE Regional Representation and FAO-APHCA.</p>	<p>Chiang Mai (Thailand)</p>

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<p>OIE-SEAFDEC²³-NACA²⁴ Hands-on Training Workshop for Important Viral Diseases of Shrimps and Marine Fish</p> <p>This workshop was organised in collaboration with NACA.</p>	<p>To discuss the 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>4-21 November 2003</p>	<p>Participants from 12 countries including Cambodia, People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, and SEAFDEC.</p>	<p>Iloilo (Philippines)</p>
<p>FRA²⁵/SEAFDEC/OIE/MAFF²⁶ International Symposium on Koi Herpesvirus Disease (KHVD)</p>	<p>To exchange the latest information on KHVD and discussion on the control of KHVD aiming for appropriate preventive measures against its spread.</p>	<p>13 March 2004</p>	<p>About 280 persons participated in the Symposium from 15 countries including Cambodia, China (People's Republic of), Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Netherlands, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, U. S.A. and Vietnam.</p>	<p>Yokohama (Japan)</p>
<p>GF-TADs: Consultation on establishing a regional Support Unit and developing regional activities for South Asia</p>	<p>To consult on the future GF-TADs programme and discuss the establishment of a Regional Support Unit in South Asia.</p>	<p>27- 30 April 2004</p>	<p>25 persons participated in the Consultation from 6 countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, and from SAARC²⁷, FAO and OIE Regional Representation, Tokyo as organizers.</p>	<p>Kathmandu (Nepal)</p>
<p>Educational Seminar for new CVOs in Asia</p> <p>This seminar was organised by the OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific.</p>	<p>To communicate information on OIE missions and activities to new CVOs of Asia, the Far East and Oceania with a view to strengthening their knowledge for the OIE.</p>	<p>20 - 21 May 2004</p>	<p>Delegates of Brunei, Japan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Chinese Taipei, and Tokyo as organizers.</p>	<p>Paris (France)</p>

¹ PACE: Pan-African Programme for the Control of Epizootics

² AU-IBAR: African Union's Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources

³ NEPAD: The new partnership for Africa's development

⁴ AOAD: The Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development

⁵ GF-TADs: Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (Programme global pour le contrôle progressif des maladies animales)

⁶ FILASA: Federación Latinoamericana de la Industria para la Salud Animal

⁷ CAPROVE: Cámara Argentina de la Industria de Productos Veterinarios (the Chamber of Veterinary Products of Argentina)

⁸ ALA: *Asociación Latinoamericana de Avicultura* (Latin-American Association of Aviculture)

⁹ FDA : Food and Drug Administration (USA)

¹⁰ JECFA: Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives

¹¹ DILAVE: The division of Veterinary Laboratories of Uruguay

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- ¹² IDB: The inter-American Development Bank
¹³ CAMVET: Committee of the Americas for Veterinary Medicines
¹⁴ UNDP: United Nations Development Programme
¹⁵ REVC: Regional Emergency Veterinary Committee
¹⁶ IRI: International Research Institute for Climate Prediction
¹⁷ RSLTC : Red Sea Livestock Trade Commission
¹⁸ DMCN: Drought Monitoring Climate Centre of Nairobi
¹⁹ ILRI: International Livestock Research Institute
²⁰ JLTA: Japan Livestock Technology Association
²¹ FAO-APHCA:FAO Regional Animal Production Health Commission Asia Pacific
²² SAFOSO: Safe Food Solutions Inc.
²³ SEAFDEC: Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
²⁴ NACA: Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific
²⁵ FRA: Fisheries Research Agency, Japan
²⁶ MAFF: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
²⁷ SAARC: South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation
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