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Seminars and workshops in each region

Title	Purpose	Date	Participants	Location
The Meeting of the OIE Regional Representatives	To exchange opinions and information between the OIE Headquarters and Regional Representations in order to better promote OIE policies with OIE Member countries.	12-14 January 2004 10-12 January 2005	All OIE Regional Representatives (Africa, Asia and The Pacific, Eastern Europe, Middle East) and the SEAFMD project Coordinator.	Paris (OIE Headquarters)

AFRICA

<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 was organised by the OIE Regional Commissions for Africa and the Middle East and the AU-IBAR, with the collaboration of the FAO.</p>	<p>To discuss:</p> <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; - The private sector and trade in livestock and animal products; - 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 NEPAD¹ and AOAD² in the field of animal health in the two regions; - Implementation of the GF-TADs³ concept between the FAO and the Regional Representations of the OIE in Africa and the Middle East; - Implementation of the Doha Declaration; - Convincing policy-makers to strengthen investment in disease control programmes. 	11-13 October 2004	<p>173 participants from 59 OIE Member countries from Middle East and Africa.</p> <p>Several international and regional organisations were also present.</p>	Cairo (Egypt)
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AFRICA (cont'd)				
Regional workshop on Rift Valley Fever (RVF) Follow up of the workshop held in Eastern Africa (Nairobi, Kenya) in 2003	To search for satisfactory solutions to ensure the sanitary safety of international trade in livestock products.	20-22 January 2004	Countries of Western Africa. OIE, FAO, UA/IBAR, PACE.	Dakar (Senegal)
Meeting with the Deans of Veterinary Faculties on the veterinary curriculum	To discuss: - how to continue to adapt the teaching to reflect changes in the veterinary profession; - to create a formal framework for consultation between the heads of African veterinary schools and faculties and define the objectives of such a collaboration; - new topics to include in the training of veterinarians.	9-11 mars 2004	Deans and Directors of Veterinary schools and Faculties of countries participating to the PACE Programme. AU-IBAR and other International and Regional organisations.	Addis Abbeba (Ethiopia)

AMERICAS				
10th Joint OIE/CAMEVET⁴ Seminar on Harmonisation and Control of Veterinary Medicinal Products	To continue harmonisation of registration and control of veterinary medicinal products through technical guidelines. It was agreed to hold the XIth Seminar in Uruguay in 2005 and the XIIth in Central America.	9-12 August 2004	161 participants from the official and private veterinary sectors and representatives from the Chambers of Veterinary Products, from 19 countries of the region.	Brasilia (Brazil)
FDA/OIE workshop on FDA Approach to the Human Food Safety Evaluation of Veterinary Drugs	To review the FDA approach to the regulation of veterinary drugs residues present in human food. To familiarise participants with the interpretation and analysis of toxicological and residue data presented by pharmaceutical sponsors for human food safety evaluation of veterinary drugs.	12-14 August 2004	60 participants of the private and official sector, from 19 countries of the region.	Brasilia (Brazil)
Third Seminar on Avian Influenza and Newcastle disease Organisation jointly with the ALA ⁵	To review country sanitary measures to prevent avian influenza and Newcastle disease.	24-25 August 2004	22 participants from the official and private veterinary sectors and representatives from ALA, from 10 countries of the region.	San Pedro Sula (Honduras)

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AMERICAS (cont'd)				
The First meeting of the OIE/FAO Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Framework on Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) in the Americas	To ensure coherence of and provide guidelines for animal health policies, global activities and programs in the region in terms of transboundary animal diseases.	14-15 April 2005	Members of the Steering Committee, composed of CVOs of the region, FAO, OIE, potential donors and stakeholders; international organisations.	Buenos Aires (Argentina)

EUROPE				
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 CIS, Balkan and Baltic countries.	19-23 June 2004	42 participants from 17 countries of Europe (Five countries were represented by the OIE Delegate).	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	72 from 28 countries (CVOs and scientists).	Warsaw (Poland)
International Conference "Rabies in Europe"	To discuss the problem with eradication and prophylaxis in Europe.	15-20 June 2005	All European Countries.	Kiev (Ukraine)
The First meeting of the OIE/FAO Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Framework on Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) in Europe	To ensure coherence of and provide guidelines for animal health policies, global activities and programs in the region in terms of transboundary animal diseases.	27-28 June 2005	Members of the Steering Committee, composed of CVOs of the region, FAO (Headquarters and Regional Office), OIE (Central Bureau and Regional Representative), together with potential donors and stakeholders; international organisations.	Paris (France)
OIE Seminar on aquatic animal health	To discuss aquatic animal health in Europe.	14-18 August 2005	All European Countries.	Oslo (Norway)

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EUROPE (cont'd)				
1st European East-West Veterinary products and feeding stuffs Congress "Bridge over Europe"	To discuss collaboration between countries in the field of veterinary products and feeding stuffs.	8-10 September 2005	All European Countries.	Riga (Latvia)
OIE Seminar for the CVOs "Structure of the National Veterinary Services (NVS) in Europe"	To discuss the structure of the NVS in the OIE Member-Countries in compliance with the requirements of the 4th OIE Strategic Plan and Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC).	12-14 September 2005	All European Countries.	Suzdal (Russia)
		2-5 October 2005		Sofia (Bulgaria)
		6-10 October 2005		Bucharest (Romania)
OIE/EC Seminars on collaboration between OIE Member-Countries (EC and non EC Member states)	To discuss collaboration between OIE Member-Countries.	1-10 October 2005	All European Countries.	EC and non EC Member States, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey
Seminar on the New OIE Notification System		23-26 October 2005		Tbilisi (Georgia)

MIDDLE EAST				
OIE/RSLTC⁶ Seminar on epidemiology of RVF in the Arabic Peninsula and implications on animal health, public health and world trade	<p>To discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with regard to the RVF, countries' compliance with the sanitary requirements for safe trade in animals and animal products; - definition of the geographical areas at risk in the region and the rules to implement risk assessments and risk management; - definition and assessment of the impact of RVF on public and animal health and upon livestock trade in the region; - enhancement of communication between countries to allow them to implement measures for prophylaxis and control in the pre-epizootic situations. 	21-22 November 2004	17 participants from 5 Member Countries, OIE and RSLTC.	Sharja (United Arab Emirates)

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MIDDLE EAST (cont'd)				
OIE/AU-IBAR Seminar on the Implementation of animal health standards: the quest for solutions in the Africa and Middle East Regions	see under Africa.	11-13 October 2004		Cairo (Egypt)
Workshop on Food Safety Management Systems (HACCP and other tools) This workshop was organised by OIE Regional Representation for the Middle East and WHO/MZCP	To discuss Strategy for Food Safety.	October 2004	Mediterranean and Middle East countries.	UAE
Training on RVF Joint organization with AOAD	To control the disease in the region.	February 2005	All the countries of the region.	Mascate (Oman)
Training on Brucellosis Joint organization with AOAD	To control the disease in the region.	March 2005	All the countries of the region.	Damas (Syria)
First workshop on HACCP system Joint organization with MZCP	To analyse risks linked to critical points control – food industries.	March 2005		Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates)
Training on Foot and Mouth Disease Joint organization with AOAD	To control the disease in the region.	June 2005	All the countries of the region.	Casablanca (Maroc)
Workshop on the Global Rinderpest Eradication Programme	To support countries to enter into and follow the OIE Pathway to achieve accreditation of rinderpest freedom.	November 2005	All the countries of the region and relevant international and regional organisations, FAO, GREP.	Beyrouth (Lebanon)
The First meeting of the OIE/FAO Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Framework on Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) in Middle East	To ensure coherence of and provide guidelines for animal health policies, global activities and programs in the region in terms of transboundary animal diseases.	7-8 November 2005	Members of the Steering Committee, composed of CVOs of the region, FAO (Headquarters and Regional Office), OIE (Central Bureau and Regional Representative), together with potential donors and stakeholders; International Organisations.	Beirut (Lebanon)

Title	Purpose	Date	Participants	Location
ASIA				
OIE/FAO Emergency Regional Meeting on Avian Influenza Control in Animals in Asia in collaboration with the WHO, the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand and the JLTA ⁷	To follow up the Ministerial Meeting on the Current Poultry Disease Situation held in Bangkok on 28 January 2004 and also the FAO/OIE/WHO Technical Consultation held in Rome on 3-4 February 2004, and to discuss recommendations for all the countries infected with Avian Influenza as well as neighbouring countries for their protection.	26-28 February 2004	130 participants including 21 Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea DPR, Korea R, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste Thailand and Vietnam), 6 other countries (Australia, Canada, France, Italy, New Zealand, USA) and 8 international organisations (ASEAN, EU, JICA, FAO, OIE, WHO, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, SAARC).	Bangkok (Thailand)
10th Meeting of the OIE Sub-Commission for FMD in South-East Asia	To discuss the outcomes of the OIE/ASEAN Mid-Term evaluation of the SEAFMD Campaign.	29 February – 5 March 2004	70 participants including the President of the Sub-Commission, a representative of the OIE Director General of OIE, the Regional Representative Tokyo, other OIE staff, official OIE Delegates from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Mr Singkham Phonvisay and delegates and observers from Department of Livestock and Fisheries. There were also observers from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Japan and Timor Leste. International organizations represented included the World Reference Laboratory, Pirbright, FAO, JICA and CIRAD France. There were 10 representatives of the private sector present.	Luang Prabang (Laos)

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ASIA (cont'd)				
FRA⁸/SEAFDEC/OIE/MAFF⁹International Symposium on Koi Herpesvirus Disease (KHVD)	To exchange the latest information on KHVD and discussion on the control of KHVD aiming for appropriate preventive measures against its spread.	13 March 2004	About 280 people 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, USA and Vietnam.	Yokohama (Japan)
GF-TADs: Consultation on establishing a regional Support Unit and developing regional activities for South Asia	To consult on the future GF-TADs programme and discuss establishment of a Regional Support Unit in South Asia.	27-30 April 2004	25 people participated in the Consultation from 6 countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, and from SAARC ¹⁰ ; FAO and OIE Regional Representation as organizers.	Kathmandu (Nepal)
Educational Seminar for new CVOs in Asia This seminar was organised by OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific.	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.	20-21 May 2004	Delegates of Brunei, Japan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Taipei China.	Paris (France)
OIE Workshop on Vaccines for FMD Control in Southeast Asia This workshop was organized jointly by the OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific in Tokyo and the OIE SEAFMD Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) in Bangkok.	To review the important areas of FMD control including the current situation of the use of FMD vaccines in Southeast Asia, strains of FMD active in the region and matching with vaccine strains, and also to discuss standards of vaccines, new strains and adequacy of coverage regarding FMD.	9 July 2004	45 participants from Philippines, Laos, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, Singapore (ASEAN Working Group of Livestock), UK (speaker), India (observer), France (observer) and OIE.	Bangkok (Thailand)

Title	Purpose	Date	Participants	Location
ASIA (cont'd)				
OIE/FAO-APHC Regional Workshop on the WTO SPS Agreement in collaboration with the Department of Livestock Development, Thailand (DLD) and JLTA	To familiarise national government officials in Asia and the Pacific with the roles of the WTO-SPS Agreement and the OIE and Codex international standards; risk analysis and food safety.	12-16 July 2004	38 participants from Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Egypt (speaker), Germany (speaker), Switzerland (speaker), France (speaker), FAO and OIE.	Chiang May (Thailand)
OIE/FAO Regional Workshop on Food and Feed Safety This workshop was held in collaboration with DLD and JLTA.	To review the current situation regarding food and feed safety in Member Countries, to set directions for food and feed safety programmes and to identify the necessary areas for capacity building.	19-22 July 2004	54 participants from 12 countries including Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Australia, Hong Kong-China (the last two as resource persons) and OIE, FAO and JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency).	Bangkok (Thailand)
The Third Meeting on Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Control in East Asia	To exchange and discuss the updated information of FMD prevention and control measures in the sub-region and the regional collaboration for FMD prevention and control.	30 September - 2 October 2004	52 participants from 10 countries, Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Malaysia, Philippines, Russia, Taipei China, United States of America, Vietnam and the OIE.	Taipei, (Taipei China)
Sub-Regional Workshop on the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures This workshop was organised by WTO in collaboration with OIE, IPPC and Codex Alimentarius.	To update the countries of Southeast Asia sub-region on developments in the measures of WTO-SPS Agreement, especially risk analysis methodology, and about functions of the related international standard setting organizations.	18-21 October 2004	48 participants from 5 South-Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) and 4 international organizations (OIE, IPPC, Codex Alimentarius and WTO).	Dhaka (Bangladesh)
The Third Working Group Meeting on Animal Movement Management and Zoning for Foot and Mouth Disease Control in Lower Mekong Basin	To clarify the boundaries of the zones and to recommend innovative and cost effective approaches to animal movement management and progress planning for the epidemiological studies required.	8-12 November 2004	30 participants from Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam and OIE Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) and OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific.	Sihanoukville (Cambodia)

Title	Purpose	Date	Participants	Location
ASIA (cont'd)				
The Fourth Working Group Meeting on Animal Movement Management and Zoning for Foot and Mouth Disease Control in Upper Mekong Basin	To identify animal movement patterns and to discuss control measures of FMD in the Upper Mekong Basin and to discuss actions to be undertaken in their member countries for the next 12 months.	25-29 January 2005	40 participants from Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific and OIE Regional Coordination Unit (RCU).	Kyaingtong (Myanmar)
The Second OIE/FAO Regional Meeting on Avian influenza Control in Asia This workshop was held in collaboration with WHO.	To review the current situation of Avian Influenza and to consider the further needs to enhance the design and implementation of veterinary standards, diagnostic methods, control measures, public health protection, industry rehabilitation and restructuring programmes.	23-25 February 2005	All OIE Delegates of the region and experts from international organizations, FAO, OIE, WHO.	Ho-Chi-Minh City (Vietnam)
11th Meeting of the OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease in South-East Asia	To facilitate the implementation of the internationally coordinated campaign against Foot and Mouth Disease in South-East Asia.	27 February - 4 March 2005	OIE Delegates from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, China PR, experts from international and regional organizations (OIE, FAO) and donors representatives.	Cebu City (Philippines)
The First meeting of the OIE/FAO Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Framework on Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) in Asia and the Pacific	To ensure coherence of and provide guidelines for animal health policies, global activities and programs in the region in terms of transboundary animal diseases.	7-9 March 2005	Members of the Steering Committee, composed of CVOs of the region, FAO, OIE, ASEAN and SAARC, together with potential donors and stakeholders such as ADB, World Bank, UE, AUSAid, USDA, USAID and relevant Japanese bodies (JICA and JLTA); WHO and IFAD; representatives of regional projects working for TADs control, such as SEAFMD.	Tokyo (Japan)
OIE/FAO-APHCA/DLD Regional Workshop on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Diagnosis and Surveillance	To provide hands-on training for laboratory staff on BSE diagnosis and surveillance.	28-31 March 2005	20 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, Switzerland (speakers) and OIE and FAO.	Bangkok (Thailand)

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ASIA (cont'd)				
Educational Seminar for new CVOs in Asia and the Pacific This seminar is organized by OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific.	To provide new CVOs of Asia and the Pacific with information on OIE missions and activities in order to familiarize them with OIE functions and their responsibility.	April 2005	Newly assigned CVOs in the region.	Bangkok (Thailand)

¹ NEPAD: The new partnership for Africa's development

² AOAD: The Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development

³ GF-TADs: Global Framework for the progressive control of Transboundary Animal Diseases, Programme Global pour le contrôle progressif des maladies animales

⁴ CAMVET: Committee of the Americas for Veterinary Medicines

⁵ ALA: Latin American Association of Aviculture

⁶ RSLTC: Red Sea Livestock Trade Commission

⁷ JLTA: Japan Livestock Technology Association

⁸ FRA: Fisheries Research Agency, Japan

⁹ MAFF: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan

¹⁰ SAARC: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation