

# ICAHIS



## International Conference on Animal Health Surveillance

Lyon, France, 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2011

### Surveillance: Science and Policy

The aim of the conference is to gather scientists and policy makers working in the area of animal health surveillance to exchange new ideas and better understand the challenges and opportunities that each group faces, and to develop solutions for future surveillance approaches under considerations of efficiency, cost-effectiveness and quality that fulfil the needs of both policy and science.

### The venue

The conference will be held in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Lyon, gastronomic capital of France. Presentations will take place in the baroque *Chapelle de la Trinité*, built between 1617 and 1622 as the chapel of the Jesuit Grand Collège. This magnificent space is in the heart of Lyon, within walking distance of dozens of hotels catering to all budgets, and hundreds of restaurants catering to all palettes.

2011 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the world's first veterinary school in Lyon, and this meeting has joined with the World Veterinary Year organisers to celebrate the event.

### Who should come?

- **Scientists** – those using or researching new techniques and tools for surveillance
- **Practitioners** – those responsible for implementing surveillance programs and wishing to be updated on the latest opportunities and developments
- **Policy makers** – those responsible for setting national, regional and international standards for surveillance

The focus of the meeting is on animal health surveillance, but those working in zoonoses



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and human health surveillance are welcome to attend and to share their experiences. The meeting is timed immediately before the General Session of the OIE to be held in Paris the week after. It is hoped that policy makers (including Chief Veterinary Officers and their technical staff members) will take this opportunity to both guide surveillance research to meet their needs and learn how new techniques may influence the way policy develops in the future.

### Format

The meeting will start at lunch on Tuesday 17 May and finish at Lunch on Friday 20 May. There will be a single stream (no parallel sessions) and it is intended to have half-hour slots for each presentation to allow each topic to be presented in reasonable detail as well as time for discussion. This format means that there will only be space for about 40 proffered papers to be accepted for oral presentation. Other quality papers may be accepted for poster presentation. Discussions are currently underway for the publication of abstracts in *Épidémiologie et Santé Animale* (Epidemiology and Animal Health), the journal of the Association for the Study of the Epidemiology of Animal Diseases (AEEMA) and publication of selected full papers in *Preventive Veterinary Medicine*.



### Conference content

Design and implementation of appropriate surveillance approaches for different purposes and disease types in various populations and settings including consideration of their efficiency, cost-effectiveness and quality. Exploration of the role of collaboration and communication in facilitating the implementation of surveillance, including the interface between the science and those providing and financing surveillance.

### Innovative meeting format

In addition to the remarkable setting for the meeting, the organisers are exploring a number of other exciting and innovative approaches for sharing knowledge, networking and social activities during the conference, such as electronic posters. Keep an eye on the website for updates.



### Time lines

June 2010	First announcement
September 2010	Call for papers
1 December 2010	Deadline for submission of papers
1 February 2011	Notification of acceptance

### Register interest

To ensure you don't miss out on future notices, please register your email on the conference web site to automatically receive updates.

### Further information and contacts

The conference is being organised by a collaboration of scientists and institutions. See the **web site** for details. For further information, and for organisations wishing to support or sponsor the conference, please contact a member of the steering committee:

- Carolyn Benigno, FAO, Bangkok (Representative for Asia)
- Angus Cameron, AusVet Animal Health Services (Chair)
- Barbara Dufour, Veterinary School, Alfort, France (President of AEEMA)
- Marcus Doherr, Bern University, Switzerland (Publications committee)
- Pascal Hendrikx, Food Safety Agency, France (Local organising committee)
- Linda Hoinville, Veterinary Laboratories Agency, UK (Scientific committee)
- Mo Salman, Colorado State University, USA (Publications committee)
- Katharina Stärk, Royal Veterinary College, London (Scientific committee)

