
PRE-COSALFA INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

“TECHNICAL GUIDE FOR THE TRANSITION FROM THE FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE SANITARY STATUS IN SOUTH AMERICA: IMPLEMENTATION METHODS”

Punta del Este, Uruguay – 4-5 April 2016

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INTRODUCTION

As 2016 begins, the zones and countries that comprise the area recognized as FMD-free in South America remains without FMD episodes for over four years; while for over two years, there have been no reports of FMD episodes in the zones and countries that have not yet achieved FMD-free status recognition. This scenario certainly reflects the significant progress achieved by the national programs and the 2011-2020 action plan of the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA). Indeed, 85 percent of the territory and 95 percent of the cattle herds of the South America Region have been recognized by OIE as FMD-free, with or without vaccination. The patterns of FMD occurrence, both endemic and sporadic, characteristic of the previous decade, have given way to a long absence of clinical episodes in the countries with control programs. Similarly, the surveillance systems of countries whose FMD-free status is officially recognized, report a sustained absence of transmission and infection in their herds.

As the first half of the PHEFA 2011-2020 Action Plan ended, it became clear that FMD eradication process in the Region had advanced faster than expected. Thus, the Seminar of the 42nd COSALFA Meeting, held in Quito in April 2015, found that there was a need for reviewing the current situation and for forecasting expected scenarios for the next five years Plan of Action.

Thus, the countries decided that PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO should convene a Group of Experts for drafting, under its technical orientation and coordination, a proposal of a Technical Work Guide that designates the technical and epidemiological lineaments and methods for addressing the major challenges the countries and the subregion are expected to face in PHEFA's last phase.

As the Technical Guide was approved, it was proposed by the countries that the theme of the Pre-COSALFA 43 International Seminar should address the methods to be followed by the countries in the implementation of the components of the **Technical Work Guide for PHEFA's Last Phase**, thus facilitating their application by the Region's veterinary services.

The Seminar agenda is broken down into sessions devoted to the components of the Technical Guide, whose methodologic elements will be addressed by major international figures and by members of the Group of Experts, together with presentations on experiences and studies carried out in the region. Each session will end with a discussion, when the main actors will air their opinions about the methods and identify the challenges and the needs associated with the implementation by the countries and within the region under PHEFA's 2011-2020 Action Plan.

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MONDAY, April 4, 2016

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- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 - 09:30 Opening Session
Dr. Francisco Muzio, Livestock Services General Director
Dr. Ottorino Cosivi, Director, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 09:30 **SESSION 1: Methods for characterization of productive systems in a zone or country for status transition**
Moderator: *Manuel Sanchez, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO*
- 09:30 - 10:15 **1.1** Up-to-date methods for characterization of productive systems.
Manuel Sanchez, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 10:15 **1.2** Examples of methods' application in countries:
- 10:15 - 10:45 **1.2.1** Components to characterize cattle husbandry practices in Argentina.
Rodolfo Bottini, SENASA, Argentina
- 10:45 - 11:15 Visit to poster papers - Break
- 11:15 - 11:45 **1.2.2** Characterization of livestock circuits based on animal movement networks in Brazil.
José Henrique H. Grisi Filho, São Paulo University (USP), Brazil
- 11:45 - 12:00 Discussion
- 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **SESSION 2: Methods for characterization of foot-and-mouth disease risk**
Moderator: *Edgardo Vitale, MGAP, Uruguay*
- 13:40 - 14:10 **2.1** Characterization of foot-and-mouth disease risk for PHEFA's last phase.
Alejandro Rivera, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 14:10 **2.2** Examples of methods' application in countries:
- 14:10 - 14:30 **2.2.1** Risk-based Surveillance in the free zone without vaccination in Argentina.
Rodolfo Bottini, SENASA, Argentina
- 14:30 - 14:50 **2.2.2** Characterization of foot-and-mouth disease risk for active surveillance studies in Paraguay
Victor Maldonado, SENACSA, Paraguay
- 14:50 - 15:15 Discussion
- 15:15 - 15:30 Visit to poster papers - Break
- 15:30 **SESSION 3: Surveillance systems on FMD in the final stage: Characteristics and Methodologies for evaluation.**
Moderator: *Alejandro Rivera, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO*
- 15:40 - 16:20 **3.1** Methods of evaluation of foot-and-mouth disease surveillance system components
Javier Sánchez, Atlantic Veterinary College, Canada

16:20 - 16:50	3.2 Evaluation of foot-and-mouth disease transmission in partially immunized herds <i>Luis Gonzales, Central Veterinary Institute, The Netherlands</i>
16:50 - 17:10	3.3 Components of a surveillance system in a foot-and-mouth disease free zone: Experience of the Official Service of the Rondonia State, Brazil. <i>Márcio Alex Petró, IDARON, Brazil</i>
17:10 - 17:30	3.4 Project of evaluation of foot-and-mouth disease surveillance for transition toward a free zone without vaccination: Experience in Peru <i>Ubaldo Flores, SENASA, Peru</i>
17:30 - 18:00	Discussion
18:00	Closure
19:30	Cocktail

TUESDAY, April 5, 2016

09:00	SESSION 4: Management of Risks to reduce vulnerability Moderator: <i>Plinio Leite Lopes, MAPA, Brazil</i>
09:10 - 10:00	4.1 Methods for evaluating the Risk of Foot-and-Mouth Disease Introduction and Dissemination <i>Beatriz Martinez López, University of California, USA</i>
10:00 - 10:15	Discussion
10:15 - 10:45	4.2 Risk Management for Vulnerability reduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Sector of Brazil. <i>Flavio Pereira Veloso, CIDASC, Santa Catarina, Brazil</i>
10:45 - 11:00	Break (visit to poster papers)
11:00 - 12:00	4.2 Risk Management for Vulnerability reduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Sector of Ecuador. <i>Patricio García, AGROCALIDAD</i> Public Sector of Uruguay. <i>Edgardo Vitale, MGAP</i>
12:00 - 12:15	Discussion
12:15 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:45	The importance of socio-economical aspects regarding the FMD Free Zones transition process <i>Silvia H. Galvão de Miranda, CEPEA-ESALQ/USP, Brazil</i>
14:45 - 16:00	ROUND TABLE: Strategies for the Technical Guide's Implementation and Follow-up for the phase 2016-2020 Moderator: <i>Alejandro Rivera, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO</i> Coordinators for the FMD Programs of the countries free with Vaccination: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay.
15:45 - 16:00	Discussion – Plenary session
16:00 - 16:15	Visit to poster papers - Break
16:15 - 17:00	Presentation of the three best poster papers selected
17:00	Closure