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## INTERNATIONAL PRE-COSALFA SEMINAR

### Last stage of the PHEFA: The transition towards eradication

*Pirenópolis, Goiás, Brazil - April 3-4, 2017*

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#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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#### INTRODUCTION

In 2015, the 5<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary COSALFA, held in Cuiabá, Mato Grosso, Brazil, approved the “*Technical Guide for the last stage of the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA)*” which provides guidance for the transition of free zones and countries with vaccination towards the status of free from FMD without vaccination. As more time elapses without new cases in free areas with vaccination, assessing the rationale for maintaining systematic vaccination programs in cattle and evaluating whether all the conditions for their modification and suspension are in place becomes increasingly necessary within the framework of the PHEFA. Thus, during 2016, different actions have been carried out that account for the application of the Technical Guide recommendations, tailored to prevailing national and sub-regional conditions.

Furthermore, during the COSALFA 43, held in April 2016 in Uruguay, the persistence of type C virus in the region was discussed, and it was agreed to conduct a risk assessment to evaluate the need of maintaining this viral type in the vaccines used in four countries of the region. The economic impact of a FMD-free status without vaccination, the new funding demands for prevention and surveillance programs, and the effects of the prospective suspension of vaccination programs, both for veterinary services and the private sector, are topics that require evaluation at country level in order to explore and design the best strategies to facilitate the transition of health status. On the other hand, FMD-free countries are urged to keep up with the technical challenges that emerge when reaching a status without vaccination and to adopt, review, and incorporate tools to improve their capacity for prevention, detection of risks, and their response in case of a health emergency.

The agenda of the International Pre-COSALFA Seminar addresses all these topics that allow not only to know how the Technical Guide recommendations are being implemented but also to discuss the future impact and effects the transition of health status will have on the FMD programs, as well as an update on the risks of FMD C virus circulation and on those tools contributing to improve the preparation for a timely response in case of an FMD outbreaks.

The topics will be discussed by well-known specialists and representatives of veterinary services in thematic sessions, followed by a discussion to identify the different perspectives of the audience composed by the main players and representatives of the public, private and academic sectors interested in the eradication of FMD. The conclusions of each session will be presented to the 44<sup>th</sup> COSALFA Meeting to be held in the same premises on April 6-7, 2017.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### MONDAY, April 03, 2017

- 08:00 - 08:30 Registration
- 08:30 - 09:00 Opening of the Seminar  
- *Guilherme H. Figueiredo Marques*, Director of the Animal Health Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA)  
- *Arthur Eduardo Alves de Toledo*, President, Goiás Agency for Agricultural Defense (AGRODEFESA)  
- *Alfredo Luiz Correia*, President, Fund for Agriculture Development in Goiás (FUNDEPEC)  
- *Ottorino Cosivi*, Director, Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO)
- 09:00 **SESSION 1: Follow-up of the Technical Work Guide for the last stage of the PHEFA**  
Moderator and introduction to the topic: *Alejandro Rivera*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 09:15 - 09:45 **1.1** Analysis of animal movement as a support tool for animal health programs in Brazil  
*José Henrique H. Grisi Filho*, University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil
- 09:45 - 10:15 **1.2** Immunity studies for FMD Risk Characterization in Ecuador and Venezuela  
*Manuel Sánchez*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 10:15-10:30 Discussion
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break - Visit to poster work
- 10:45 - 11:15 **1.3** Transition towards a free area without vaccination in Peru  
*Ubaldo Flores*, SENASA
- 11:15 - 11:45 **1.4** Training of veterinary services of the Andean Region for the last stage of the PHEFA  
*Deyanira Barrero León*, Regional Officer of Livestock Development, FAO
- 11:45 - 12:00 Discussion
- 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **SESSION 2: Suspension of FMD vaccination programs: Effects on the activities of Veterinary Services**  
Moderator: *Eduardo Álvarez*
- 13:30 - 14:00 Experience in Peru. *Ubaldo Flores*, SENASA
- 14:00 - 14:30 Experience in Chile. *Gabriela Espejo Repetto*, SAG
- 14:30 - 16:30 **ROUND TABLE**  
Countries responsible for the Foot-and Mouth-Disease Programs from countries free of foot-and mouth-disease.  
- Argentina. *Samuel Cristian Gómez*, Senasa  
- Bolivia. *Daniel Gareca*, Senasag  
- Brazil. *Eliana Lara*, MAPA  
- Ecuador. *Patricio García*, Agrocalidad  
- Paraguay. *Carlos Ramirez*, Senacsa  
- Uruguay. *Edgardo Vitale*, MGAP
- 16:30 - 16:45 Break – Visit to poster work
- 16:45 - 17:15 Discussion
- 17:15 Closure
- 19:00 Cocktail

## TUESDAY, April 4, 2017

- 08:30 **SESSION 3: Economic impact of the FMD free status without vaccination**  
Moderator: *Alejandro Rivera*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 08:30 - 09:10 **3.1** Economic evaluation of a transition towards the status without vaccination  
*Jaime Romero*, IICA
- 09:10 - 09:50 **3.2** Economic implications of a Foot-and Mouth-Disease Free Latin American Beef Sector  
*Amy Hagerman*, Center of Epidemiology and Animal Health, USDA, USA (by Skype)
- 09:50 - 10:15 Discussion
- 10:15 - 10:30 Visit to poster work (Break)
- 10:30 **SESSION 4: Tools for preparedness and early response to Foot-and Mouth-Disease**  
Moderator and introduction to the topic: *Manuel Sanchez*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 10:30 - 11:10 **4.1** Tools for Surveillance in Foot-and Mouth-Disease Outbreaks  
*Amy Delgado*, Center of Epidemiology and Animal Health, USDA, USA
- 11:10 - 11:50 **4.2** Modeling Support for Preparedness and Response  
*Amy Delgado*, Center of Epidemiology and Animal Health, USDA, USA
- 11:50 - 12:30 **4.3** Containment Zone in Foot-and Mouth-Disease: OIE Proposal, 2016  
*Tom Smylie*, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Canada
- 12:30 - 12:45 Plenary discussion
- 12:45 - 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 **SESSION 5: Risk assessment of foot-and mouth-disease caused by C virus**  
Moderator: *Alejandro Rivera*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 14:30 - 15:00 **5.1.** Type C virus characterization in the world and in the Americas  
*Rossana Allende*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 15:00 - 15:30 **5.2.** Occurrence of C virus in the Americas  
*Manuel Sánchez*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 15:30 - 16:00 **5.3.** Foot-and mouth-disease surveillance for C virus  
*Alejandro Rivera*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 16:00 - 16:30 **5.4.** Risk assessment of C virus  
*Alejandro Rivera*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- 16:30 - 16:45 Plenary discussion
- 16:45 - 17:00 Visit to poster work (Break)
- 17:00 - 17:45 Presentation of the three best poster works selected
- 18:00 Closure of the seminar