

## INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

### The final stage in the eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease: the PHEFA 2011-2020's Action Plan

Recife, Pernambuco - Brazil – March 28-29, 2011

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## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### Antecedents

Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) remains one of the most important diseases for cattle-raising in the world. For South America, FMD raises a serious impediment to cattle-raising development owing to the barriers imposed on the affected countries and zones in respect of trade in susceptible animals and in these animals' products. This entails economic and social impacts, particularly on rural communities.

This is why the countries of the region, with the backing of the Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA) have been working for decades toward control and eradication of this disease, having established the Hemispheric Program to Eradicate Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA), as well as formulating and implementing the first action plan for the period 1988-2009. By the 2009 deadline, the PHEFA had had outstanding success in achieving the targets and fulfilling commitments, to the point that 85 percent of the bovine population of about 350 million head of South America had obtained recognition by the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) as being free of the disease, with or without vaccination.

These remarkable results were achieved thanks to the huge technical and financial effort made by the countries, supported by PANAFTOSA, and to the systematic sanitary work done by the approximately five million cattle-raisers, who have prized the health of their herd as a priority and as a common social asset.

Notwithstanding the progress made after two decades of the Hemispheric Plan's implementation, the FMD eradication target in all South American countries by the 2009 deadline was not achieved, as there are still countries and zones where the disease persists in endemic form, which means that eradication remains an unfinished task. This keeps all of South America vulnerable and places at risk the extraordinary effort spent over decades by the official programs to combat FMD, by cattle raisers, and by all the links of the beef production chain to eradicate this disease.

Recently, the Hemispheric Committee to Eradicate Foot-and-Mouth Disease (COHEFA) approved a new Action Plan for the period 2011-2020, established the strategic political and operational framework to encompass and guide the final eradication stage, as well as defining the action commitments by the countries, needed for achieving the target.

This being the case, the purpose of this seminar is to undertake a detailed review of the eradication needs and progress in South America, as well as the challenges and commitments for action under the new 2011-2020 Action Plan of the Hemispheric Eradication Program (PHEFA), with a view to contributing to the strengthening of the countries' actions.

## SEMINAR SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, March 28, 2011

- 08:30-09:30 Seminar opening “Final of Stage of Foot-and-Mouth Disease’s Eradication: The PHEFA 2011-2020 Action Plan”  
Presentation of the PHEFA 2011-2020 Action Plan – José Naranjo/PANAFTOSA (30’)
- 09:30 - 10:30 **Theme I:** Process for transforming not-free zones with evidence of endemic-epidemic circulation into free zones with vaccination  
- Theme’s introduction – José Naranjo/PANAFTOSA (30’)  
- Presentations by representatives of zones with endemic circulation
  - Bolivia (30’)
- 10:30 - 11:00 Break (visit to papers in poster format)
- 11:00 - 12:30 - Presentations by representatives of zones with endemic circulation
  - Ecuador (30’)
  - Venezuela (30’)  
- Discussion and conclusions (30’)
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 16:00 **Theme II:** Process for transforming not-free zones, without recent registry of clinical cases in free zones  
- Theme’s introduction – José Naranjo/PANAFTOSA (30’)  
- Exposition by representatives of not-free zones, without recent registry of clinical cases in free zones
  - Bolivia (30’)
  - Brazil (30’)
  - Peru (30’)  
- Discussion and conclusions (30’)
- 16:00 - 16:30 Break (visit to papers in poster format)
- 16:30 - 18:30 **Theme III:** Consolidation of free zones with vaccination and their final transformation into free zones without vaccination  
- Theme’s introduction – José Naranjo/PANAFTOSA (30’)  
- Exposition by representatives of free zones with vaccination
  - Argentina (30’)
  - Brazil (30’)  
- Panel to discuss the theme, with the participation of Argentina, Brazil Colombia, Paraguay, and Uruguay (25’)  
- Conclusions (5’)

## TUESDAY, March 29, 2011

- 08:30 - 10:30      **Theme IV:** Maintenance of FMD-free zones without vaccination
- Theme's introduction – José Naranjo/PANAFTOSA (30')
  - Exposition by representatives of free zones without vaccination
    - Chile (30')
    - Central America (30')
  - Panel to discuss the theme, with the participation of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Brazil, North America, Central America, and the Caribbean (25')
  - Conclusions (5')
- 10:30 - 11:00      Break (visit to papers in poster format)
- 11:00 - 12:00      **Theme V:** Role of Family Farming in FMD eradication in South America – Tito Diaz/FAO (45')
- Discussion and conclusions (15')
- 12:00 - 13:30      Lunch
- 13:30 - 14:30      **Theme VI:** Economic Impact of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Programs – Jorge Madeira Nogueira/UNB (45')
- Discussion and conclusions (15')
- 14:30 - 15:30      **Theme VII:** Information systems and animal health intervention programs – Antonio Mendes/PANAFTOSA (45')
- Discussion and conclusions (15')
- 15:30 - 16:00      Break (visit to papers in poster format)
- 16:00 - 17:00      **Conclusions and Recommendations** - Pre-COSALFA Seminar