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**PRE-COSALFA INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**  
**“PHEFA’s follow-up: prevention in foot-and-mouth disease free zones”**

Panama City, Panama – 15-16 April 2013

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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**ANTECEDENTS**

The history of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) in the last 15 years points to the extreme vulnerability of major populations of susceptible animals in territories that are free of the disease without vaccination. The FMD outbreaks in England, Uruguay, Japan, South Korea, South Africa, and Bulgaria in recent years clearly illustrate the standing risk of the disease’s introduction and dissemination even on isle territories with sufficient technical and financial resources to adopt appropriate prevention programs. Today, all of North America, Central America, and the Caribbean are free of the disease without vaccination and their herds are highly susceptible to the agent, which poses a major challenge to the countries to maintain and strengthen their FMD prevention, warning, and early response programs.

Even FMD-free countries and zones with vaccination experience recurrent outbreaks (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, and Paraguay), which, though sporadic, show that despite the efforts under systematic vaccination programs that keep the herds’ susceptibility to the FMD virus at low levels consistent with the elimination of viral circulation, short coverage of some subpopulations persist, entailing vulnerability risks that pose an ongoing challenge to the countries for maintaining their eradication and prevention programs.

In view of the preceding, the Seminar’s objective is to review and discuss the situation of FMD prevention on the continent, as well as identifying the main challenges and needs for action to maintain the susceptible animal populations free of the disease in a sustainable, lasting manner.

The result of the discussions, their conclusions and recommendations will be submitted to COSALFA 40.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### MONDAY, 15 April 2013

- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 - 09:15 Opening of the Seminar on “PHEFA’s follow-up: prevention in foot-and-mouth disease free zones”.  
*Ottorino Cosivi, Director, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO*
- 09:15 - 10:15 **THEME I:**  
**Experience and lessons learned regarding foot-and-mouth disease emergencies in free zones without vaccination**  
- Theme’s introduction: *José Naranjo, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO*  
- Reports by:
  - Uruguay – *Francisco Muzio, MGAP*
  - Mexico – *Igor Romero, SENASICA/SAGARPA*
- 10:15 - 10:30 Discussion and conclusions
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break (visit to poster papers)
- 10:45 - 12:10 **THEME II:**  
**Factors of the risk of introduction and dissemination of foot-and-mouth disease in free zones without vaccination**  
- Theme’s introduction: *Antonio Mendes, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO*  
- Reports by:
  - USA – *USDA/APHIS*
  - Panamá – *Franklin Clavel, COPEG*
  - Chile – *Marta Rojas, SAG*
- 12:10 - 12:30 Discussion and conclusions
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 14:50 **THEME III:**  
**Contingency plans for foot-and-mouth disease emergencies**  
- Theme’s introduction: *José Naranjo, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO*  
- Reports by:
  - Brazil – *Ronaldo Teixeira, MAPA*
  - Colombia – *Miryam Luz Gallego, ICA*
  - Argentina – *Rodolfo Bottini, SENASA*
- 14:50 - 15:05 Discussion and conclusions
- 15:05 - 15:20 Break (visit to poster papers)
- 15:20 - 16:40 **THEME IV:**  
**Emergency vaccination in free zones without vaccination and its consequence for status recovery and trade**  
- Theme’s introduction: *Rossana Allende, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO*  
- Reports by:
  - USA – *USDA/APHIS*
  - Panamá – *To be defined*
  - Chile – *Marta Rojas, SAG*
- 16:40 - 17:00 Discussion and conclusions

## TUESDAY, 16 April 2013

- 09:00 - 10:00 **THEME V:**  
**Antigen and/or Vaccine Bank – Official Service’s view**  
- Theme’s introduction: *Hernando Duque, APHIS-USDA, USA*  
- Reports by:
- Argentina - *Eduardo Maradei, SENASA*
  - México – *Igor Romero, SENASICA/SAGARPA*
- 10:00 - 10:15 Discussion and conclusions
- 10:15 - 10:30 Break (visit to poster papers)
- 10:30 - 11:30 **THEME VI:**  
**Production of antigens and/or vaccines for Banks – Private Sector’s view**  
- Theme’s introduction: *Rossana Allende, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO*  
- Reports by:
- Argentina – *Ana Maria Espinosa, Biogenesis Bagó S.A.*
  - Brazil – *Ricardo Pinto, SINDAN*
- 11:30 - 12:00 Discussion and conclusions
- 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 14:50 **THEME VII:**  
**Experience and lessons learned regarding foot-and-mouth disease emergencies in free zones with vaccination**  
- Theme’s introduction: *Francisco Muzio, MGAP, Uruguay*  
- Reports by:
- Paraguay – *Primo Feltes, SENACSA*
  - Colombia – *Miryam Luz Gallego, ICA*
  - Perú – *Oscar Domínguez, SENASA*
- 14:50 - 15:15 Discussion and conclusions
- 15:15 - 15:45 Break (visit to poster papers)
- 15:45 - 17:00 **Conclusions and recommendations of the Pre-COSALFA International Seminar**