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PRE-REDIPRA SEMINAR
"THE EXPERIENCE OF COUNTRIES AND TOOLS FOR THE DECLARATION OF CANINE RABIES VARIANTS 1 AND 2 FREE AREAS"
Brasília, Brazil, September 15 - 2015

OBJECTIVES

Since the beginning of the regional rabies control program in 1983, the cases of human rabies associated with variants 1 and 2 are at historic lows in the Americas. The majority of the countries and areas in the region report no cases of human rabies by variants 1 and 2, and cases are restricted to a small number of areas.

The objective of the Seminar is to discuss a model for the declaration of canine-transmitted rabies free areas in the region, considering the World Health Organization's (WHO) requirements developed in a consult with rabies specialists (WHO, 2013), the experience of the countries and, the compilation of indicators by PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO.

As many of the WHO's requirements are focused on a canine surveillance, the University of Glasgow will present the (provisional) results of the modelling work for a definition of surveillance standards. This study was commissioned by PAHO and WHO, and independent of an area's epidemiologic rabies situation, the model results could be applicable for the elaboration of canine surveillance programs.

<p align="center">**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**
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TUESDAY, September 15 - 2015

08:30 - 09:00   Registration

09:00 - 09:30   Opening of the Seminar
Ottorino Cosivi, Director, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
Eduardo Caldas, Representative of the Brazilian Ministry of Health
Elaine Sena, Representative of the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply

09:30 - 09:45   Seminar's Objectives
Victor Del Rio, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO

09:45 - 10:15   **A framework for declaration of free areas: Global Context**
Bernadette Abella-Ridder, World Health Organization (WHO)

10:15   **SESSION 1: TOOLS FOR CANINE RABIES SURVEILLANCE**
Moderator: *Sérgio de Andrade Nishioka*, CGD/DEVIT/SVS/MS, Brazil
Reporter: *Victor Del Rio*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO

10:15 - 11:00   **1.1 Presentation of the model for definition of canine rabies surveillance requirements**
Katie Hampson, University of Glasgow
- Background
- Model's structure
- Results
- Discussions, assumptions and limitations

11:00 - 11:15   Discussions

11:15 - 11:30   Break

11:30 - 12:00   **1.2 Presentation of the application of the model**
Katie Hampson, University of Glasgow
Mary Hofmeister Freire de Carvalho, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
- Data Requirements
- Uses of the model for countries and areas
- Next steps

12:00 - 12:15   Discussion

12:15 - 13:30   Lunch

13:30	**SESSION 2: CANINE RABIES VARIANTS 1 AND 2 FREE AREAS**
	Moderator: *Hugo Tamayo*, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO
	Reporter: *Marco Vigilato*, PAHO/WHO

13:30 - 15:10   **2.1 The countries' experiences in the declaration of rabies free areas**
- Uruguay – *Gabriela Willat*, Ministry of Health
- Peru – *José Oswaldo Cabanillas Angulo*, Ministry of Health
- México – *Verónica Gutiérrez Cedillo*, Secretary of Health
- Brazil – *Eduardo Caldas*, Ministry of Health
- Chile – *Carlos Pavletic*, Ministry of Health

15:10 - 15:30   Discussion

15:30 - 15:50   **2.2 Presentation of a declaration framework: precedents and updates in the Americas region**
Mary Hofmeister Freire de Carvalho, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO

15:50 - 16:15   **2.3 Proposal of a variants 1 and 2 rabies free area declaration to the region**
Victor Del Rio, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO

16:15 - 16:45   Discussion

16:45 - 17:15   Break

17:15 - 17:45   Conclusions of the "International PRE-REDRIPRA 15 Seminar"
Moderator: *Hugo Tamayo*, Consultor PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO

18:00   Closing

18:15   Welcome reception offered by "World Animal Protection"