Report on the First International Conference on Contagious Equine Metritis

11 and 12 July 2007, Lelystad, the Netherlands

The First International Conference on Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) was held at the Central Institute for Animal Disease Control (CIDC-Lelystad), in Lelystad, the Netherlands. Fifty-six participants, comprising researchers, diagnosticians and policymakers from all over the world, attended the meeting. The conference was organised by Peter Heath, (Veterinary Laboratories Agency [VLA], United Kingdom [UK]) and Hendrik-Jan Roest (CIDC-Lelystad), both of whom are OIE Reference Experts for CEM.

The aims of the conference were to harmonise diagnostic tests, share knowledge and bring together people with the same interests in order to extend and tighten the existing networks. These goals were expressed in a programme including general introductions to CEM, a presentation of the results of two international ring trials, presentations on the detection, control and treatment of *Taylorella equigenitalis* and, lastly, presentations on *T. asinigenitalis*.

Participants at the Conference