



Global Conference on Rabies Control: Towards Sustainable Prevention at the Source

Seoul (Republic of Korea), 7-9 September 2011

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is committed to supporting the efforts of the international community to achieve worldwide eradication of rabies, a dreadful disease that still claims the lives of some 50'000 people a year. The victims, mostly children, die after a period of dreadful suffering.

A global conference is needed to bring together all parties involved in controlling rabies at its animal source and help to create synergy between their individual efforts.

We know, for instance, that the majority of resources available in rabies endemic countries today are directed at treating humans who have been bitten, in most cases by dogs. All too frequently the dogs have no owner or the owner has failed to assume responsibility for the animal's health and to keep the animal under control.

We also know that allocating part of these resources to rabies prevention in animals and stray dog population control would help to bring about a marked reduction in the number of human and animal rabies cases throughout the world.

This Global Conference, due to take place in Seoul from 7 to 9 September 2011, will give priority to good governance decisions on the distribution of public or private, local, national and international resources towards priority actions in animals at the animal-human interface, in line with the new "One Health" concept.

It will provide an opportunity to highlight the latest success stories in the field of diagnosis, parenteral and oral vaccination of domestic and wild carnivores, control of the animal populations involved and systems of governance involving a wide range of stakeholders, including the Veterinary Services, Public Health Services, municipalities, NGOs and all other relevant stakeholders of the public and private sector.

This Conference is being organised by the OIE in collaboration with FAO and WHO and will receive generous support from the Republic of Korea through the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and its National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service. The recommendations arising from this Conference will notably help the OIE to prepare novel international standards on rabies control and achieve better coordination with its partners. The Conference will be open to all scientists concerned with the animal world and public health, the representatives of veterinary and medical services and public sector animal and human health managers from all over the world as well as all non-governmental players contributing to rabies control worldwide.





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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

| Tuesday 6 September 2011 | |
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| 17:00 – 19:00 | Registration |
| Day 1 : Wednesday 7 September 2011 | |
| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration (continued) |
| OPENING ADDRESSES | |
| Chair: | |
| 09:00 – 09:40 | Welcome by FAO Representative Welcome by WHO Representative Welcome by the President of the OIE Welcome by the Director General of the OIE Welcome by the Representative of Korean Government |
| 09:40 – 10:00 | Coffee break |
| SESSION 1: THE REALITY OF RABIES : SETTING THE SCENE | |
| Chair: | |
| 10:00 – 12:20 | Epidemiology of Rabies Reservoir of rabies in wildlife Case Report (1) – Western Europe Case Report (2) – Philippines Case Report (3) – A Maghreb country Case Report (4) – A Sub Saharan country Discussion |
| 12:20 – 13:40 | Lunch |

SESSION 2: SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES : CURRENT AND FUTURE TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR RABIES CONTROL

Chair:

- 13:40 – 15:20
- New diagnostic tools for rabies in animals
 - New developments in animal vaccines
 - Parenteral versus oral vaccination in animals
 - Immuno-contraception as a tool for rabies control in dog population
 - Discussion
- 15:20 – 15:40
- Coffee break

SESSION 3: ECONOMIC DIMENSIONS OF RABIES CONTROL

Chair:

- 15:40 – 17:40
- Cost of prevention and treatment of human rabies
 - Impact of animal rabies on local economy
 - Cost-benefit analysis of rabies control
 - Cost-effectiveness of different mitigation measures
 - Discussion
- 18.00
- OIE Cocktail

Day 2 : Thursday 8 September 2011

SESSION 4 : INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Chair:

- 09:00 – 10:40
- OIE standards and tools for rabies control
 - CITES and other relevant international standards
 - International movement of pets: Individual identification, pet passports, traceability, quarantine and sanitary controls
 - Monitoring and control of dog population
 - Discussion
- 10:40 – 11:00
- Coffee break

SESSION 5 : ROLE OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS IN RABIES CONTROL IN THE ANIMAL RESERVOIR

Chair:

- 11:00 – 12:40
- Veterinary Services and the veterinary professionals in rabies control
 - Inter-sectorial collaboration and dog rabies control

Local governments and municipalities and dog rabies control

NGOs' role in dog rabies control

Discussion

12:40 – 14:00

Lunch

SESSION 5 : ROLE OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS IN RABIES CONTROL IN THE ANIMAL RESERVOIR (CONTD)

Chair:

14:00 – 15:20

Rabies control and animal welfare

Animal habitat and environmental factors

Communication and awareness programmes for successful rabies control at the animal source

Discussion

15:20 – 15:40

Coffee break

SESSION 6: NEW APPROACHES IN DOG RABIES CONTROL PROGRAMMES

Chair:

15:40 – 17:00

Combining dog rabies control programmes with other interventions to control zoonotic canine diseases – the case of echinococcosis and leishmaniasis - opportunities and challenges

Assuring quality and sustainability of rabies vaccination programmes: Vaccination – rabies surveillance – post-vaccination monitoring

Innovations in wildlife management

Discussion

17:00 – 18:30

POSTER SESSION

19.00

Dinner

Day 3 : Friday 9 September 2011

SESSION 7: STRATEGIES TODAY AND TOMORROW

Chair:

09:00 – 10:20

Mainstreaming rabies in National Veterinary Services

OIE activities on rabies: PVS, Vaccine banks and the OIE twinning

Public and private funding of rabies programmes

Discussion

10:20-10:40

Coffee break

SESSION 8: MOVING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE PREVENTION AT THE ANIMAL SOURCE: RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair:

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| 10:40 – 11:40 | Summary reports from Session Chairs General discussion |
| 11:40 – 12:30 | Presentation and adoption of recommendations Closure of the conference |
| 12.30 | Lunch |