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Happy Christmas time and a beautiful 2014!

**The EPIZONE management team wants to wish all people within EPIZONE and all contacts of EPIZONE
a happy Christmas period, a joyful holiday season and
a very good and fruitful new year!**



The EPIZONE European Research Group is active for more than a year now but the final reports of the EPIZONE Network of Excellence have just been completed and sent to the Commission end of October. Upon our reports we have not received any additional questions from the EC financial officer. We expect to receive the final payments from the Commission soon. Subsequently we will proceed with final payments to the partners, hopefully before the end of 2013. We thank all partners for their cooperation in completing these reports. The final NoE reports will be made available from the EPIZONE website soon.

8th EPIZONE AM

We are just past our EPIZONE 7th annual meeting in Brussels and we are already working on the organisation of the 8th EPIZONE annual meeting which will be held in Copenhagen, 23-25 September 2014, hosted by partner VET-DTU. The chair of the 8th AM scientific committee will be Anette Bøtner and the new Young EPIZONE contact at host VET-DTU will be Ulrik Fahnøe. Email for young EPIZONE can be sent to email box: youngepizone@outlook.com



Nyhavn, Copenhagen

Twenty partners

EPIZONE currently has twenty partners. After the founding of the ERG at least 5 new partner have joined the Research Group: IVI Switzerland, CSIRO Australia, Pokrov Russia, FAZD USA and CReSA Spain. In the coming year we hope to get some extra partner from Eastern Europe Member States and we will try to include one partner from South America and one from Africa. The latter two partners should be able to act as a hub to other veterinary research institutes on their continents.

Short Term Scientific Missions

During the AM in October the EPIZONE coordinating forum and the EPIZONE executive committee have decided to re-allocate some budget of the EPIZONE ERG for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs). Especially for Young scientists these STSMs can be very valuable. Guidelines for STSMs will be drafted; these will not be very different from the former guidelines but will not include bench fees.

Additional information about the new regulations for EPIZONE STSMs will be made available through the website.

Executive Committee

In the EPIZONE Executive Committee Åse Uttenthal will be replaced by Anette Bøtner (VET-DTU) and Marie Frederique LePotier of ANSES will also join the EC. With these two new people the EPIZONE EC is on full strength again and we are confident that the current EC will be capable to keep all EPIZONE activities going on a high scientific level.

EPIZONE website

The EPIZONE website has been migrated and it is expected that the EPIZONE website will be renewed in the beginning of 2014. Before the end of 2013 we aim to archive a lot of files of the internal website which are not used anymore, and we also want to update all EPIZONE address lists (incl. email addresses). New logins for the partners to visit the EPIZONE internal website will be sent out soon.



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8th Annual Meeting EPIZONE

“Primed for tomorrow”

23-25 September 2014
Copenhagen, Denmark

Hosted by DTU Vet, National Veterinary Institute, Technical University of Denmark



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Welcome drink

During a welcome drink in the cartoon museum on the first evening the participants were surprised by a warm welcome speech given by 'the organisers' Thomson and Thomson.



Young EPIZONE

On October 1st Young EPIZONE held its meeting with training and social activities for our young scientists.



220 attendees at scientific Meeting

The following two days, 2 and 3 October, the scientific meeting was held, which was very successful: there were around 150 high quality abstracts submitted, and around 220 attendees present at the meeting, 9 excellent keynote speakers, 60 oral presentations and almost 100 poster presentations.

Social dinner

An excellent real Belgium social dinner was served on the evening of October 3rd at the well-known restaurant 'Chez Leon' in the centre of Brussels. Mussels with 'Vlaamse friet', and of course we had Belgium beers.

EFSA satellite

On the fourth day of the conference a satellite meeting was held in cooperation with EFSA: "Emerging animal diseases in the EU: What have we learned". For this meeting the number of attendees was limited to 60. Four speakers did talks, which were followed by a panel discussion with the audience led by professor Simon Moore of EFSA.

Congratulations to CODA-CERVA

We thank our colleagues of CODA-CERVA, Belgium for organising an excellent 8th annual meeting of EPIZONE. The abstract book of the AM can be downloaded from the EPIZONE website. A report of the EFSA satellite symposium will become available soon.

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Wim van der Poel, coordinator EPIZONE

For [keynotes](#) and [abstractbook](#) see the [EPIZONE website](#)

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Networking game an workshop

The YE day (October 1 2013) began with a networking game that encouraged all participants to get to know each other and exchange information about themselves and the research they carry out. After breaking the ice, a workshop titled 'Working in a project environment, the art of success', was presented by the ever-enthusiastic professional coach Tom Jacobs. He discussed how to manage a project and made it memorable by incorporating funny analogies such as the Bermuda triangle, how to eat an elephant, the brains of men versus women, clowns, cynics and bureaucrats on the work floor. By the end of the workshop everyone had been provided with the tools for a perfect project execution plan.



Testimonials from senior scientists

The day ended with honest testimonials from senior scientists (Dr. Sandra Blome, Dr. Kris De Clercq, Prof. Dr. Thomas C. Mettenleiter & Prof. Dr. Wim van der Poel) about their trial and error experiences with project management. The YE participants learnt that in practice there are many challenges that arise during a project, and they do not always run as it should.

Welcome reception 7th AM

In the evening we joined the welcome reception at the Belgian Comic Strip Centre, where Thomson and Thompson officially opened the 7th EPIZONE Annual Meeting. After enjoying some snacks and Belgian beers, many YE participants went out together to eat spareribs à volenté.



More than 33 participants

With over 33 participants from over ten different countries, we believe that this was a successful edition of the YE meeting in Brussels. Many new contacts were made, which will certainly be useful in further careers. We thank all the participants and senior scientists for their contribution and enthusiasm during the meeting. Last but not least we want to thank the Belgian Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre CODA-CERVA, and EPIZONE for allowing us to make this day possible.

See you all next year

We hope to see you all next year in Denmark for the 8th EPIZONE annual meeting!

Toon Rosseel on behalf of the Young EPIZONE core group (Tom Willems, Femke Feenstra, Susanne Röhrs & Josephine Golding)

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Toon Rosseel (CODA-CERVA, Belgium): '*Next generation sequencing to investigate in vitro evolution of low pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 virus under strong antiviral (oseltamivir) selection pressure*'.

Alessio Lorusso (IZSAM, Italy): '*Complete genome sequence and phylogenetic analysis of Bluetongue virus serotype 16 from Italy*'.



The prize was a cheque of €200 and was handed to the winners by Thomson and Thomson and INGENASE representatives.