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Workshop "Data Information Sharing within the Veterinary Scientific Community"

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EPIZONE invited to give a presentation at the first “One Health Congress”

The first “International One Health Congress”, **Human Health, Animal Health, Environment and Global Survival**, will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from 14-16 February 2011.

EPIZONE is invited to give a presentation during this congress.

The presentation will be held by Professor Wim van der Poel, coordinator EPIZONE, in the afternoon of 14th of February.

From the management

During the half yearly meeting in Lelystad, 12-13 January 2011, the Coordinating Forum members had their meeting.

Some interesting issues from the meeting:

- **Sustainability /EPIZONE ERG**

A draft agreement has been completed on the creation of an **European Research Group (ERG)**, the follow up of the EPIZONE project. The document with addendum is circulated to all partner institutes. Legal advisors of all the institutes are asked to look into this document and should forward their comments on this document before the end of February 2011. The final document is to be ready at the time of the annual meeting in April. Thereafter the agreement can be signed by all founding partners. The ERG will start by Jan 1st 2012. By 2013 the ERG will be opened for new partners according to the rules of the ERG.

- **6th Annual Meeting, Brighton UK**

To keep EPIZONE going the organising of a 6th AM has been started. This next annual meeting will not be funded by the EU and must be mainly self-supporting. It will be hosted by the IAH in Pirbright and the location will be Brighton, end of May or beginning of June in 2012. It is aimed to have about 200-250 attendees. The next AM will be announced at the 5th Annual Meeting in Papendal, so people can take the event into consideration for their budget of Year 6. EPIZONE key scientists are invited to volunteer for the scientific committee.

- **Workshop Building Bridges**

The 2nd Building Bridges meeting in Madrid was a great success. There were a lot of Chinese participants and a large number of research items were discussed in parallel sessions. The meeting report is being drafted and will be available soon. The next Building Bridges meeting will probably be held in Beijing, China. Presumably in July 2011. The topics are not known yet and the venue has not been selected yet.

- **Extension EPIZONE**

Administrative extension was foreseen for this project but considering the current expenditure it has been decided to plan extra work in a selected work package in each theme. This is supported by the European Commission and a formal request for extension will be sent to the EC in February 2011.

Under expenditure at the ending of the project is absolutely not allowed, even a small amount under budget may have serious consequences. Extra work will have to be included in clear deliverables and should be done by enough partners.

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Hotel registration

! Don't forget to make your hotel reservation: first come, first served till the 28th February 2011. You can make a reservation via [this link](#) to the reservation form on our annual meeting website. Please be aware, from accommodation NOT booked via this website there will be NO shuttle bus available to the congress venue and diner location.

Keynote speakers 5th Annual meeting

The [draft programme](#) of the 5th AM EPIZONE “Science on alert” and the satellite symposium “Bluetongue and other vector borne diseases” with invited speakers, keynotes and oral presentations is now available online.

Invited speakers.

12th April: Morning session “How veterinary research relates to animal health policies”

Moderator: Prof. L. Hellebrekers, President of the Dutch Royal Veterinary Association.

Dr Carolin Schumacher, Head of Grandes Prophylaxies Global Enterprise Merial.

Dr Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel, Deputy Head, Scientific and Technical Department OIE World Organisation for Animal Health.

Dr. Juan Lubroth, Senior Officer of the Infectious Disease Group FAO Animal Health Service (to be confirmed).

Dr Alberto Laddomada, Deputy Head of Unit Animal Health and Standing Committees, European Commission DG-Sanco (to be confirmed).

Prof. Wim H. M. van der Poel, Coordinator of EPIZONE.

Keynote speakers:

12th April: Afternoon session Diagnostics and Epidemiology and surveillance sessions

Prof. A.D. Zaberezhny, Ivanovsky Institute of Virology, Moscow.

13th April: morning session, Intervention strategies and risk assessment

Prof. Jim Machlachlan, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California-Davis (UCD).

13th April: afternoon Satellite Symposium “Bluetongue and other vector borne diseases”

Dr. Lyle Petersen, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, USA.

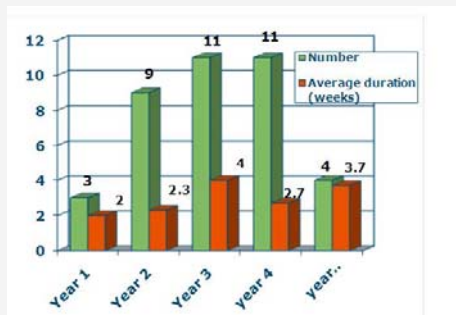
13th April: evening Satellite Symposium

Dr. Piet van Rijn, Central Veterinary Institute of Wageningen UR, The Netherlands.

See for oral presentations the [programme](#).

Extension of the Short Term Missions up to end of July 2011

From the start of the EPIZONE network of excellence, support for short-term scientific missions (STMs) of EPIZONE members has been offered to stimulate research collaboration, promote education and contribute to the spreading of excellence as one of the main activities of the WP3.2 in Theme 3. On the whole, the level of STM use has been satisfactory up to month 54 of the project. Figure 1 represents the number of STM per year and the average duration of each application. After a limited development of STMs the first year, a sustained use has been observed afterwards. However, when considering the origin of the STM beneficiaries, an important heterogeneity between institutes can be observed with three partners who never applied.



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Part of the EPIZONE activities will be extended up November 31st 2011. STMs will be included in the prolonged activities and it will be possible to apply for such a mission up to end of July 2011 with expenses eligible up to end of October 2011

Application form and conditions for eligibility can be found at the EPIZONE website [here](#). The application has to be sent to epizone.cvi@wur.nl for review.

Don't miss this great opportunity!

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4 ½ year EPIZONE

On Thursday 13th January the Work Package leaders presented the outcomes of their work packages over the last 4 ½ year EPIZONE. All presentations can be found on the internal EPIZONE website: [here](#) .

Besides the work package presentations the Management Advisory Board (MAB) and External Advisory Panel (EAP) members had their meetings, actively participated in the discussions and gave their feedback.

During happy hour there was the opportunity to hit a strike at the bowling alley followed by an informal dinner in a friendly atmosphere.



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The EPIZONE website gets its main peaks from registration and abstract activities around the annual meetings, but also from the EPIZONE Update and downloads. To encourage more people to have a look at our website, we are working on a complete new design. To be continued!

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EPIZONE Workshop Formaldehyde replacement

An international workshop was organized by 8 EPIZONE partner institutes to discuss the replacement of formaldehyde as a disinfectant for the decontamination of laboratories and animal facilities. The workshop, which was held on 11-12 January 2011 at the Central Veterinary Institute in Lelystad, the Netherlands, was attended by some 80 participants from 15 different countries. Representatives from several EPIZONE partner institutes as well as several invited speakers presented and discussed their results and experiences.

Workshop proceedings

The workshop generated important information on the use of alternatives for formaldehyde. However, it also became clear that there are still gaps in our knowledge and additional research is probably needed. The workshop proceedings containing the abstracts of the presentations and the major conclusions and recommendations will be published before April 1st 2011.



Formaldehyde toxic and suspected carcinogen

Disinfection with gaseous formaldehyde (fumigation) is used world-wide for the disinfection of laboratories and animal facilities in which harmful infectious agents are handled. Although fumigation with formaldehyde has proven to be highly effective, it suffers from a number of drawbacks which relate to safety; formaldehyde is highly toxic and is a suspected carcinogen. Therefore, to diminish the environmental and health burden, the use of formaldehyde has to be minimized or avoided.

Alternatives for formaldehyde

In order to replace formaldehyde by safer substitutes, several institutes have already investigated alternative disinfection procedures such as the use of vaporized hydrogen peroxide (VHP), ozone or chlorine dioxide. However, questions remain about the efficacy of these alternatives since they have not - or insufficiently - been evaluated and validated for a number of infectious agents.

Although experience with alternatives for formaldehyde disinfection has been gained by different EPIZONE partner institutes and elsewhere, the majority of this information has not been published and is not publicly available. Since there is a strong need to collect this information in order to conclude which substitutes can be used as alternatives, a workshop was organized to discuss the replacement of formaldehyde as a disinfectant.



Workshop "Data Information Sharing within the Veterinary Scientific Community"

From 23-25 March 2011 the workshop "Data Information Sharing within the Veterinary Scientific Community: Legislative State of the Art and the Role of EPIZONE" will be held at Villa Franceschi, Mira, Italy. The workshop is organised by the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSve) in the framework of the EPIZONE project.

The workshop falls within Theme 2 - Strategic Integration. It is intended to be a forum for sharing practical experience and ideas for future developments, in line with the promotion of information and data sharing which is pivotal to the achievement of EPIZONE objectives.

Selected scientists and representatives from EPIZONE Member Organizations as well as relevant non-EPIZONE members will take part in the discussion (around 30 participants). The meeting will provide:

- An overview of the achievements relating to data/information sharing within EPIZONE.
- An outline of the state of the art of available technical solutions and their adaptability to the veterinary field within the framework of EU legislation and policies.
- Discussion on the possibility of constituting an interest group which could be maintained in the future.
- Further prospects for data/information sharing.

Registration deadline: 15 February 2011.

See for more information and registration form: EPIZONE website, [events](#).

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Activity agenda (meetings, workshops and events)

- 14-16 February 2011 - First One Health Congress, Melbourne, Australia
- 23-25 March 2011 -workshop: Data Information Sharing within the Veterinary Scientific Community: Legislative state of the art and the role of EPIZONE, Villa Franceschi, Mira, Italy.
- 11-14 April 2011 - 5th Annual Meeting EPIZONE, Arnhem, hosted by CVI, The Netherlands.
- 3-7 July 2011 -XV International Congress in Animal Hygiene (ISAH 2011)“*Animal Hygiene and Sustainable Livestock Production*”,University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria.
- 20-24 August 2012 - ISVEE 13th International Symposium on Veterinary Epidemiology& Economics, Maastricht, the Netherlands