Joint Thirteenth Annual Meetings of the National Laboratories for Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease of European Union Member States 2007

Programme for Wednesday 23rd May 2007

Annual meeting of the National Laboratories for avian influenza (AI)

14:00-14:15 Welcome

14:15-14:35 (1) **FAO projects in Eastern Europe and Caucasus**  
K. Depner

14:35-14:55 (2) **Avian Influenza in Russia: Current situation and control strategies**  
V. Irza

14:50-15:10 On line reporting system for poultry and wild bird surveillance  
S. Morello

15:10-15:30 (3) **Country Reports on AI based on questionnaires**  
I. Brown

15:30-16:00 (4) **Wild Bird Surveillance Epidemiology Report February-May 06**  
U. Hesterberg

16:00-16:30 Tea and Coffee

16:30-16:50 Phylogeny and molecular changes of H5N1 HPAI viruses circulating in African poultry  
G. Cattoli

16:50-17:10 (5) **H5N1 outbreak in turkeys in the UK, February 2007**  
I. Brown

17:10-17:30 (6) **H5N1 Avian Influenza in dogs: susceptibility and receptors**  
G. Koch

17:30-17:35 (7) **Flu-lab-net: Progress report**  
I. Brown

17:35-18:00 (8) **Flu-lab-net: Web based communication systems**  
T. Stacy

Close
Programme for Thursday 24th May 2007

09:00-09:10 (9) Conclusions of FAO/OIE/EU Verona Conference on AI vaccination

G. Dauphin

09:10-09:30 (10) EFSA scientific opinion on AI vaccines

O. Ribo

09:30-09:50 (11) Evaluation of the Dutch voluntary vaccination of hobby and commercial flocks

G. Koch

09:50-10:10 Passive protection afforded by maternally derived antibodies and their influence on the protection elicited by Avian Influenza inactivated vaccination in progeny

T. Van Der Berg

10:10-10:30 (12) AI vaccination using licensed inactivated H5 vaccines under field conditions in layer hens and geese parents - Protection after primary and booster vaccinations

M. Rudolf

10:30-11:00 Tea/Coffee

11:00-11:20 (13) Development and validation of H7 real time RT-PCR

M. Slomka/ J. Voermans

11:20-11:40 (14) Suitability of two commercial swab sampling systems for the detection of AI viruses in faecal samples from birds

S. Fereidouni

11:40-12:00 (15) Evaluation of automated RNA extraction methods during an AI outbreak

M. Durban

12.00-12.20 (16a) Technical update from CRL: H5 & N1 real-time PCRs

M. Slomka

(16b) LFD validation protocols

12:20-12:40 (17) Structured approach towards a ‘double-check’ strategy for rapid molecular diagnosis and virus characterisation during outbreaks of HPAI

T. Harder

12:40-13:00 (18) Interlaboratory ring trial of molecular detection/characterisation methods for AI

M. Slomka

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14:00-14:20 (19) Influenza virus surveillance in Wild Birds and backyard flocks in Slovenia

O. Zorman Rojs

14:20-14:40 (20) Future surveillance programmes in poultry and wild birds

V. Piazza

14:40-15.00 (21) Report from the European Commission

M. Pittman

15:00-15:20 (22) Challenges and opportunities arising from cooperation programmes developed to support African and Middle-Eastern countries in the management of the H5N1 epidemic.

P. DeBenedictis

15:20-15:35 Tea/Coffee
15:35-15:55 (23) Challenges and opportunities arising from cooperation programmes developed to support African and Middle Eastern countries G.Dauphin

15:55-17:15 Round Table discussion of laboratory technical issues to include proposed revisions to the AI diagnostic manual

17:15 Close

18:30 Departure of Coaches

19:00 Sightseeing and Dinner on the Island of Riems
**Programme for Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} May 2007**

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<td><strong>(25) ND update and Community Animal Health Policy from the European Commission</strong></td>
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<td><strong>(29) ND outbreak due to PPMV1 in game birds in Scotland, October 2006</strong></td>
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