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14:00-14:05 Welcome
14:05-14:25 (1) HPAI in Great Britain since 1959  D. Alexander
14:25-14:45 (2) Current OIE activities and initiatives on AI  C. Bruschke
14:45-15:00 Tea/ Coffee
15:00-15:20 (3) Maximising the outcome of veterinary activities to support public health: the challenge of AI  I. Capua
15:20-15:40 (4) Activities of the FVO with respect to the Unit for Birds and Fish  G. Czifra
15:40-16:00 (5) Avian Influenza in Russia: Current situation and control strategies  V. Irza
16:00-16:20 (6) Country Reports for Avian influenza 2007  I. Brown
16:20-16:50 (7) AI surveillance in the EU during 2006/7  U. Hesterberg
16:50-17:00 (8) Flu-lab-net: Progress report  I. Brown
17:00-17:45 (9) Flu-lab-net: Web based communication systems  M. Windham

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09:00-09:20 (10) Antigenic cartography of H5 viruses.  R. Fouchier
09:20-09:40 (11) “Do we need a regular virological duck monitoring?” Experiences and consequences from HP H5N1 outbreaks in Germany 2007  T. Harder
09:40-10:00 Tea/Coffee
10:00-10:20 Active surveillance of wild birds in East of France following the H5N1 HP outbreaks in summer 2007  V. Jestin
10:20-10:40 Evidence of infection by HPAI H5 in healthy wild waterfowls  G. Cattoli
10:40-11:00 (12) HPAI H5N1 outbreaks in the UK, 2007/8  I. Brown
11:00-11:20 (13) Analysis of HPAI H5N1 cases in Poland in 2007  K. Smietanka
11:20-11:40 (14) Epizootic of an LPAI H1N5 virus in turkeys in the Netherlands  G. Koch
11:40-12:00 (15) Evaluation of different markers of infection in chickens after LPAI experimental inoculation  S. Marché
12:00-12:20 Transmission experiments with HPAI H5N1 in vaccinated Pekin ducks  J. van der Goot
12:20-13:30 Lunch
13:30-13:50 (16) Immunoselection and characterization of an HPAI H5N1 escape mutant  H. Lage Ferreira
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13:50-14:10 (17) OFFLU project on vaccination against H5N1 in Indonesia G. Dauphin
14.10-14.20 (18) Viral Variation Resulting in False Negative Results in a H5 Real-time RT-PCR Test D. Suarez
14:20 -14:40 Comparison of virus isolation and real time RT-PCR (to be confirmed) J. van der Goot

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15:40-16:10 (20) Why a European Surveillance Network for Influenza in Pigs (ESNIP)? K. Van Reeth

16.10-16.30 (21) Update from the European Influenza Surveillance Scheme (EISS) - human influenza laboratory network K. van der Velden
16.30-16.50 (22) Report from the European Commission M. Pittman / V. Piazza
16.50 -17.10 (23) Technical update from CRL M. Slomka
17:10 -17:20 (24) Investigation of the effect of swab type on the detection of influenza A viral RNA I. Brown

17: 20 - Round Table discussion of laboratory technical issues for proposed revision to the AI diagnostic manual: on tabled method: Development and validation of a one step real time PCR assay for the simultaneous detection of H5, H7 and H9 subtype avian influenza viruses G. Cattoli

17:45-18:00 (25) Interlaboratory comparative tests using HI R. Manvell
08:30-08:50 (26) Country Reports on Newcastle Disease in 2007 I. Brown
09:10-09:30 (27) Continued evaluation of the NDV RRT-PCR test for specificity D. Suarez
09:30-09:45 Tea/Coffee

10:05-10:25 Newcastle Disease Virus in several Sub-Saharan Countries C. Muller
10:25-10:45 (29) Studies on concealed virulence of NDV in a commercial vaccine C. Grund
10:45-11:05 Phylogenetic studies of Newcastle disease virus of antigenic type C1 K. Handberg
11.05-11.25 (30) Atypical APMV-1 in wild birds I. Brown
11.25-11.45 Work programme for Community Reference Laboratory for 2009 M. Pittman / V. Piazza
11.45-12.00 Discussion laboratory matters, recommendations and close