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3rd Joint EC/ECDC/WHO Workshop on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Uppsala Castle, Sweden, 15-17 May 2006

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Monday, 15 May

8:30–9:00

Registration

09:00–10:30

1. **Opening, Zsuzsanna Jakab, Director, European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Stockholm,** Marc Danzon, Director of the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, and European Commission Representative

Session 1: Key note speech

2. Hubert Hrabcik, Ministry of Health, Austrian Presidency of the European Union, Vienna
3. European Commission, speaker to be announced
4. Marc Danzon, Director of the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen
5. David Nabarro, Senior United Nations System Coordinator for Avian and Human Influenza, New York
6. Marc Sprenger, Chair of the ECDC Management Board
7. Zsuzsanna Jakab, Director of the ECDC, Stockholm

11:00–11:30

Coffee break (and press conference)

11:30–13:00

Session 2: Update on the influenza epidemiological situation

Chair: Gudjon Magnusson, WHO EURO, Copenhagen

1. Influenza in the world, WHO-HQ, Guenael Rodier, WHO EURO, Copenhagen
2. Avian influenza situation in Africa, Adamou Yada, WHO AFRO, Brazzaville
3. Overview of the outbreak investigations in Turkey, Iraq and Azerbaijan, Caroline Brown, WHO EURO, Copenhagen
4. Lessons learnt from outbreak investigations in Turkey, Iraq and Azerbaijan, Denis Coulombier, ECDC, Stockholm

13:00–14:00

Lunch

- 14:00–15:30 **Session 3: Avian influenza in Europe and risks for human health - Activities since October 2005**
Chair: Stefan Schreck, European Commission, Luxembourg
1. Measures implemented by the European Commission, Alberto Laddomada, SANCO-D, Brussels
 2. Strengthening national preparedness and response to avian flu, Bernardus Ganter, WHO-EURO, Copenhagen
 3. Animal health aspects of EFSA’s work on avian influenza, Jorge Serratos, EFSA, Padua
 4. Food safety aspects of EFSA’s work on avian influenza, Marta Hugas, EFSA, Padua
 5. Risk assessment and a portfolio for human health in Europe, Angus Nicoll, ECDC, Stockholm
- 15:30–16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:00–18:00 **Session 4: Activities since October 2005 - pandemic preparedness**
Chair: Denis Coulombier, ECDC, Stockholm
1. Coordination of measures in EU Member States, European Commission, Franz Karcher, DG-SANCO, Luxembourg
 2. Follow up European pandemic preparedness exercise November 2005, John Simpson, Health Protection Agency, London
 3. National pandemic preparedness exercises – France, Didier Houssin, Direction Générale de la Santé, Paris
 4. Follow up on country visits 2005 – Poland, Anna Światecka, Chief Sanitary Inspectorate, Warsaw
 5. Follow up on country visits 2005 – Greece, Agoritsa Baka, Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, Athens
 6. Country visits February-April 2006, Reinhard Kaiser, ECDC, Stockholm
- 18:00 **End of day 1**

Day 2 – Tuesday, 16 May

- 09:00–10:00 **Session 5: Introduction to working groups**
Chair: Bernardus Ganter, Andrea Ammon (WHO /ECDC)
1. Pandemic surveillance presentation, Andrea Ammon, ECDC, Stockholm
 2. Indicator presentation 1, Richard Coker, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London
 3. Indicator presentation 2, Jane Leese, UK Department of Health, London
- 10:00–10:30 **Coffee break**
- 10:30–12:30 **Session 6: Working groups on pandemic surveillance**
- 12:30–13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30–14:30 **Session 7: Plenary session**
1. Avian influenza situation in Europe, Alejandro Thiermann, OIE, Paris
 2. Morgan Johansson, Swedish Minister of Public Health
- 14:30–16:30 **Session 8: Working groups on indicators to measure preparedness**
- Subgroup 1: Health services 1
 - Subgroup 2: Health services 2
 - Subgroup 3: Outbreak communication
 - Subgroup 4: Interoperability
- 16:30–17:00 **Coffee break**
- 17:00–18:00 **Session 9: Feed back discussion and conclusions from working groups**
- 18:00 **End of day 2**

Day 3 – Wednesday, 17 May

9:00–11:00

Session 10: Scientific Developments - Effectiveness of measures/operational research

Chair: Johan Giesecke, ECDC

1. Scientific advice on risks from avian influenza from the ECDC panel, Albert Osterhaus, Erasmus University, Rotterdam
2. The containment strategy for an emerging virus, follow-up of WHO March meeting, Stephen Martin, WHO HQ, Geneva
3. The evidence and recommendations regarding prophylactic and therapeutic use of antivirals, Holger Schünemann, Italian National Cancer Institute Regina Elena, Rome, and University at Buffalo, NY, USA
4. Pandemic vaccines, pre-pandemic vaccines, post-licensure vaccine effectiveness and studies and adverse event monitoring, Xavier Kurz, EMEA, London
5. Practical modeling – what models tell us a pandemic could and would be like and what will be the effect of interventions? Daniel Wood, UK Department of Health, London

11:00–11:30

Coffee break

11:30–12:30

Final conclusions and closure