

# **Programme workshop on 'Research Priorities in Animal Influenza' – 8 and 9 January 2015, Parma**

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**Objective:**

Through a review of achievements and limitations of EU projects of the last 10 years and other research initiatives, discuss gaps and priorities for research needs on animal influenza, taking into account the European and International framework and the policy needs perspective.

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## **Jan 8th: Evaluation of EU projects and current state of the art for gap analysis**

- 13.00 – 13.10 Welcome day 1 and introduction to the workshop (Jean-Charles Cavitte)
- 13.10 – 13.30 Animal Influenza: Epidemiological update and EU Policy overview (Maria Pittman)
- 13.30 – 14.30 Session 1: Host-Pathogen Interaction (chair Mike Sharp, co-chair Per Have)
- Mapping of EU-projects: presentation of preparatory work (Mike Sharp) and projects with main contribution in this area (Ben Peeters, Guus Koch and Thomas Vahlenkamp) and discussion
  - Overview of the current knowledge: presentation of preparatory work (Mike Sharp) and discussion
  - Presentation of knowledge gaps identified by previous initiatives (Mike Sharp) and discussion to review the gaps
- 14.30 – 15.30 Session 2: Diagnostics (chair Anette Bøtner, co-chair Frank Verdonck)
- Mapping of EU-projects: presentation of preparatory work (Anette Bøtner) and discussion
  - Overview of the current knowledge (Ian Brown) and discussion
  - Presentation of knowledge gaps identified by previous initiatives (Anette Bøtner) and discussion to review the gaps
- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00– 17.00 Session 3: Surveillance and Risk Assessment (chair Petra Muellner, co-chair Andrea Gervelmeyer)
- Mapping of EU-projects: presentation of preparatory work (Petra Muellner) and projects with main contribution in this area (Kristien Van Reeth, Sophie Von Dobschuetz) and discussion
  - Overview of the current knowledge: presentation of preparatory work (Petra Muellner) and discussion
  - Presentation of knowledge gaps identified by previous initiatives (Petra Muellner) and discussion to review the gaps
- 17.00 – 18.00 Session 4: Prevention and Control (chair Bruno Goddeeris, co-chair Jean-Charles Cavitte)
- Mapping of EU-projects: presentation of preparatory work (Bruno Goddeeris) and discussion
  - Overview of the current knowledge: presentation of preparatory work (Bruno Goddeeris), update on vaccines used in pigs and poultry (Kristien Van Reeth, Guus Koch) and discussion
  - Presentation of knowledge gaps identified by previous initiatives (Bruno Goddeeris) and discussion to review the gaps
- 18.00 AOB and end of day 1, option to join for dinner at 20.00 in local restaurant
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## Morning Jan 9th: Defining specific research needs and priorities

- 8.30 – 9.15 Welcome to day 2, Introduction to the breakout groups, role of moderators and rapporteurs (Frank Verdonck)  
Wrap up list of knowledge gaps identified previous day and presentation of possible research needs identified by previous initiatives to cover knowledge gaps (Mike Sharp, Anette Bøtner, Petra Muellner and Bruno Goddeeris)
- 9.15 – 10.30 Breakout groups
- Detailed discussion on knowledge gaps and possible research needs (group discussion)
  - Ranking specific research needs (group discussion)

| Topic                            | Moderator            | Rapporteur        | Meeting room       |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Host-pathogen interaction        | Per Have             | Thomas Vahlenkamp | Ground floor - M01 |
| Diagnostics                      | Frank Verdonck       | Timm Harder       | First floor - B15  |
| Surveillance and Risk Assessment | Andrea Gervelmeyer   | Dirk Pfeiffer     | Ground floor – M06 |
| Prevention and Control           | Jean-Charles Cavitte | Michel Bublot     | Ground floor – M05 |

- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 12.45 General session (chair Luis Vivas-Alegre)
- Discussion on the main challenges experienced by project coordinators in performing EU projects (Marianne Carson, group discussion)
  - Presentation results of breakout groups by rapporteurs (final overview knowledge gaps, qualitative description and ranking of research needs) and discussion
  - Priority ranking of research needs across the four areas (group discussion)
- 12.45 – 13.00 Concluding remarks and future steps (Chair Jean-Charles Cavitte)
- 13.00 AOB and end of workshop

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## Afternoon Jan 9: Links between research needs and policy needs (chairs Jean-Charles Cavitte and Frank Verdonck)

Session with the international organisations (EC, ECDC, EFSA, OIE, EU ref lab, WHO, OFFLU) but without the researchers

- 13.45 – 14.15 Initial considerations on the results of the research priority ranking exercise and links with potential policy needs in the field of animal influenza (and link to public health)
- 14.15 – 15.00 Actions, future steps and AOB