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# **The Report on the 27<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, Far East and Oceania**

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# The 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, Far East and Oceania, Teheran, Iran, 19-24 November

A total of 60 participants, comprising

16: OIE Delegates and/or nominees of Member Countries

4 : Observer Countries and senior officers

2 : international organizations

4 : representatives of the private sector

# Main agenda of the Conference

## (Report)

- OIE vision Activities
- Regional Commission and Regional /Sub regional Representative ( including the Regional Work Plan for 2011-2015)
- Animal health situation of Member Countries
- Activities of the OIE Twinning process

## (Technical Items)

- **Technical Item I:** "Active participation of Members in the development of the OIE Codes"
- **Technical Item II:** "Epidemiological developments and control of FMD in Asia"

## (Regional Topics )

- Veterinary education, Veterinary Legislation and others

# Technical Item I

*“Active participation of Members in the development of the OIE Codes”.*

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Professor in Veterinary Biosecurity of the  
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# Background

- The OIE develops international standards for diseases control methods and safe trade in animals and animal products and these standards are adopted by the World Assembly of Delegates;
- The members are given the opportunity to submit written comments on proposal new or revised standard
- There is only one pathway for the adoption of the standard, that is through their approval by the World Assembly of Delegates meeting.

## **(Analysis of data from OIE records)**

- The comments made during 2008 through 2010 revealed a low level of Member participation, with only 11 Members offering comments on draft Code texts circulated on 12 separate occasions in the process of developing *Code* standards;

## **(Analysis from a questionnaire)**

- The time provided by the OIE and lack of expertise in Member countries are the most common barriers to participation faced by Members in the Region;
- The consultation with farming and aquaculture organisations when formulating comments on draft *Code* texts is low;

## Recommendations

### (For OIE)

- To continue to provide support to Members of Asia, the Far East and Oceania Region in strengthening their Veterinary Services by implementing, if needed, the OIE PVS Pathway;
- To continue to provide support to Members in the Far East, Asia and Oceania Region through the on going provision of seminars for OIE National Focal Points;
- To establish a mechanism providing detailed scientific information, article by article, on significant Code text under creation or modification, when appropriate.

# Recommendations

## (For Member countries)

- To be encouraged to develop efficient processes, including email lists in conjunction with website postings, for consulting with relevant stakeholders on proposed changes to *Code* texts
- To inform the stakeholders of new or revised *Code* texts once they have been adopted;
- To strengthen the level of consultation with farming and aquaculture producer organisations when formulating comments on draft *Code* texts;

# Recommendations

## (For OIE Regional and Sub Regional Representation)

- To organise, with the support of OIE HQ, workshops to train Members to assess critically and comment constructively on draft *Code* texts;
- To organise, with the support of HQ, workshops to assist Members to develop email lists in conjunction with website postings as a tool for communicating with stakeholders;

# Technical Item II

*“Epidemiological development and Control of FMD in Asia”*

**Dr Kenichi Sakamoto,**

Chief of Diagnostic Laboratory from the Department of Exotic Diseases Research, of the National Institute of Animal Health of Japan

# Background

- In the Asia region, foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreaks are predominantly caused by FMD virus (FMDV) serotype O.
- The economic impact of FMD in East Asia (People's Republic of China, Japan and Korea) has been severe in the period 2010–2011.
- FMD outbreaks due to serotype A have been sporadically observed in recent years.

# Recommendations

## (For OIE)

- To support for building good governance capacity of Veterinary Services through the implementation of the OIE PVS Pathway;
- To stimulate research addressing the need for a better understanding of the epidemiology of FMD, including the role of wildlife.
- To provide support for the improvement of FMD diagnostic capacity in the Region by promoting and implementing Twinning activities and specific regional workshops in Member countries;

# Recommendations

## (For Member Countries)

- To establish more effective measures to strengthen border controls through mutual collaboration;
- To notify systematically the occurrence of FMD by using the OIE World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS);
- To ensure the use of FMD vaccines produced according to the standards and that those vaccines do not contain, as much as possible, non-structural proteins;
- To ensure the use of vaccines matching field strains by sending isolated viruses to the OIE FMD Reference Laboratories for virus characterization;
- To ensure that the Global Strategy for FMD control reflects own specificities by actively participating in the SEACFMD Programme and/or the OIE/JTF Project on FMD Control in Asia

# Thank you for your attention

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