



30th Conference of the Regional Commission for Europe
Catania, Sicily, Italy, 3 - 7 October 2022

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022

7.00 p.m. Welcome cocktail offered by Italy

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2022

09:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration of participants

10:00 a.m. **SIDE EVENT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS TO THE CONFERENCE (FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS TO THE CONFERENCE) : Seminar on Aquatic Mammals**
(WOAH Collaborating Centre for Health of Marine Mammals)

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. **SIDE EVENT: 20th GF-TADs Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever** (Chairperson: Dr Bernard Van-Goethem, EU SANTE)

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. **SIDE EVENT: 20th GF-TADs Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever** (cont.) (Chairperson: Dr Bernard Van-Goethem, EU SANTE)

6:00 p.m. End of the Session

7.30 p.m. Buffet dinner

TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2022

9:00 a.m. Opening ceremony

9:45 a.m. Group Photo / Break

10:15 a.m. Approval of the Agenda and Programme (Dr Maris Balodis, President of the Regional Commission and Delegate of Latvia)

Appointment of the Conference Committee (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and General Rapporteur)

Appointment of sessions' chairpersons and rapporteurs (Technical items and Animal Health Situation)

10:30 a.m. WOA: Improving animal health globally to ensure a better future for all (Dr Monique Eloit, WOA Director General)

11:00 a.m. Discussion

11:15 a.m. Special Address from his Excellency the Ambassador Carlos Cherniak, Chair of the COAG livestock Subcommittee

11:25 a.m. The Regional Commission for Europe: activities, priorities, and needs assessment (Dr Maris Balodis and Dr Ulrich Herzog, Vice President of the Regional Commission for Europe and Delegate of Austria)

- 11:50 a.m. Discussion
- 12:00 p.m. ClassyFarm: a useful tool for official controls (Dr Francesca Calveti , Veterinary officer, Ministry of Health, and Dr Giovanni Loris Alborali, Head of the Diagnostic Unit - IZS Lomabrdia e Emilia Romagna)
- 12:30 p.m. Posters Session
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Technical item I (with questionnaire): Long distance transport of live animals: WOAHA's standards and best practices including societal perception and communication aspects (Dr Daniela Morelli, Head, Epidemiology and Veterinary Public Health Department, IZS)
- 2:45 p.m. Discussion
- 3:15 p.m. Break
Preparation of Recommendation No. 1 by a designated small group

PARTICIPANTS WILL SPLIT IN TWO GROUPS

- 3:45 p.m. Observatory: Evidence-based approach to address Members' needs and encourage the implementation of international standards (Dr Laure Weber-Vintzel, Programme Manager, Observatory)
- 4:15 p.m. End of the Session

- 3:45 p.m. **SIDE EVENT: 10th GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee for Europe**
(Chairperson: Dr Bernard Van Goethem, EU SANTE)
- 6:00 p.m. End of the Session
- 7: 30 p.m. Official diner hosted by WOAHA

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Analysis of the Animal Health Situation in Member Countries in the Region during 2021/2022 (Dr Lina Awada, Veterinary Epidemiologist, World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department)
- 9:40 a.m. Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Technical item II (without questionnaire): Vaccination against HPAI (Prof. Ian Brown, Head of Virology at APHA, Chairperson of OFFLU)
- 11:15 a.m. Discussion
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
Preparation of Recommendation No. 2 by designated small group
- 1:45 p.m. One Health Session
- 1:50 p.m. Keynote presentation: Global Quadripartite, Joint Plan of Action (Dr Chadia Wannous, Senior Specialist One Health)

- 2:15 p.m. Operationalisation of One Health Regional Mechanism for Europe: remarks by Regional Representatives of FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOAH
- Member's experience: Sicily One Health Prevention Plan (Dr Pietro Schembri)
- 3:30 p.m. General discussions on One Health
- 4: 00 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m. Discussion of recommendations No. 1 and No. 2.
- 5:30 p.m. Proposal of date and venue of the 31st Conference of the Regional Commission for Europe (Dr Maris Balodis)
- 5:45 p.m. End of the session
- 7:30 p.m. Official dinner hosted by Italy

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2022

Cultural visit organised by Italy

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 2022

- 09:00 a.m. Revision of the Terrestrial Code - Key topics of the cycle 2022-2023 for the Europe region (with main focus on BSE, Rabies, and AMR) (Dr Etienne Bonbon, President of the Terrestrial Code Commission)
- 09:45 a.m. Digitalisation of Veterinary Services
Experiences and best practices: Italy, Georgia, Montenegro, and WOAH Data Management Working Group
- 10:30 a.m. Discussion
- 10:45 a.m. Veterinary Paraprofessionals and Workforce Development: experience from projects in Europe, Africa and Middle East (Dr Barbara Alessandrini, Head of the Capacity-Building Department, Dr Mereke Taitubayev, Sub-Regional Representative for Central Asia)
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Adoption of the Draft Final Report and Recommendations
- 12:30 p.m. Closing ceremony