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WOAH Regional Seminar Vector-Borne Diseases in the European Region

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Preliminary agenda

Day 1, 25 June, Wednesday

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Registration of participants /
Networking / welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:20	Opening and Welcome remarks	Dr Nicola D'Alterio, Director General of IZSAM, Italy Dr Budimir Plavsic, WOAHA Regional Representative for Europe Dr Giovanni Filippini, Director General, General Directorate of Animal Health, Ministry of Health, Italy Dr Bernard van Goethem, Director Crisis Preparedness, DG Sante, European Commission (<i>online</i>)
09:20-10:50	Session 1: International standards and Policies concerning VBDs Moderator: Dr Budimir Plavsic	Invited speakers WOAH - Europe: <i>setting the scene - the objectives of the seminar and recapping of what was done/discussed at the VBD Roundtable in Tbilisi, 2023</i> Dr Gregorio Torres (WOAH): <i>WOAH vision on VBDs</i> Dr Etienne Bonbon (DG SANTE): <i>EU Policies on VBDs</i> Dr Sofie Dhollander (EFSA): <i>EFSA's collaborative risk assessments on vector-borne diseases</i> Dr Stefano Ferretti (ESA) (<i>online</i>), Dr Annamaria Conte (IZSAM, Statistics and GIS Unit): <i>Space Technologies and EO4Health: From ESA's Vision to Operational Tools for Vector-Borne Disease</i> Discussion: All participants
10:50-11:30	Group photo Coffee break	
11:30-13:00	Session 1 cntd: Moderator: Dr Chadia Wannous	Keynote speakers: Dr Chadia Wannous (WOAH, Global OH Coordinator): <i>Introduction to OneHealth approach in VBD control</i>

		Dr Marc-Alain Widdowson (WHO-EURO, Lead, High Threat Pathogens): <i>WHO Strategy in the framework of One Health on health emergency preparedness in the European Region (online)</i> Dr Benedetta Cappelletti (Ministry of Health, General Direction of Animal Health): <i>One Health approach in Italy</i> Dr Francesco Valentini (WOAH): <i>REMESA: the role of Animal Health Networks for the surveillance and control of VBDs</i> Discussion: All participants
13:00-13:30	Lecture	Dr Paolo Calistri, Dr Daria Di Sabatino (IZSAM, Epidemiology Unit): <i>VBD management principles and practical concepts of vector control</i>
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30-15:50	Session 2: European Region VBDs threats (endemic and at risk of introduction) Moderators: Dr Marina Sokolova & Dr Paolo Tizzani	Dr Francisco D'Alessio (WOAH): <i>WOAH International standards and VBDs (online)</i> Dr Etienne Bonbon: <i>Vector surveillance - TAHC Chapter 1.5.</i> Dr Paolo Tizzani (WOAH HQ, DID): <i>Epidemiological situation on VBD in Europe</i> Dr Annette Nigsch (AGES - Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety): <i>One Health surveillance and Vector monitoring from the Alps to the Mediterranean: outcomes of OH SURVector</i> Dr Paolo Calistri (IZSAM, National Reference Centre for Veterinary Epidemiology, Programming, Information and Risk Analysis): <i>EcoSurv Project</i> Discussion: All participants
15:50 -16:30	Coffee break	

16:30

Tour of IZSAM labs

Visit to Labs:

- Data Center
- Molecular and Omic Technologies
- Computational Biology and Bioinformatic

19:30-21:00

***Networking Dinner hosted by
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Day 2, Thursday, 26 June

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Sessions

Invited speakers

09:00 - 09:15

Wrap up of Day 1 and introduction
to Day 2

Dr Alessandro Ripani

09:15-11:00

Session 3: National/Sub-
Regional/Regional Experiences and
best practices

Dr Marina Sokolova (WOAH-Europe): Highlights of the Regional Roundtable
on VBDs in 2023 (Tbilisi, Georgia) and priority VBDs in the European Region
based on participants' responses

Moderator: Dr Alessandro Ripani

Azerbaijan: **Dr Galib Abdulaliyev** (CVO, WOA Delegate)

France : **Dr Sophia Denorre** (Ministere de l'Agriculture et de la Souverainete
Alimentaire)

Italy: **Dr Daniela Morelli & Dr Laura Amato** (IZSAM, National Reference

		Centre for Foreign Animal Diseases - CESME): <i>Italian surveillance system on WNF</i> <u>Spain:</u> Dr Miriam Martin Rebordinos (Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación) <u>Türkiye:</u> Dr Sabri Hacıoglu (Virology Laboratory, Wildlife Department, Veterinary Control Central Research Institute) <u>UK:</u> Dr Caroline Povey, Dr Daniel Jeronimo (DEFRA): <i>UK Update on Priority Vector Borne Diseases</i> Discussion: All participants
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-13:00	Session 3: cntd Moderator: Dr Alessandro Ripani	<u>Sweden:</u> Dr Hedvig Stenberg (Swedish Veterinary Institute), Dr Kristina Mieziowska (Swedish Board of Agriculture): <i>VBD - Contingency plan</i> <u>Jordan:</u> Dr. Mohammad Khashan (Jordan Center for Disease Control: <i>Monitoring and Mitigating Vector-Borne Diseases in Jordan: A Risk-Based Approach</i> <u>Argentina:</u> Dr Andrea Marcos (Dirección de Planificación y Estrategia de Sanidad Animal, Dirección Nacional de Sanidad Animal – SENASA): <i>Epidemiological situation in Argentina and Equine encephalomyelitis (online)</i> Discussion: All participants
13:00-14:15	Lunch	
14:15-15:30	Session 4: VBDs – gaps, needs, and prospective	Prof. Isabel Santos (STAR-IDAZ, University of São Paulo): <i>STAR-IDAZ Contribution to Vector-Borne Diseases: The Vector Transmission Control Roadmap and the Report on Immunobiological Control of Cattle Ticks (online)</i>

Moderator: **Dr Budimir Plavsic**

Prof Jonathan Rushton (Global Burden of Animal Diseases Programme, The Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh): *Costs, benefits and effectiveness of VBD and VBD-control programs (online)*

Dr Alain C. Cantaloube (Secrétaire General de la FESASS): *Farmers' needs in regard to VBDs.*

Dr Barbara Alessandrini (WOAH, Capacity Building): *Capacity building and regional collaboration (online)*

Discussion: All participants

Online tool: gaps and needs

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-18:00

Session 5: Launch of the PROVBAC Project

Moderators: **Dr Alessandro Ripani & Dr Chadia Wannous**

Country presentations:

Earth Observation Data in VBDs: Dr Annamaria Conte (IZSAM)

PROVNA 2 and PROVBAC Projects: Dr Laura Amato (IZSAM)

Georgia: Dr Tengiz Chaligava

Montenegro: Dr Rados Mikovic

N. Macedonia: Dr Angela Grujovska

Serbia: Dr Tamas Petrovic (online)

19.00-21:00

Social Dinner hosted by IZS

CIFIV Gardens - Gala Dinner - networking

Day 3, Friday, 27 June

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CET	Sessions	Dr Budimir Plavsic
09:00-09:10	Wrap up of Day 2 and introduction to Day 3	
09:10-10:30	Roundtable "Turning Data into Epidemic Intelligence: From Fragmented Systems to Coordinated Action in VBD Surveillance" Moderator: Dr Annamaria Conte	Panelists: WOAH, DID: Dr Paolo Tizzani EFSA: Dr Sofie Dhollander IZSAM: Dr Ercole Del Negro WHO-EURO Dr Marc-Alain Widdowson (online) WOAH: Dr Jennifer Lasley (online) All participants
10:30-11:00	Online Tool: way forward with VBD control in the region	Dr Ombretta Pediconi and Dr Budimir Plavsic All participants involved
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30		
End of the seminar	Highlights of the discussions, conclusions and recommendations	Dr Paolo Calistri
	Next steps: regional approach for VBD prevention	Dr Budimir Plavsic