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Review of the outcomes of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe - Vilnius, Lithuania

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23-rd Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe

- Following the kind invitation of the Government of Lithuania, the 23-rd Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe was held in Vilnius from 16 to 19 September 2008.
- A total of 173 participants, comprising OIE Delegates and/or nominees of 44 Members and 2 Observer Countries and senior officers from 5 regional and international organisations attended the conference. Representatives of the private sector from Europe and the host country were also present.

Two Technical Items presented:

- **Technical Item I:**

“Practical application of OIE standards and guidelines on compartmentalisation” (speaker: Dr Alex Thiermann, President of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code Commission)

- **Technical Item II:**

“Strategy for Bluetongue control in Europe, including vaccination”
(speaker: Prof Vincenzo Caporale, Director Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale" and President of the OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases)

Current progress on Technical Item I:

- Compartmentalisation concept principles and guidelines have been incorporated into the OIE Code.
- Discussion among the OIE Member Countries took place during the 23-rd Regional Commission for Europe in Lithuania.
- A few countries introduced the concept of compartmentalisation in global aspect (for ex. Brazil and Taiwan). Other countries are in process of developing of pilot projects.
- High interest of the private sector in terms of requirements for approving of compartments worldwide.

Technical Item I

What has to be done:

- OIE to continue to set up standards on compartmentalisation for trading purposes, as well as for disease control, where appropriate.
- OIE Member Countries to continue the implementation of the recommendations of the Regional Commission for Europe.
- To popularize the compartmentalisation concept to the Governments and relevant authorities
- To organize a Seminar with all stakeholders in order to discuss the implementation of the OIE recommendations.

and

- We expect from the European Commission to share its experience on the development of specific EU Regulation for compartmentalisation and the EU Member States to share their practical experience, if any?

Technical Item II

What has to be done?

- Enforced implementation of all recommendations of the 23-rd Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe by all OIE Members of the European Region in attempt to resolve current situation.
- Need of a close cooperation between the Veterinary Services and the Governments, mass-media and private sector of the respective countries.
- Enhanced collaboration and communication among Veterinary Services in Europe and world-wide.



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Thank you for your attention!

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