



Regional Workshop on the Biology and Epidemiology of the Most Important Wildlife Species, Potential Carriers of Infectious Animal and Zoonotic Diseases

Hosted by

The Government of Cyprus

through the

Veterinary Services; State Veterinary Laboratories

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to review, update and define the most important wildlife species that are the reservoirs of important livestock pathogens.

Working Language

The working language(s) of the event will be **English**.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **14 February 2023** will not be considered.

Scope and Nature

The regional workshop will consist of:

- i. Theoretical lectures and presentations of experts about wildlife (bats, wild ruminants, wild carnivores, rodents, wild pigs) biology and ecology.
- ii. The role of wildlife animals as reservoirs and epidemiology of important livestock diseases.
- iii. Theoretical presentations of samples, sampling and epidemiological analysis, surveillance programs and control possibilities

Expected Outputs:

The expected outputs of the training course are:

- a. Most current understanding of the biology, ecology and roles that wildlife animals have as reservoirs of important livestock pathogens within the region acquired.
- b. The list of wildlife animals and diseases that can threat domestic livestock updated.
- c. Most current knowledge on epidemiology of important livestock diseases that can be transmitted from wildlife, sampling, monitoring programmes and control strategies gained.

Participation

The regional workshop is open to 27 participants from counterpart institutions participating in the TC project RER5027.

Each Member State participating in the project is invited to nominate up to 2 candidates who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The regional workshop is open to staff members of the counterpart laboratories in Europe and Central Asia that are responsible for animal infectious diseases diagnosis with molecular and serological techniques (PCR and ELISA).

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.

2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Download and complete the [Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form](#), and upload to InTouch+ ('Profile' tab under the personal section) specifying the document name. If already provided, kindly discard this step; and
 - c. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVT2300225) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the meeting from the [IAEA website](#).

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency AX Travel Management, or a travel allowance, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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