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Editorial

To manage, above all, is to communicate... Management and internal communication are sisters working with words full of action. Internal communication is the tool that will allow administration to constitute common messages destined to motivate, promote and assemble the components of a system. It establishes a bridge between individuals. Thus we are starting in our Veterinary Public Health Unit an open channel for the participation of everybody, a bridge for a productive and participative management!

Albino Belotto
Director PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO

Workshop in Chile/Argentina

Dr. Mirta Roses, Director of PAHO/WHO, recently approved Technical Cooperation between Countries (TCC) between Chile and Argentina. Its objective is the preparation of a project to eliminate Echinococcus cystic in the Island of Tierra del Fuego.

As part of this project, during the week of 24 August an Updating Workshop will be held in Punta Arenas on strategies for its prevention, control and elimination, with the participation of the Health and Agriculture sectors at the national, regional and local levels of both countries.

Consultant - PAHO/WHO Chile: Eduardo Álvarez

Dominican Republic

The Project of Healthy Markets continues in operation with success. In the next bulletin we will have more news on the subject.

Consultant - PAHO/WHO Dominican Republic: Rosario Cabreira

Brazilian Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD)

During 4/6 July a meeting of the MAPA/PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO working group was held at the PAHO/WHO Representation in Brasilia to evaluate the Brazilian program.

Consultants - PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO: José Naranjo and Antonio Mendes da Silva.

Communication Training Seminar for the development and information on prevention of Highly Pathogenous Avian Influenza in the Andean Region and Central America

The program of Veterinary Public Health participated in seminars promoted by FAO for the Andean Countries and for Central America.

A seminar was held in Quito, Ecuador and another one in Guatemala, which had the participation of the PAHO/WHO Guatemalan Consultant - Raymond Dugas.

Recent Activities:

-Visit of the Director of PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to headquarters of OTCA (Organization of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty) in Brasilia, to deal with joint projects for the protection of wild animals from traffic.

-Visit of the Director of PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to headquarters of UBA (Brazilian Union of Poultry Farmers) to follow up the Hemispheric Conference on Avian Influenza held in Brasilia in 2005.

- Visit of the Director of PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to the Health Ministry of Brazil, with the Health Surveillance Secretary, Dr. Gerson Pena.



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I Course on the Control of Wild Rabies (D. Rotundus) in Brazil

During 9/14 July 2007, at the Guararema Park Hotel, Guararema, São Paulo, will be held a course by PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply of Brazil, on the following subjects:

- National Program for Control of Rabies of Herbivores.
- Etiology, epidemiology and pathology of rabies of herbivores.
- Biology and ecologic importance of bats.
- Use of GPS for registry and location of shelters.
- Capture at feeding sources and in natural and artificial shelters.
- PRACTICAL GROUPS - rural premises of the region of Mogi das Cruzes (Guararema).

Project BID-PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO Program of Regional System for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) within the Enlarged MERCOSUR

Closing of the Project BID-PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO for FMD in support of MERCOSUR countries. It had the participation of the BID Consultant, Juan Poveda.

As a result of the project, we had 42 participants of MERCOSUR countries trained on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Innocuousness of Food.

The Program developed a system for data collection for the feasibility of risk characterization of foot-and-mouth disease denominated System in Cooperative Network (SIRCOOP).

And the following manuals were published:

- Guide of social communication and communication of risks in animal health.
- Guide of sanitary education in animal health.
- Manual of proceedings for the attention of foot-and-mouth disease occurrence and other vesicular diseases.

Consultant PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO - Mônica Martini

Integration between Health and Agriculture

Pandemic Avian and Human Grippe: Attending to the need of integration of health and agriculture in the preparation of programs in Latin America.

Article published by the Rural Unit of Development of the Department of Sustainable Development of the Inter American Development Bank in coordination with the Veterinary Public Health Unit of the Pan American Health Organization of Washington.

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Colombia

- In Colombia a group was established to support the government in the evaluation of foodstuffs risks and the establishment of the Policy of Food Innocuousness for the development of sanitary and phytosanitary measures in the country, led by national planning and with the support of the Pan American Health Organization, the program of international cooperation MIDAS-MSF, the academy, teaching institutions and the private sector.
- Great advances have been made within the scope of the Declaration of Country Free from Foot-and-Mouth Disease. The country is consolidating a new cycle of anti-FMD vaccination, is carrying out construction of the laboratory at Bio-security level 3A of CEISA and is reinforcing epidemiological surveillance measures (active and passive).

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