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Natural disasters and “One – Health”

Are we prepared?

One Health addresses health issues at the human – animal – ecosystem interfaces. Natural disasters severely challenge the health of people, animals and the ecosystem; each of them separately as well as in combination.

This conference is addressed to persons and organizations involved in natural disaster management plans; NGOs, competent authorities and regional offices that are part of the civil protection mechanism that provides humanitarian aid in the field; any stakeholder that can play a role in properly informing and guiding the public properly.

Are we ready to deal with these complex challenges?

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Brussels, Belgium**

16 and 17 April 2015

Supporting organisations



Agenda

Thursday 16 April 2015

13:30 Registration

14:00 **Welcome by FVE**
Christophe Buhot, FVE President

Statement by EU - DG SANTE
Koen Van Dyck, European Commission, DG SANTE – Directorate G

Official Opening Address by the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
Maris Balodis, Chief Veterinary Officer – Latvian Presidency of Council of the European Union

14:30

Session I **Impact of natural disasters**

Chair:

Sonja Van Tichelen

IFAW Regional Director, European Union

Human-Animal-Ecosystem interaction during a natural disaster

Fabrizio De Massis, National Reference Centre for Veterinary Urban Hygiene and non Epidemic Emergencies (IUVENE) - Italy

The impact of natural disasters to animals and what this means for people

Dominique Grandjean, Colonel Paris Fire Brigade Chief Veterinarian

The importance of One Health in successful preparedness

Zoran Katrinka, WVA Councillor for Europe

Discussion

15:40 *Coffee break*

Session II

Disaster management

16:10

Chair:

Paolo-Felice Dalla Villa,

DG SANTE – Directorate G, Veterinary and International affairs

Member State's experience in natural disasters management

Marco Leonardi, Department of Civil Protection-Emergency Service and health assistance to the population, Italy

Japan's experience after the Great East Japan Earthquake

Shiro Inukai, General Manager for Livestock Improvement - National Livestock Breeding Center, Japan

Veterinary preparedness for natural disasters in other parts of the world

Cheryl L. Eia, Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness and Response-Scientific Activities Division, American Veterinary Medical Association

The role of NGOs in natural disasters

Katie Moore, Program Director Animal Rescue – International Fund for Animal Welfare

Discussion

17:40

End of day 1

17:45

Cocktail Reception

Friday, 17 April 2015

9:00

Session III

One Health: essential element to preparedness

Chair:

Christophe Buhot

FVE President

The role of Veterinary Services in disaster management

Gary Vroegindewey, Chair of the OIE ad hoc Group on Animal Health and Welfare in Natural Disasters

Contribution of DG SANTE to disaster management - veterinary perspective

Martial Plantady, DG SANTE – Directorate G, Veterinary and International affairs

Member State collaboration: the role of the European Union

Yves Dussart, European Commission - DG ECHO – Directorate A, Civil Protection Policy, Prevention, Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction

Contribution of DG SANTE to disaster management - public health perspective

Germain Thinus, DG SANTE – Directorate C, Public Health

Communication: an item of particular importance.

Harvey Siggs, Committee of Regions-Councillor at the Somerset Region County, UK

Discussion

11:00

Coffee break

11:30

Session IV

Panel discussion

Coordinator of the discussion:

Laura Shields

Philippe Ankers, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

Giuliano Porcelli, European Union - European External Action Service (EEAS)

Maurice Kiboye, Vétérinaires sans frontières

Marina Ivanova, VIER PFOTEN International

Katrín Fjeldsted, Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)

Closing remarks

Christophe Buhot, FVE President

12:45

End of the conference