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(APHCA)**

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(as of September 1999)

Australia

Myanmar

Bangladesh

Nepal

India

Pakistan

Indonesia

Papua New Guinea

Iran

Philippines

Laos

Sri Lanka

Malaysia

Thailand



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Minutes of the Fifty-Eighth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Third Session of APHCA

(Kochi (Cochin), India, 4-6 September 1999)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Fifty-Eighth APHCA Executive Committee Meeting was held as an early morning session on 4 September 1999 whilst the Twenty-Third APHCA Session was organized during 4-6 September 1999, in Kochi, India, respectively (detailed timetable appears in the working paper - APHCA: 99/1).

Representations from thirteen APHCA member countries (Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand) attended the Session. There were observers from Bhutan, Cambodia, Republic of Korea, ACIAR, IAEA, ILRI, JICA, and OIE (list of participants and observers appears in working paper - APHCA: 99/10).

At the combined opening ceremony for the 58th Executive Committee Meeting and the 23rd Session of APHCA, the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning (4-6 September 1999), and the OIE-APHCA Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Risk Analysis (7-9 September 1999), a welcoming address was given by Dr. V.K. Taneja, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India on behalf of the Organizing Committee. This was followed by an introductory address by Dr. Samuel C. Jutzi, Director of the Animal Production and Health Division (AGA), FAO Rome. Mr. Peter Rosenegger, FAO Representative in India and Bhutan delivered a welcoming address on behalf of FAO, whilst Dr. Y. Ozawa, Regional Representative of the OIE Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific made a short address on behalf of the OIE. The presidential address was given by Dr. S.S.E. Ranawana, Director, Department of Animal Production and Health of Sri Lanka and Chairman of APHCA. Honourable Mr. E. Chandrasekharan Nair, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry, gave the inaugural speech on behalf of the Government of Kerala. Traditional lamp lighting by the chief guests and the Vote of Thanks by Dr. W.R. Reddy, Dairy Development Commissioner, Government of Kerala completed the opening function. (The full opening addresses appear as APHCA: 99/11).

II. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda of the Fifty-Eighth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Third Session of APHCA was adopted.

Election of New Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Executive Committee

The following APHCA Executive Officials were elected:

- Chairman: Dr. V.K. Taneja, Delegate from India
- Vice-Chairman: Dr. Teodoro A. Abilay, Delegate from the Philippines
- Members of the Executive Committee: Delegates from Nepal, Papua New Guinea and Thailand
- Ex-Officio Executive Member: Immediate Ex-Chairman of APHCA/Delegate from Sri Lanka

Minutes of the Fifty-Sixth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Second Session, Minutes of the Fifty-Seventh Executive Committee Meeting, and Questionnaire on APHCA Activities

The APHCA Secretary briefed the Participants on the above Minutes and Questionnaire.

Presentation of the Financial Statements of APHCA

The Secretary brought the following financial statements/document to the attention of the members: -

- The audited cash balance of the APHCA Trust Fund. As at 1st January 1999, the figure was US\$100,173 on contrary to the negative balance shown in 1997 (-US\$11,606 as at 1st January 1997). He further explained that the conservative manner in spending APHCA money and the prudent use of limited FAO funds in the past two years to assist APHCA activities have contributed to a speedy revitalisation of the Trust Fund account.
- The Status of Contribution in 1999. The Secretary mentioned that the figures appeared therein might not reflect the actual current figures, as some members may have paid their contribution for 1999 but the figures have not been updated. This delay may be due to the recent replacement of FINSYS by ORACLE as the financial operating system within FAO.
- The FAO/APHCA Budget for 1999. The Secretary reported that the actual expenditure from the 1999 Trust Fund budget, as of 27 August 1999, is US\$21,119 against the approved budget of US\$75,900. Again showing a conservative approach.

- The Secretary concluded that APHCA (now having a reserved fund of more than the current one-year's full membership contribution of US\$75,900), could be more pro-active on its activities in the future. The Commission can now safely spend (per year) its Trust Fund money as much as the total approved budget (which is equivalent to the yearly contribution), not worrying about over spending.

APHCA Activities in 1999

The Secretary informed all participants of the activities completed in 1999 and those that will be organized towards the end of this year.

Programme of Work and Budget for 2000-2001

The Secretary and Dr. Samuel C. Jutzi, Director of AGA informed all participants of the changes in FAO/AGA's Activities for the years 2000-2001. The old programming structure had been changed. The new activities will be presented to the FAO Finance Council in November 1999 and APHCA may wish to use these activity outlines as a guide to classify its own activities. The updated outlines of FAO/AGA activities can be used to formulate APHCA's next biennial programme of work.

The estimated budget sheets for years 2000 and 2001 were made for use as a guideline. The Secretary requested all members to consider the Programme of Work and if this was reflected in the budget lines. The total amount of US\$75,900 is divided into different budget lines to allow the work to be carried out.

The draft activities for 2000 and 2001 were presented and the Secretary requested more detailed inputs from the members about what they want APHCA to do in the future. The subject will be further discussed on 6 September 1999.

Country Paper Presentations (detailed papers appear in separate report)

The Secretary explained that the new changes/modifications in this year's country papers were in line with the members' wishes to diversify the outputs of the country papers. The papers although short (10-15 minutes' presentation each) were on the "Feed Milling Industry" and were designed to answer specific questions about the industry in each of the member countries. The main reason for this was to avoid the conventional elaborated (often repetitive) presentations on livestock production and health which had been practised for more than 20 years, and to touch on subjects related to animal production and health of topical and current interest. The papers that were received were excellent and represented a valuable contribution to understanding the industry in the region.

The Secretary also requested members to think about a possible "theme" for the next Session's country reports. Further discussion would be delayed until 6 September 1999.

After the country paper presentations, the Director of AGA - Dr. Samuel Jutzi was asked to give his impression on the presentations. He said the papers were informative and were well presented and contained valuable information. He noted the following: -

- The role of the government authorities in the feed industry appeared to be minimal in most countries and involved only those issues that related to quality of the product and protection of the public. This has been a legitimate role of government.
- The major driving force in the feed industry in almost all countries has been the poultry sector and this is a surprise to him and essential information for future planning.
- He is optimistic on a quick recovery from the Asian economic crisis (which had an impact on the feed industry in some countries) and that the industry has a good potential for future growth. He noted that the environment problems in the feed industry were less than what he had expected and involved mainly concerns for the workers in the industry from dust produced during mixing of feed components.

Dr. V.K. Taneja, Chairman of APHCA, pinpointed the main issues that came out of the papers and might require further discussion in the future. There are:

- Price volatility/exchange rate fluctuations
- Quality control
- Environmental aspect
- Impact of GATT/trade implications
- Production systems/transformation changes
- Research supports
- Alternative feeds
- Legal aspects
- Conservation of feed resources

Dr. C. Devendra, observer from ILRI, commented that he also enjoyed the papers and while it was impossible to cover everything in the short time allowed he suggested that other important issues that might need to be considered were issues such as substitution, adoption, self reliance, partition of use, type of production system, and research and development.

After the country papers, short presentations on current activities in the APHCA member countries of ACIAR, IAEA (presented on 5 September 1999), ILRI, JICA and OIE were made.

FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning

The FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning was incorporated together with the 23rd APHCA Session and was organized on 5 September 1999. The detailed papers presented during this Workshop appear in the

Proceedings of the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning (the Annexure of the Report of the 23rd Session of APHCA).

Dr. Mark Rweyemamu excellently chaired the Workshop session. Also during this session, follow-up reports were received from those countries that had met in Kandy in February 1999 on their status re the OIE pathway for “Rinderpest Declaration of Freedom”. These papers also appear in APHCA: 99/8 (separated from this Session Report as the Proceedings of the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning). Dr. Roger Paskin gave a good presentation on the new *TADInfo* database developed by the FAO-EMPRES programme and explained how members could obtain a free copy. Dr. Geoff Gard gave a quick presentation to members about the recent outbreaks of Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease over the last 2 years in Australia and Dr. Gan from Malaysia informed members about the Nipah Virus outbreak in his country. In general discussion, issues such as emergency funds to help countries, fast response team and the difficulties of getting a good diagnosis were raised.

The summarized Conclusion and Recommendations on Rinderpest situation were:

Latest available evidence would suggest that there are only three foci of rinderpest virus activity in the world, i.e., in Somalia, Pakistan/Afghanistan and Southern Sudan. Efforts to remove these foci were in progress. Each area was unique and requires different approaches. Some of the techniques used are making use of NGOs who work actively in the region and can deliver veterinary care to livestock, using heat-stable rinderpest vaccine, empowering community involvement, seeking more donor support and relief agency support. There was a general feeling that if these last foci were not removed in the next few years that the risk would be high that rinderpest could re-emerge and all the hard work and expenses put into the effort to globally eradicate rinderpest would be all in vain.

Dr. Y. Ozawa expressed his opinion that there was a need to get high level support at this final stage. He drew an analogy to the final stages of the eradication of smallpox in man where a concerted effort at a high level was needed before the programme was eventually successful.

The meeting discussed ways to do this and included that FAO should make every effort to get high level support either through conference where Ministers attended or through a concerted media campaign.

John Copland suggested that Dr. Peter Doherty the Nobel Prize winner in Medicine last year was an Australian Veterinarian who could be approached to lobby on behalf of the Programme. Peter was a previous member of the Board of the International Livestock Research Institute and has a keen interest in veterinary matters.

Mark Rweyemamu indicated that a nominee for this year Food Prize was a rinderpest expert and if successful this would lead to an international focus on the problem.

A number of people suggested that politicians and high government officials might be more active in obtaining the support for the final stages of the campaign if they had convincing economic evidence that not doing so would have devastating consequences.

Venue and Dates of the Fifty-Ninth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Fourth Session of APHCA

Dr. Kazi Abdul Fattah, Director General, Department of Livestock Services of Bangladesh proposed that Dhaka, Bangladesh be the venue for the next Executive Committee Meeting and the Session of APHCA, whilst Dr. Teodoro A. Abilay, Director, Bureau of Animal Industry of the Philippines and Vice-Chairman of APHCA proposed Cebu, or any other cities in the Philippines be the venue.

Majority of the members voted for Bangladesh. The delegate from Bangladesh informed the Session that the best period will be November/December.

It has been noticed that in the year 2000, APHCA will celebrate its 25th birthday as a silver jubilee celebration and special activities should be incorporated. Amongst them, it was suggested that all the former Secretaries of APHCA (Dr. C.P. Pillai (in memory) - Sri Lanka, Dr. B.K. Soni – India, and Dr. M. Sasaki – Japan) be invited as special guests to this special Session.

The Chairman suggested that special activities to commemorate the celebration be organized. One of these may be the special issue of ASIAN LIVESTOCK containing features of APHCA activities from its inception, review of the activities and its achievement in the past 25 years.

Other Business

- The Chairman called for general topic/theme for the next APHCA Session. The delegate from Australia proposed the topics of “Livestock and Livestock Products” or “Livestock Vaccines”. He mentioned that the paper under this theme/topic could be prepared as a 10-15 minutes’ presentation. This should cover how big is the volume, place produced, and export, etc.
- Suggestions raised by members: -
 - To allocate/set up contingency or emergency fund from the APHCA annual budget for use upon request from member countries for any urgent services needed.
 - To promote use of National Currency Funds to cover local expenses of visitors from other APHCA member countries.
 - To consider organizing PPR workshop in India.
 - To consider organizing a regional workshop on animal quarantine protocols.
 - To work out for strategic planning (for long-term activity of APHCA)
 - To examine the implications of trade in livestock and livestock products.

- To put more emphasize on animal/plant genetic resources and resource utilization.
 - To strengthen disease information system and the implications of SPS.
- APHCA members endorsed the recommendations from the national co-ordinators of the Animal Genetic Resource Project that APHCA acts as the interim regional focal point for this project so that it is not left without leadership/supervision. APHCA members directed the Secretary to seek the additional resources from FAO such as office space and files to continue this important project/activity.
- The delegate from Sri Lanka raised the point how was APHCA going to encourage and support the use of electronic communication. The answer was that APHCA was following the consultant report and going step-by-step. The first step, setting up of homepage and servers, has been completed. The next step is to employ someone to run a moderated electronic conference and this would be investigated if funds are available.
- The observer from IAEA pinpointed that the IAEA has available budget to fund workshops but that requests should come from individual APHCA countries to their technical training division, i.e., bottom-up. He urged APHCA members to apply.

Proposed Agenda for the Next Session

The Provisional Agenda for the Fifty-Ninth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Fourth Session of APHCA was circulated to members (APHCA: 99/9). The Chairman informed that amendments of the proposed agenda should be forwarded to the Secretary in FAO Regional Office in Bangkok.

III. ADOPTION OF REPORT

The Commission adopted the 23rd Session Report.

IV. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The APHCA Chairman expressed his gratitude to all delegates and observers for their full co-operation and contribution to the 58th APHCA Executive Committee Meeting, the 23rd APHCA Session, and the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Diseases Contingency Planning. He sincerely thanked Dr. W.R. Reddy, Dairy Development Commissioner, Government of Kerala and all his colleagues in the Organizing Committee for the excellent arrangements, hospitality, and hard work which contributed to the success of all the APHCA functions. He also thanked the APHCA Secretariat for their hard work before and during the Session.

The APHCA Secretary expressed his gratefulness to all APHCA delegates, observers, his FAO colleagues, especially the Organizing Committee, the Government of India and the

Government of Kerala for their full support and assistance towards the successful Session. The various sponsors for lunches and dinners were also thanked for their kind hospitality. Full list of participants, observers and sponsors can be found in the full report (APHCA: 99/10). He wished everyone a safe trip home.

Provisional Timetable

The 58th Executive Committee Meeting and the 23rd Session of APHCA (with participation of OIE), and the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning (Kochi (Cochin), India, 4-6 September 1999)

Saturday, 4 September 1999: The 58th Executive Meeting and the 23rd Session of APHCA

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Opening Ceremony
09:30-10:00	Tea/coffee Break
	58th APHCA Executive Committee Meeting (<i>for Executive Committee Members only</i>)
10:00-10:30	Approval of Session Agenda/Induction of Chairman and Election of Executive Members
10:30-11:00	Financial Matters
11:00-12:30	Programme of Work and Budget
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-17:30	Papers presented by Members and Observers (<i>14 + 6 papers maximum, 10-15 minutes each = +/- 3 hours 30 minutes</i>) - tea/coffee to be served in the meeting room

Sunday, 5 September 1999: FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning (organized as part of the 23rd APHCA Session)

08:30-12:30	4 hours for morning session (<i>tea/coffee to be served in the meeting room</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction on Contingency Planning (<i>M. Rweyemamu</i>)- Emergency Preparedness/Contingency Planning in India (<i>A.K. Mukhopadhyay</i>)- Animal Disease Emergency Preparedness/Contingency Planning in Australia (<i>Australian Representative</i>)- 10-minute presentations by 3 selected countries on their Animal Disease Emergency Preparedness Planning (<i>Representatives from Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand</i>)- Discussion - Guidelines on Contingency Planning
12:30-13:30	Lunch

- 13:30–17:30 **4 hours for afternoon session** (*tea/coffee to be served in the meeting room*)
- Progress reports/follow-up actions after the Kandy Declaration on Rinderpest
(10-minute presentation each by those countries who joined in the *FAO-APHCA-EMPRES Regional Expert Consultation on Rinderpest Control, Kandy, Sri Lanka, February 1999*) - **Bangladesh, India , Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand**
 - EMPRES Early Warning Systems and TADinfo (*R. Paskin*)
 - Discussion (*M. Rweyemamu*)

Monday, 6 September 1999: The 23rd APHCA Session (Continued)

- 05:30–08:00 Field Trip 1 – to observe dairy farmers’ activities (*optional*)
- 08:30–13:30 Field Trip 2 – boat cruise in backwaters and lunch
- 14:00–17:30 **Continued on the APHCA Session and adoption of the Session Report**
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Tuesday, 7 September 1999: OIE-APHCA Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Risk Analysis

- 08:00–09:00 Registration of participants
- 09:00–09:45 Opening/inaugural session
Nomination of rapporteur(s), adoption of the agenda
- 09:45–10:00 Tea/coffee break
- 10:00–12:15 **Item 1: Introduction to risk analysis; Review of risk assessment methodologies**
- 12:15–12:30 Establishment of working groups
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch
- 14:00–15:15 Introduction of **item 2: International trade in embryos**
- 15:15–15:30 Tea/coffee break
- 15:30–16:30 Working group discussions on item 2
- 16:30–17:00 General discussion on risk analysis methodology

Wednesday, 8 September 1999:

- 08:00–09:30 **Item 3: Economic aspects of risk analysis**
- 09:30–09:45 Tea/coffee break
- 09:45–11:00 Discussion of item 3
- 11:00–12:30 Introduction of **item 4: Risk of meat from FMD countries**
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch
- 14:00–15:15 Working group discussions of item 4
- 15:15–15:30 Tea/coffee break

15:30–16:30 Presentations of group discussions on item 4
16:30–17:30 **Item 3: Exercise in economic modeling**

Thursday, 9 September 1999:

08:00–08:30 Introduction of **item 5: Risk of milk powder from FMD countries**
08:30–09:30 Working group discussions on item 5
09:30–09:45 Tea/coffee break
09:45–10:30 Presentations of group discussions on item 5
10:30–12:30 **Item 6: Identification of regional animal disease situations that are amenable to risk analysis**
12:30–14:00 Lunch
14:00–15:15 **Item 7: Conclusion and Recommendations**
15:15–15:30 Tea/coffee break
15:30–17:00 Closure of Session

Provisional Agenda

The 58th Executive Committee Meeting and the 23rd Session of APHCA (with participation of OIE), and the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning (Kochi (Cochin), India, 4-6 September 1999)

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda, Induction of Chairman and Election of Executive Committee Members
3. Minutes of the 56th Executive Committee Meeting and the 22nd Session of APHCA and Minutes of the 57th Executive Committee Meeting
4. Statement of Accounts of APHCA Trust Fund for 1998-99 and other Financial Matters
5. Report on APHCA Activities during 1998-99
6. APHCA Programme of Work and Budget for 2000 and 2001
7. Country Paper/Invited Paper Presentations
8. FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning
9. Provisional Agenda for the 59th Executive Committee Meeting and the 24th Session of APHCA
10. Venue and Date for the 59th Executive Committee Meeting and the 24th Session of APHCA
11. Other Business
12. Adoption of the Minutes/Report of the Session

Dates and Places (Host Countries) of APHCA Sessions

First

Bangkok, Thailand, 7-11 June 1976
Chairman: Dr. J.C. Madamba (Philippines)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. M.N. Menon (India)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Malaysia, Sri Lanka
and Thailand

Second

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 22-26 August 1977
Chairman: Dr. S. Thuraisingham (Malaysia)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. A. Bandaranayake (Sri Lanka)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Australia, Nepal
and Thailand

Third

Bangkok, Thailand, 16-21 July 1978
Chairman: Dr. S. Thuraisingham (Malaysia)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. A. Bandaranayake (Sri Lanka)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Australia, Philippines
and Thailand

Fourth

Manila, Philippines, 3-7 September 1979
Chairman: Dr. S.H. Escudero III (Philippines)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. Y. Prasad (India)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Bangladesh, Malaysia
and Singapore

Fifth

Bangkok, Thailand, 6-11 October 1980
Chairman: Dr. Tim Bhannasiri (Thailand)
Vice-Chairman: Dato' Dr. Osman bin Din (Malaysia)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from India, Indonesia
and Sri Lanka

Sixth

Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10-15 August 1981
Chairman: Dr. S.B. Dhanapala (Sri Lanka)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. J.H. Hutasoit (Indonesia)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Australia, India
and Malaysia

Seventh

Surabaya, Indonesia, 13-18 December 1982
Chairman: Prof. Dr. J.H. Hutasoit (Indonesia)
Vice-Chairman: Dato' Dr. Osman bin Din (Malaysia)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from India, Philippines
and Thailand

Eighth

Bangkok, Thailand, 3-8 October 1983
Chairman: Dato' Dr. Osman bin Din (Malaysia)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. O.N. Singh (India)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Australia, Bangladesh
and Papua New Guinea

Ninth

New Delhi, In, 8-13 October 1984
Chairman: Dr. O.N. Singh (India)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. I.G.R. Davis (Australia)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Nepal, Singapore
and Sri Lanka

Tenth

Melbourne, Australia, 7-13 October 1985
Chairman: Dr. R.W. Gee (Australia)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. Giam Choo Hoo (Singapore)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Pakistan, Sri Lanka
and Thailand

Eleventh

Bangkok, Thailand, 7-13 October 1986
Chairman: Dr. Giam Choo Hoo (Singapore)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. J.A. deS. Siriwardene (Sri Lanka)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Iran, Malaysia
and Philippines

Twelfth

Islamabad, Pakistan, 5-10 October 1987
Chairman: Dr. M. Anwar Khan (Pakistan)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. A. Mustafa Babjee (Malaysia)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from India, Philippines
and Thailand

Thirteenth

Bangkok, Thailand, 25-31 October 1988
Chairman: Dr. Vitoon Khumnirdpetch (Thailand)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. Soehadji (Indonesia)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from India, Malaysia
and Sri Lanka

Fourteenth

Jakarta, Indonesia, 30 October- November 1989
Chairman: Dr. Soehadji (Indonesia)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. A.K. Chatterjee (India)
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Australia, Philippines
and Sri Lanka

Fifteenth

Bangkok, Thailand 17-22 October 1990
Chairman: Delegate from Malaysia
Vice-Chairman: Delegate of the Philippines
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Australia, Iran
and Pakistan

Sixteenth

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 7-12 October 1991
Chairman: Delegate from the Philippines
Vice-Chairman: Delegate from Australia
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Iran, Myanmar
and Thailand

Seventeenth

Manila, Philippines, 17-21 November 1992
Chairman: Delegate from Australia
Vice-Chairman: Delegate from Iran
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Indonesia, Malaysia
and Thailand

Eighteenth

Darwin, Australia, 17-20 August 1993
Chairman: Delegate from Iran
Vice-Chairman: Delegate from Thailand
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Nepal, Philippines
and Singapore

Nineteenth

Tehran, Iran, 20-24 November 1994
Chairman: Delegate from Thailand
Vice-Chairman: Delegate from Nepal
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Australia, India
and Indonesia

Twentieth

Bangkok, Thailand, 30 August-2 September 1995
Chairman: Delegate from Nepal
Vice-Chairman: Delegate from India
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Australia, Malaysia
and Sri Lanka

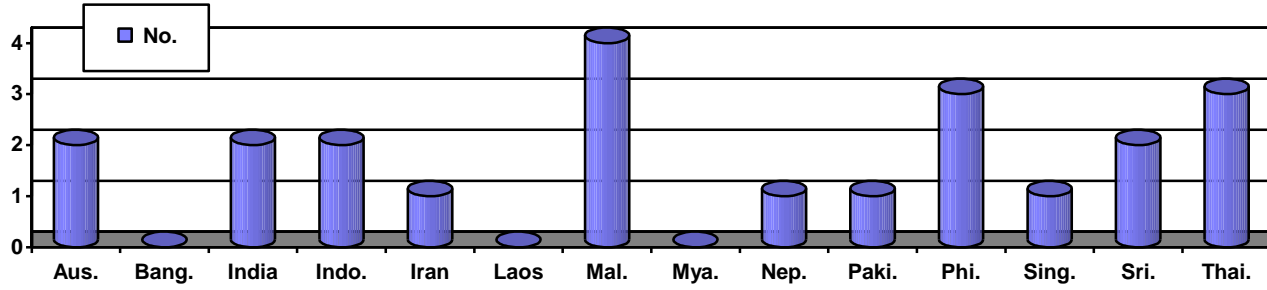
Twenty-first

Kathmandu, Nepal, 3-6 March 1997
Chairman: Delegate from India
Vice-Chairman: Delegate from Sri Lanka
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Australia, Indonesia
and the Philippines

Twenty-second

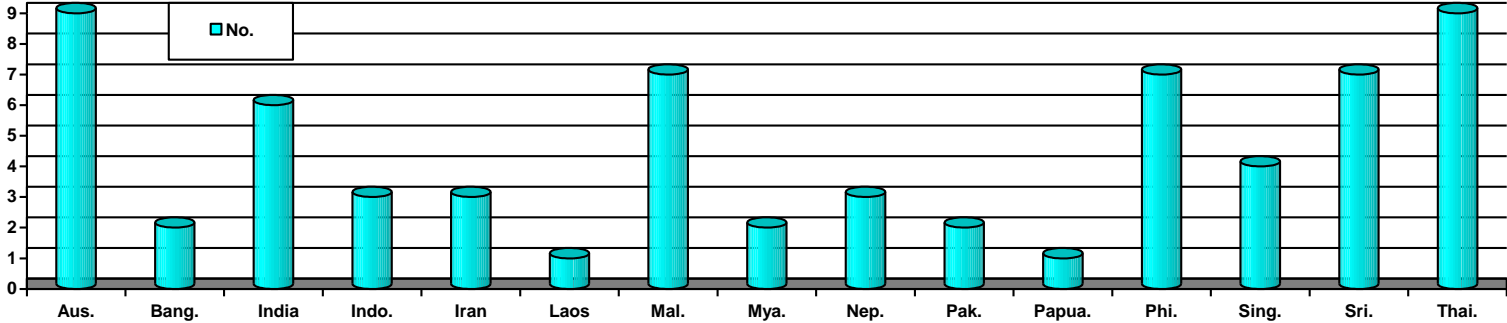
Bangkok, Thailand, 22-24 June 1998
Chairman: Delegate from Sri Lanka
Vice-Chairman: Delegate from India
Members of the Executive Committee:
Delegates from Laos, Myanmar
and Thailand

TURN OF APHCA CHAIRMANSHIP



Australia	2	Myanmar	0
Bangladesh	0	Nepal	1
India	2	Pakistan	1
Indonesia	2	Philippines	3
Iran	1	Singapore	1
Laos	0	Sri Lanka	2
Malaysia	4	Thailand	3

Turn of APHCA Executive Committee Members



Australia	9	Nepal	3
Bangladesh	2	Pakistan	2
India	6	Papua New Guinea	1
Indonesia	4	Philippines	7
Iran	3	Singapore	3
Laos	1	Sri Lanka	7
Malaysia	6	Thailand	9
Myanmar	2		

Minutes of the Fifty-Sixth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Second Session of APHCA (Bangkok, Thailand, 21-24 June 1998)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Fifty-Sixth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Second Session of the Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific (APHCA) were held in Bangkok, Thailand on 21 June 1998, and 22-24 June 1998, respectively.

Representatives from nine member countries namely: - Australia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand attended the Session. There were observers from China, ACIAR, ILRI, JICA, and OIE (list of participants and observers appears in working paper - APHCA: 98/9 of the 22nd Session Report).

The chief guests at the opening ceremony were Dr. Soetatwo Hadiwigeno, Assistant Director General and FAO Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, the Chairman of APHCA, Mr. Govind R. Patwardhan, and the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives of Thailand, Dr. Suthiporn Chirapanda. They all delivered their welcoming speeches and opening address, respectively (full texts appear in APHCA: 98/10 of the 22nd Session Report).

II. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda of the Fifty-Sixth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Second Session of APHCA was adopted (details appear in APHCA: 98/1 of the 22nd Session Report).

Election of new Chairman, Vice-Chairman and three Members of the Executive Committee

With reference to the working paper, APHCA: 98/2 of the 22nd Session Report - Turns of APHCA Chairmanship and Members of the Executive Committee, the following were unanimously elected:

Chairman	- Delegate from Sri Lanka
Vice-Chairman	- Delegate from India
Executive Committee Members	- Delegates from Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand

Minutes of the Fifty-Fifth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-First Session of APHCA were tabled

Members ratified the Minutes of the Fifty-Fifth Ex-Com. Meeting and the Twenty-First Session of APHCA, which were held in Nepal in 1997, as a true record (appears in APHCA: 98/3 of the 22nd Session Report).

Questionnaire on APHCA Activities

The Secretary of APHCA informed the members that a fresh questionnaire (APHCA: 98/6 of the 22nd Session Report) had been prepared in order to obtain their views on APHCA activities and requested them to complete the questionnaire over the next two days, 23-24 June 1998.

Presentation of the Financial Statement for the Preceding Financial Period

The Commission noted that the total expenditure incurred in 1997 as of 31 December was US\$6,527 against the approved budget of US\$63,380. The reason for this low expenditure against the approved budget was due to the fact that at the 1st January 1997 the account showed a negative balance (US\$11,606) and FAO HQ in Rome indicated that, according to the rules, the APHCA Trust Funds could not be overdrawn.

The audited statement of accounts for the preceding financial year (1997) were presented (APHCA: 98/5 of the 22nd Session Report) together with the status of financial contributions from member countries (as of 31 December 1997) and the budget proposed for the ensuing year. Members were asked to consider these financial statements over the next few days so that they could be discussed and the proposed budget for 1999 adopted on Tuesday, 23rd June afternoon session.

A decision on the proposed new scales of contribution for 1999, which were on average increases of 7-8 per cent from the 1998's scales (APHCA: 98/5), were held over for discussion on the following day, 23rd June 1998, upon a request made by representative from Indonesia. The meeting was sympathetic to the request made by the representative from Indonesia not to increase scales of contribution this year due to the current difficult financial position of Indonesia and many other member countries in the Region and decided not to increase the scales of contribution for 1999 over 1998. It also directed the Secretary to review the scales of contribution from year 2000 and onwards and to propose increases based on the situation prevailing situation in each country at that time rather than on a blanket increase of 8 per cent as was the current practice.

The Secretary pointed out that the negative balance of the account on 31st December 1995 and 31st December 1996 was now positive in 31st December 1997. This change was mainly due to substantial salary savings since the long-term employee of APHCA, Ms. Pathumrat Apaisuwan had left the Commission and now worked in another section of RAP. The Chairman commended the Secretary and the Secretariat Staff for their actions in bringing about this change in the account and said that funds made available could be used for an active APHCA programme next year.

Country Statements

Country statements describing the present status of animal production and animal health in their individual countries were presented by the delegates from Australia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, respectively. (Country statements appear in APHCA: 98/4 of the 22nd Session Report.)

Statements by Representatives of Non-member Government and Institutions

Presentations were made by representatives from China, ACIAR, ILRI, JICA, and OIE. Special presentations were made by Dr. Henning Steinfeld from FAO/AGA; Dr. David Steane, Chief Technical Advisor of the Project GCP/RAS/144-JPN; Dr. Gunter Heinz, Regional Animal Production Officer, FAO/RAP; Mr. Kevin McKeen, IT Officer, FAO/RAP; Prof. John Henshaw; Dr. Mahendra Kumar; Dr. Burnie Davis and Honor Stephenson (QDPI). (Only the distributed papers appear as APHCA: 98/4 of the 22nd Session Report.)

Progress Report by the Secretary on the Programme of Work and Activities of the Commission

The Secretary presented the List of APHCA Activities during the past year (working paper APHCA: 98/6) and the proposed Programme of Work and Activities for the years 1998-99 (APHCA: 98/7).

The Secretary reported that the previous year has been a year of consolidation. The Activities began with the recruitment of a task force to examine the issues facing APHCA. The TOR for this review team and its composition are contained in the report of the 21st Session. Because of the negative balance in the APHCA account in the beginning of 1997, it was not possible to carry out an active program until funds were available. With incoming contributions from member countries, the budget turned positive only at the end of 1997 and towards the beginning of 1998. At this stage, it was too late to get the task force to meet but they were able to communicate over the Internet. Following these interactions, Dr. W.J. Pryor updated the APHCA mission statement whilst Dr. C. Devendra produced a paper containing a prioritised list of activities for APHCA (which was circulated to the present Session. Dr. Henning Steinfeld produced a paper on the future of livestock in the Asia-Pacific Region. All these papers were presented to this Session (APHCA: 98/4). Taken together, these papers provide a sound platform for planning the future activities of APHCA.

In addition to these, the Secretary, using FAO Regular Programme Funds, commissioned a consultant, Dr. Robert D. Hart to look at ways of developing APHCA's communication system. This consultant's report was circulated to all APHCA members (APHCA: 98/4). The basic recommendations of the task force and the consultant could be summarised as follows:

1. Develop the electronic network fully;
2. Link the FAO HQ/AGA programme structure to APHCA's work programme;
and
3. Synchronize the APHCA financial year with those of FAO's biennial programme of work and budget.

Initial preparations were made during the year to develop the electronic network suggested by the task force and the consultant. An APHCA homepage and the first issue of the *Asian Livestock* developed at this web-site were demonstrated to interested delegates.

Approval of the Budget for 1999

The Commission approved the amended budget for 1999 which appears in APHCA: 98/5 of the 22nd Session Report.

Venue and Dates of the Fifty-Seventh Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Third Session of APHCA

There was some discussion among members with respect to the location and time for the next Ex-Com. Meeting and the Session in view of the generous offer by the delegate from India to host the next meeting in Kochi (Cochin), Kerala, India. The normal convention was that the meetings (Ex-Com. and APHCA Session) are held in the country of the current Chairman, Sri Lanka. However, the Chairman indicated he would have no objections to India hosting the Session and suggested in view of the proximity of Kerala to Sri Lanka, that the Ex-Com. Meeting could be held in Sri Lanka immediately preceding the Session. The Secretary, however, explained the procedural problems that would be encountered under the UN system of hosting the two meetings in two different countries. It was agreed that both meetings (Ex-Com./Session) be held in Kochi (Cochin), Kerala, India sometimes in September/October 1999. The exact dates would be fixed after consultations with other organizations (such as OIE) which plan to hold satellite meetings.

In view of the relatively long period of time before the next Session (15 to 16 months), the members felt that it would be best to arrange an interim Ex-Com. Meeting to review the progress of work. The Secretary was asked to examine possibilities of holding such a meeting at least cost by having it in conjunction with possible workshops/training courses which will be organized during the next twelve months.

Programme of work and Budget for 1999

The new Programme of Work and the Budget for 1999, as proposed on 22 June 1998, was discussed at length and the members decided to go ahead with the following

programmes:

1. Develop the electronic communication network and use it as a forum to discuss common problems.

The key issues discussed in relation to the electronic forum were:

- Who should be the clients/users of the services,
- What are the functions of the service, and
- How will the service be financially sustained.

The Secretary outlined the Plan of Action for the APHCA Electronic Forum:

- Place the APHCA homepage on the World Wide Web. Refine and update the homepage on a regular basis.
- Publish *Asian Livestock* via e-mail/as hypertext on the World Wide Web and consider other ways to distribute.
- Establish an APHCA server. This server can be used as a non moderated bulletin board to allow members and other organizations to communicate and share problems that arise with others in order to seek common solutions. The board could also be used to make announcements on coming events such as training courses or university courses of interest to the members.
- The server could be used on occasions to run more structured electronic conferences on subjects of importance to members. One such topic suggested in the meeting is the problem of supplying veterinary services to small holders in rural areas in Asia economically. Other topics suggested by members could be included.

The server could be used to archive files storage which members could access. Materials stored would be those obtained on the web on general topics related to animal production and health. Specific requests for additional information from member countries would also be considered for archiving.

Following these discussions, the members approved the following:

- Establish and maintain the necessary electronic infrastructure (as described in the consultant's report),
 - the G-2 staffing position in the amended budget 1999,
 - to make the unit financially sustainable.
2. Use the same FAO HQ/AGA programme classification structure to define APHCA's Programme of Work.
 3. Synchronize APHCA budgetary periods with the FAO's biennial programme of work and budget.
 4. APHCA should go ahead and help to organize the following training courses:
 - a) On Haemorrhagic Septicaemia to be hosted by Sri Lanka,
 - b) Disease Diagnostic Techniques will be hosted by Chiang Mai University, Thailand,
 - c) Training for the electronic network hosted by FAO RAP/APHCA.

The members endorsed and fully supported the following FAO initiatives:

- a) A TCP project to be developed for Meat Inspection Training (to be organized in Malaysia),
- b) FAO/AGA for Livestock Development Planning Training (proposed by Dr. Henning Steinfeld, FAO/AGA),

- c) A regional consultation on the design of the “Tool Box” proposed for development under the livestock environment initiative (also proposed by Dr. Henning Steinfeld).

The Secretary made the point that the FAO programme element 21360-300: - Transboundary Animal Diseases/EMPRES was under review and the results of this review will be circulated to members.

Sessions of APHCA

The Commission discussed and agreed that the Sessions should be held annually and towards the end of the year in order to synchronize with the financial year and FAO calendar.

The Provisional Agenda for the Fifty-Seventh Ex-Com. Meeting and the Twenty-Third Session of the Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific (APHCA) was circulated to members. (APHCA: 98/9.)

Other Business

Under “Other Business”, the members discussed a number of issues and made the following suggestions:

- The Secretary should investigate ways to increase the membership of APHCA by looking at recruiting more countries and generate revenue by inviting commercial companies to join in its activities.
- The Secretary should consider running an electronic conference on the supply of veterinary services to small holders in Asia and the Pacific Region.
- The Secretary should distribute the standard format and recommendations as produced by the Regional Workshop on Area-Wide Integration of Crop-Livestock Activities (AWI) which was organized immediately prior to this Session (18-20 June 1998). The Commission approved the proposed recommendation made by this Workshop to conduct studies into the need to develop forums of AWI.
- APHCA complimented the project GCP/RAS/144/JPN on its achievements and strongly recommended that FAO and members address with urgency the continuation of the work as submitted by its CTA, Dr. David Steane, and contained in the Programme Document for Farm/Animal Genetic Resources in Asia.
- The Secretary should determine the focal point for each country for the electronic forum and, if possible, run a training/workshop for member countries.
- The Secretary should formally ask China to join APHCA.

- The Secretary agreed to examine the completed questionnaire forms and distil the information into a two-year workplan (2000-2001) for consideration by the next Session.

Proposed Agenda on the next Session (appears in APHCA: 98/8 of the 22nd Session Report)

The Provision Agenda of the Fifty-Seventh Ex-Com. Meeting and the Twenty-Third Session of APHCA was circulated to members.

III. ADOPTION OF REPORT

The Commission adopted the 22nd Session Report.

IV. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The APHCA Chairman thanked the delegates and observers for their full co-operation and contribution to the success of the Session. He also thanked the staff of the APHCA Secretariat as well as the Session Secretariat for their hard work before and during the Ex-Com. Meeting and the Session.

The APHCA Secretary expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all APHCA delegates, observers, his FAO colleagues, especially the Session Secretariat Staff and to the Royal Thai Government for their full support and assistance towards the successful Session.

Minutes of the Fifty-Seventh Executive Committee Meeting of APHCA

(Kandy, Sri Lanka, 8-10 February 1999)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Fifty-Seventh Executive Committee Meeting of the Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific (APHCA) was held in Kandy, Sri Lanka on 8 and 10 February 1999.

Executive Committee members from India, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand attended the Meeting.

Dr. S.S.E. Ranawana, Chairman of APHCA and Director, Department of Animal Production and Health, Dr. P. Ramanujam, Secretary, Ministry of Livestock Development and Estate Infrastructure, and Mr. G. Bernard, FAO Representative in Sri Lanka and Maldives delivered their welcoming speeches and opening address, respectively (*full texts appear in 57th Ex-Com/1 – retained in FAO RAP*).

II. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda of the Fifty-Seventh Executive Committee Meeting of APHCA was adopted (*details appear in 57th Ex-Com/2 – retained in FAO RAP*).

Minutes of the Fifty-Sixth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Second Session of APHCA were tabled

Members ratified the Minutes of the Fifty-Sixth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Second Session of APHCA which were held in Bangkok in 1998 as a true record (*appears in 57th Ex-Com/3 – retained in FAO RAP*).

Questionnaire on APHCA Activities

The Secretary of APHCA brought to attention of the Meeting the summarized extract of the Questionnaire which was filled up by all APHCA members. This extract will be circulated to all members prior to and as well as during the next APHCA Session. (*57th Ex-Com/4 – retained in FAO RAP*).

Presentation of the Financial Documents for the Preceding Financial Period

The Meeting noted that the total expenditure incurred in 1998 (as of 31st December 1998) was US\$ 9,898 against the approved budget of US\$75,900. The reason for this low expenditure against the approved budget was due to the fact that the Secretary used some FAO regular funds to run most of the APHCA activities in 1998 since activities were minimal due to a desire to build up funds in the trust account. And as of 1st January 1999, the APHCA account recorded an available amount of US\$100,173.

The audited statement of accounts for the preceding financial year (1998) together with the status of financial contributions from member countries (as of 1 January 1999) and the budget approved for 1999 were circulated (*57th Ex-Com/5*). The Secretary informed the Meeting that, starting from year 2000 and onwards, the APHCA programme of work and budget will be worked out reciprocally with the FAO's biennial programme of work and budget.

As per the status of financial contributions, the Secretary expressed his concern about member countries which are in arrears for over two years since they are losing their voting rights at the Sessions. The Secretary was asked to prepare reminding letters for the Chairman to sign and send to the countries in arrears besides regular reminders which are being sent from the Director General of FAO to all APHCA members annually.

The Chairman referred to the welcoming address delivered by Mr. P. Ramanujam, Secretary, Ministry of Livestock Development and Estate Infrastructure where it was stated that there have been remarkably less activities of APHCA during the past few years as the Commission was in financial crisis. But from now on, the Chairman is confident that APHCA could move towards more and more "cost-effective" activities as compared to its very limited activities in the "gloom period", as the Commission is now revitalised financially.

Progress Report by the Secretary on the Programme of Work and Activities of the Commission

The Secretary presented the on-going activities/future plans of APHCA activities, i.e., 1) setting up of APHCA mailing lists for general subscribers and for the APHCA members; 2) running of APHCA homepage and electronic Asian Livestock; 3) inviting China to join in APHCA, - an official invitation letter was prepared for the Chairman to sign; and 4) contacting possible sponsors, - letters were prepared for the Chairman to sign to invite private companies, donor agencies to sponsor the APHCA homepage and training programmes of APHCA.

Venue and Dates of the Fifty-Eighth Executive Committee Meeting and the Twenty-Third Session of APHCA

Mr. N.K. Sinha, Vice-Chairman of APHCA and Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying of India confirmed that India will host the 58th Executive Committee Meeting and the 23rd Session of APHCA in Kochi during 4-6 September 1999 and the APHCA-OIE Regional Workshop on Risk Analysis during 7-9 September 1999, respectively.

Programme of Work and Budget for 1999.

The Secretary reported that two activities are on-going/being organized in January/February 1999, i.e., 1) FAO/APHCA/Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Chiang Mai University – “Regional Training Course on Diagnosis of Important Livestock Diseases and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment”, and 2) FAO/APHCA/Government of Sri Lanka – “Regional Training Course on Diagnostic Techniques for Haemorrhagic Septicaemia”.

The Chairman pinpointed that though the Government of Sri Lanka prepares ten seats for overseas participants, only three turned up. This is due to the fact that recipient governments have some difficulties to cover international travel costs of their participants. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman requested that the APHCA Secretariat prepare estimates on the “all-inclusive” costs for three training courses/workshops and present them at the forthcoming APHCA Session for further discussion/consideration.

A regional training course on Information/Electronic Communication Network was proposed to be organized in late of 1999. The OIE Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific has indicated readiness to co-sponsor this programme subject to confirmation by the OIE Headquarters.

Other Business

Under “Other Business”, the members discussed a number of issues as the follows:

- As it is well accepted that electronic communication is a powerful tool for information exchange and communication between the APHCA members, the Secretary will follow up on nominations of focal points for the APHCA electronic/IT network. Besides the existing APHCA homepage, APHCA mail-servers will be made fully functional (operational) as soon as possible.
- The Executive Committee members from Myanmar and Nepal requested APHCA to assist in training their technicians especially in the field of FMD diagnosis.
- The Vice-Chairman/Executive Committee member from India raised up that the Region as a whole will need a strategic paper on regional foot and mouth disease control and eradication, as no single country can work alone to achieve in control and eradication of the disease. International bodies like FAO, OIE or APHCA should assist in drafting/preparing this paper. This request is fully supported by all the Executive Committee members.
- The members from Nepal and Sri Lanka requested information on veterinary drug quality control and registration, and on fish diseases, respectively. The Secretary informed that requested information could be obtained from the Internet and he accepted to forward the homepage addresses/links of relevant information sources as soon as he gets back to the FAO Office.
- It is felt that the one-year term of APHCA Chairman and the Executive

Committee members is too short that some activities could not be completed and that the Meeting will propose for the next Session to consider a two-year term of the Executive Committee.

Proposed Agenda of the next Session (*appears in 57th Ex-Com/6*)

A Provisional Agenda of the Fifty-Eighth Ex-Com. Meeting and the Twenty-Third Session of APHCA was circulated to all the Executive Committee members. The Secretary will shortly send this agenda to all the Commission members for their comments, addition/deletion, etc. and then make it ready for the forthcoming Meeting/Session.

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted the minutes.

IV. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The APHCA Chairman thanked the Executive Committee members and the APHCA Secretariat for their contribution to the Meeting. The Secretary also expresses his gratefulness to the Government of Sri Lanka for hosting this Executive Committee Meeting.

Statement of Account
(audited, as of 1 January 1999)

(Expressed in US\$)

Receipts

Balance as of 1 January 1998	49,882
Sums received from Member Governments (during January - December 1998)	58,996
Interest (received in 1998)	<u>1,192</u>
	110,071

-- deducts --

Expenditure (January 1998 – December 1998)

	Approved Budget	Actual Expenses	
Consultant	7,000	0	
Personnel Services	26,700	5,507	
Travel on Official Business	7,000	802	
Contractual Services ^{1/}	18,500	680	
General Operating Expenses	9,000	684	
Supplies and Material	2,700	240	
Acquisition of Furniture & Equipment ^{1/}	2,000	1,985	
Fellowships, Grants and Contributions	3,000	0	
TOTALS	75,900	9,898	9,898

Cash Balance (as of 1 January 1999)

100,173

Note: ^{1/} = For APHCA Homepage, Mailserver, and ASIAN LIVESTOCK.
(All figures are rounded.)

<i>Financial Status (*unofficial, as at 27 August 1999)</i>	
<i>Balance as of 1 January 1998 + contributions received</i>	<i>= 109,948.00</i>
<i>Expenses (January 1999 – 27 August 1999)</i>	<i>= 21,119.00</i>
<i>Current available cash</i>	<i>= 88,829.00</i>

**TRUST FUND No. 9167.00 - MTF/INT/005/MUL -
Inter-Regional: - Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

STATUS OF CONTRIBUTION

(as at 30 June 1999)

(expressed in US\$)

Member Governments	Outstanding 01/01/99	Contribution due for 1999 ^{1/}	Received up to 30/06/99	Outstanding 30/06/99
AUSTRALIA	0.00	9,930.00	0.00	9,930.00
BANGLADESH	17,332.00	6,020.00	0.00	23,352.00
INDIA	933.04	9,930.00	0.00	10,863.04
INDONESIA	6,020.00	6,020.00	0.00	12,040.00
IRAN	11,639.94	6,020.00	0.00	17,659.94
LAOS	20.00	1,970.00	0.00	1,990.00
MALAYSIA	0.00	6,020.00	0.00	6,020.00
MYANMAR	0.00	1,970.00	0.00	1,970.00
NEPAL	(1,730.00) ^{2/}	1,970.00	1,820.00	(1,580.00) ^{2/}
PAKISTAN	6,020.00	6,020.00	6,020.00	6,020.00
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	948.29	1,970.00	1,935.00	983.29
PHILIPPINES	15,366.00	6,020.00	0.00	21,386.00
SRI LANKA	25.00	6,020.00	0.00	6,045.00
THAILAND	0.00	6,020.00	0.00	6,020.00
TOTALS	56,574.27	75,900.00	9,775.00	122,699.27

Note: ^{1/} As approved at the 22nd Session, the Scale of Contribution for 1999 remains unchanged.

^{2/} Contributions received in excess.

SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2000 - 2001^{1/}

(Expressed in US\$)

Country	1999^{1/}
Australia	9,930
Bangladesh	6,020
India	9,930
Indonesia	6,020
Iran	6,020
Laos	1,970
Malaysia	6,020
Myanmar	1,970
Nepal	1,970
Pakistan	6,020
Papua New Guinea	1,970
Philippines	6,020
Sri Lanka	6,020
Thailand	6,020
Total	75,900

Note: ^{1/} Approved at the 23rd APHCA Session, September 1999.

FAO/APHCA BUDGET FOR 1999

(Expressed in US\$)

	Total/per annum		APHCA TF 9167 ^{1/}		FAO/RAP RP ^{2/}	
	m/m	US\$	m/m	US\$	m/m	US\$
1100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
11.01 APHCA Secretary (P-5)	3	31,100			3	31,100
11.02 Regional Animal Production Officer (P-5)	3	31,100			3	31,100
11.03 Technical Assistant (G-6)	6	20,000			6	20,000
11.51 Consultants	3	16,000	3	16,000		
13.00 Secretary (G-4)	6	7,000			6	7,000
13.00 Computer-Desk Operator (G-2)	12	10,000	12	10,000		
Sub-Total	33	115,200	15	26,000	18	89,200
2000 TRAVEL ON OFFICAL BUSINESS						
Secretariat Staff, Experts and Consultants		14,000		4,000		10,000
3000 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES						
External printing and binding, national institutes, electronic communication/APHCA homepage, etc.		35,000		15,000		20,000
4000 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENESES						
Postage, maintenance of office equipment, hospitality, misc./general expenses		15,000		5,000		10,000
5000 SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS						
Stencils, paper, stationary and other office supplies, books, etc.		6,000		2,000		4,000
6000 EQUIPMENT						
Office equipment, computer and other devices, computer softwares		20,000		8,000		10,000
8000 FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS						
		29,000		15,900		9,000
GRAND TOTAL	33	234,200	15	75,900^{3/}	18	152,200
		0				0

^{1/} Revised APHCA Trust Fund Budget (as of July 1999).

^{2/} FAO direct and in-kind contribution to APHCA.

^{3/} Full-scale contribution for 1999.

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BUDGET -EXPENDITURE- (27 08 1999)

Component

1101 --	66
1151 CONSULTANTS	0
1300 ADMIN.SUPPORT	5,703
2000 DUTY TRAVEL	6,848
3000 CONTRACTS	175
4000 G.O.E	722
5000 EXPENDABLE	0
6000 NON-EXPENDABLE	2,855
8001 FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS	4,750

TOTALS **21,119**

APHCA ACTIVITIES DURING 1998/1999

1. Improving/updating APHCA Homepage, and APHCA Mailserv as information database and network for APHCA member countries, and producing electronic version of ASIAN LIVESTOCK. (*Demonstration of the Homepage, the Mailserv, and ASIAN LIVESTOCK.*)
2. Contributed US\$4,000 (from APHCA Trust Fund), in support of the organization of the “Second VET-CMU/GTZ-BgVV/FU-Berlin/APHCA Joint Regional Training Course on Serological Diagnosis of Important Livestock Diseases and Zoonoses, and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment” held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, during 25 January – 12 February 1999. (*Seven participants from APHCA countries attended the course.*)
3. Organized the 57th APHCA Executive Committee Meeting and the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES Regional Expert Consultation on Rinderpest Control in Kandy, Sri Lanka, during 8-10 February 1999. (*Proceedings of the Consultation were distributed to APHCA members and concerned agencies.*)
4. Co-organized the APHCA-Government of Sri Lanka Regional Training Course on Haemorrhagic Septicaemia in Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, during 13-26 February 1999. The Course was organized under the TCDC spirit. The Government of Sri Lanka (Host Government) covered all local costs, i.e., costs of the training, board/lodging and local transport costs of all participants whilst the Recipient Governments covered costs of international travel and APHCA provided nominal pocket money for each participant. Unfortunately, only three over-sea (from Lao PDR, Philippines and Thailand) and two local participants turned up despite ten nominations received. (*This is mainly due to financial constraint situation in Asia when Recipient Governments failed to locate funds to cover international travel of their participants.*)
5. Jointly organizes (with OIE) the 58th Executive Committee Meeting and the 23rd Session of APHCA, the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning during 4-6 September 1999, and the OIE-APHCA Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Risk Analysis, during 7-9 September 1999, in Kochi, India.
6. Provides logistic support to the organization of the “Third VET-CMU/GTZ-BgVV Joint Regional Training Course on Serological Diagnosis of Important Livestock Diseases and Zoonoses, and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment”, which will be organized in Chiang Mai, Thailand, during 25 October – 12 November 1999.

7. Provides logistic support to the organization of the “Joint VET-CMU/GTZ-BgVV Regional Training Course in Food Microbiology and Hygiene” which will be organized in Chiang Mai, Thailand, during 22 November – 3 December 1999.
8. Co-organizes with the Department of Livestock Development of Thailand on the “FAO-APHCA-DLD Regional Training Course on Meat Products Canning” in Chiang Mai, Thailand, during 23-26 November 1999. A limited number of participants from APHCA member countries can be provided the costs of board and lodging, and local transportation.
9. Jointly organizes the APHCA-OIE/APHISA Training/Workshop on Information Networking during 13-16 December 1999, at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand. (*APHCA invitees: Australia, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, and Sri Lanka; OIE/APHISA invitees: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.*)
10. Co-operates with the OIE Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, the OIE-Sub-Committee for Foot and Mouth Disease for Asia and the Pacific and the OIE-Regional Co-ordinating Unit on Foot and Mouth Disease for South-east Asia.

**New AGA Programme Structure
(PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2000-2001)***

DIVISION	Project Entity	Project Title
AGA	213A3	Contribution of livestock to poverty alleviation
AGA	213A5	Developing the Global Strategy for the Management of Farm Animal Genetic Resources
AGA	213A6	Veterinary Public Health Management and PAAT
AGA	213A7	EMPRES-Livestock
AGA	213A8	Decision-Support for Efficient Livestock Resource Use
AGA	213P1	Global Livestock Information and Policy
AGA	213S1	Support Services to Member Nations and the Field Programme
AGA	219S2	Division Direction

**Source: details obtained as at December 1999.*

Project Entity	Component Number	COMPONENT TITLE
213A3	331	Integrated management of livestock for improving rural livelihood
213A3	332	Development of animal product processing for income generation
213A5	531	Strengthen country capacity to develop and implement a strategic framework for the management of farm animal genetic resources
213A5	532	Prepare a first country-driven report on the State of the World's AnGR (SoW-AnGR)
213A5	535	Promote conservation programmes for country AnGR at risk
213A5	536	AnGR policy Development
213A6	621	Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety
213A7	721	Early Warning
213A7	722	Early Reaction
213A7	723	Enabling Research
213A7	724	GREP Secretariat
213A7	725	Technical Coordination
213A8	831	Efficient animal genetic resource utilization
213A8	832	Efficient animal nutrition, feeding and feeding system
213A8	833	Efficient animal product development and processing
213A8	824	Efficient animal health management strategies for minimizing productivity-limiting diseases
213A8	845	Efficient nutrient management in livestock intensification areas (Area-wide integration)
213A8	836	Efficient livestock resource management in fragile ecosystem: expansion areas
213P1	141	Georeferenced Data on Animal Agriculture, Including Animal Disease Intelligence
213P1	142	Knowledge Base on Feed Resources and Livestock Technologies
213P1	143	Information System on Domestic Animal Diversity (DAD-IS)
213P1	144	Livestock System and Policy Analysis
213S1	121	Direct advice to member countries and field programme support (including SPES and emergency projects concerning livestock health and veterinary services)
213S1	132	Direct advice to member countries and field programme support (including SPES and emergency projects concerning animal production and livestock development))
219S2	111	Division Direction

FAO/APHCA Budget for 2000

(Expressed in US\$)

	Total/per annum		APHCA TF		FAO/RAP RP ^{1/}	
	m/m	US\$	m/m	US\$	m/m	US\$
1100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
11.01 APHCA Secretary (P-5)	3	31,100			3	31,100
11.02 Regional Animal Production Officer (P-5)	3	31,100			3	31,100
11.03 Technical Assistant (G-6)	6	20,000			6	20,000
11.51 Consultants	3	16,000	3	16,000		
13.00 Secretary (G-4)	6	7,000			6	7,000
13.00 Computer-Desk Operator (G-2)	12	10,000	12	10,000		
Sub-Total	33	115,200	15	26,000	18	89,200
2000 TRAVEL ON OFFICAL BUSINESS						
Secretariat Staff, Experts and Consultants		14,000		4,000		10,000
3000 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES						
External printing and binding, national institutes, electronic communication/APHCA homepage, etc.		35,000		15,000		20,000
4000 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENESES						
Postage, maintenance of office equipment, hospitality, misc./general expenses		15,000		5,000		10,000
5000 SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS						
Stencils, paper, stationery and other office supplies, books, etc.		6,000		2,000		4,000
6000 EQUIPMENT						
Office equipment, computer and other devices, computer software		20,000		8,000		10,000
8000 FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS						
		29,000		15,900		9,000
GRAND TOTAL	33	234,200	15	75,900^{2/}	18	152,200

^{1/} FAO direct and in-kind contributions to APHCA.

^{2/} Full-scale contribution for 2000.

Note: FINSYS codes to be replaced by Oracle

APHCA ACTIVITIES DURING 2000-2001

1. Continue to improve/update APHCA Homepage, and APHCA Mailserver as information database and network for APHCA member countries, and produce electronic version of ASIAN LIVESTOCK.
2. To work out with the GTZ (Eschborn/Germany) on the proposal to co-organize a workshop on “Structural Changes in Asian Agriculture and Their Strategic Significance for a Sustainable Livestock Production” in late of 2000 or early of 2001.
3. To organize the 59th Executive Committee Meeting and the 24th Session of APHCA in 2000.
4. To organize the 60th Executive Committee Meeting and the 25th Session of APHCA in 2001.
5. To co-organize with FAO, and the Veterinary Public Health Division, Department of Veterinary Services of Malaysia Regional Training Courses in Meat Inspection in Malaysia during 2000 and 2001 (using FAO TCP funds, pending approval by FAO Rome).
6. Co-operates with FAO-EMPRES on Rinderpest Control and Eradication in Pakistan and declaration of infection free in other countries of the Region.
7. Co-operates with the OIE in different issues including control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease.

FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning

(The Annexure of the Report the Twenty-Third Session of APHCA)

The full papers from the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning appear as the Proceedings of the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning.

- Papers of Progress Actions on Rinderpest Free Declaration and Rinderpest Control in each country: -
 - a) Bangladesh
 - b) India
 - c) Lao PDR
 - d) Myanmar
 - e) Nepal
 - f) Pakistan
 - g) Sri Lanka
 - h) Thailand

- Resource Papers: -
 - a) Animal Disease Emergency Preparedness/Contingency Planning in Australia
 - b) Animal Disease Emergency Preparedness Planning in Malaysia
 - c) Animal Disease Emergency Preparedness Planning in Philippines
 - d) Veterinary Emergency Preparedness in Thailand
 - e) *TADinfo* and Integration with Other Systems
 - f) National Animal Disease Emergency Plan and Establishment NADEC, and Emergency Plan for Rinderpest

Provisional Agenda

The 59th Executive Committee Meeting and the 24th Session of APHCA

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda, Induction of Chairman and Election of Executive Committee Members
3. Minutes of the 58th Executive Committee Meeting and the 23rd Session of APHCA
4. Statement of Accounts of APHCA Trust Fund for 2000 and other Financial Matters
5. Report on APHCA Activities during 1999-2000
6. Revision of APHCA Programme of Work and Budget for 2000 and 2001
7. Country Paper/Invited Paper Presentations
8. Provisional Agenda for the 60th Executive Committee Meeting and the 25th Session of APHCA
9. Venue and Date for the 60th Executive Committee Meeting and the 25th Session of APHCA
10. Other Business
11. Adoption of the Minutes/Report of the Session

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Dr. Samuel C. Jutzi, Director Animal Production and Health Division, FAO Rome;

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Delegates to the Workshops;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I welcome the Chief Guest and am grateful to him for presiding over the opening ceremony of the 58th Executive Committee Meeting and the 23rd Session of the Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific (APHCA), the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on “Animal Disease Contingency Planning” and the OIE-APHCA Regional Workshop on “Animal Disease Risk Analysis” being held in Kochi, India, from 4 to 9 September, 1999.

I also extend to you all, a warm welcome on behalf of Government of India, Government of Kerala, Director General of FAO, Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, and on my own behalf.

APHCA, since its inception in December 1975, has been associated with livestock production and health activities in Asia and the Pacific Region and has successfully promoted mutual assistance among member countries through periodic meetings of veterinary officers and animal scientists from the member countries, training and workshops, including collaboration in research projects between countries.

We are now entering the 21st century. Animal husbandry sector today faces newer challenges of maintaining environment, bio-diversity, quality of production, disease eradication, trade and above all improving production and productivity using sustainable production systems. The roles and responsibility of APHCA therefore, would be much larger. While addressing the above issues, effective communication and co-operation among the member countries, would be very critical and should therefore receive higher attention.

Animal husbandry sector contributes substantially to National GDP and supports national mandate of providing household nutritional security, employment especially of women and rural transformation. In spite of this, the allocations to this sector are low. This issue needs to be taken with National Governments and increased allocations sought through meaningful programmes.

The FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning and the OIE-APHCA Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Risk Analysis are very timely and essential in view of liberalisation of trade, entrance of exotic diseases and re-emergence of diseases. The two workshops would address issues of emergency preparedness/contingency planning, risk assessment methodologies and regional animal disease situations amenable to risk analysis and issues related to international trade in livestock and livestock products.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the APHCA Executive Members, experts and observers for your kind participation in the 58th Executive Committee Meeting and the 23rd Session of APHCA, and in the Regional Workshops.

I again welcome you all to this beautiful city, Kochi (Cochin), one of the finest natural harbours in the world which was once a major centre of commerce and trade with the Arabs, Chinese, Portuguese, Dutch and the British. Kochi is also known as the Queen of the Arabian Sea.

Lastly, I sincerely thank our Chief Guest for inaugurating the Sessions and Workshops.

Thank you.

Introductory Address

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It is a great pleasure and privilege for me to deliver a short introductory address at the start of this 23rd Session of the Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific (APHCA).

One of the more pleasant features I noted when I moved into my new assignment of Director of the Animal Production and Health Division at FAO a few months ago, was that this Commission has, in the past one or two years, substantially revitalized its programme. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those involved in this development, both at the executive and the secretariat levels, for this achievement.

One of the indications for the renewed determination to use the Commission as an effective tool for regional problem solving in livestock industry development is its decision to combine this session with technical working meetings on animal disease contingency planning and animal disease risk analysis in collaboration with the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) which is represented hereby its Regional Representative, Dr. Y. Ozawa.

To have this Commission reinvigorated is particularly important and gratifying at a time when, as we all know, very substantial challenges are faced by the livestock industry in Asia, particularly in the wake of the Asian economic crisis.

The Commission has an important role to play in clarifying and assessing the requirements of the livestock industry in the region and in advising on suitable measures for directing the dynamic developments of the regional livestock sector. These developments are indeed of unprecedented magnitude and scope, and the task of keeping pace with these developments is indeed very substantial.

In a recent FAO workshop on the implications for the livestock industry of the Asian

economic crisis, a few important conclusions emerged which are worth mentioning here. While the workshop participants noted that there are large differences among Asian countries as to the degree they were and are affected by the crisis, there was agreement that rapid industrialization of livestock production is going to continue. In most countries, the share of production by smallholders will continue to decrease under present policies. Although there are large intra-regional variations, the trend towards further industrialization of animal production in Asia does not appear to have been seriously disrupted by the crisis. In the longer term, production of pigs, poultry and milk is likely to be largely industrialized while ruminant meat production will continue to be predominantly extensive. Animal product processing is likely to be nearly fully industrialized. There are serious concerns with regard to the environmental sustainability of intensive livestock operations, particularly with industrial livestock production in most countries. There are also clear indications that the pathway of development would look different if environmental costs were included. This emphasizes the need to safeguard to the extent feasible the systems which are more sustainable and which are more often associated with smallholders and mixed systems.

Given that intensification of livestock production will continue, there is a need for the public sector to address the consequences. The role of the public sector is essentially to facilitate employment and income generating activities in an environmentally sound, private sector led industry producing safe quality products. In order to cope with the many consequences of the dynamic development of the livestock industry, there is an apparent need for government policies and activities to be proactive and within the principles of good governance.

Intensification and industrialization of livestock production has the downside of contributing to the displacement of previously diverse genetic patterns of livestock populations by genetically more uniform populations. Local and regional livestock breeds tend to be crowded out by such developments often to the extent that they are threatened by extinction. I understand that the Commission will also decide in this meeting whether it wants to take on board, as a regular programme element, the task of assisting FAO in further developing and implementing the Global Strategy for the Sustainable Management and Conservation of Farm Animal Diversity.

Before concluding my short intervention I would like to express my sincere hope and optimism that in the near future more Asian countries will find it worth and useful to join this Commission in order to strengthen it as an important tool for debate and consensus-building on the shaping of the Asian livestock revolution.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all those who made this event possible and in particular to the Government of India for its decisive, substantive and logistical support.

I wish us all a most productive and pleasant series of meetings.

Thank you very much.

Welcoming Address on Behalf of FAO

Mr. P. Rosenegger
FAO Representative in India and Bhutan

Honourable Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry,
Mr. E. Chandrasekharan Nair;
Dr. S.S.E. Ranawana, Chairman of APHCA;
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Dr. Samuel C. Jutzi, Director of AGA, FAO Rome;
Dr. W.R. Reddy, Dairy Development Commissioner, Government of Kerala;
Distinguished Delegates and Observers;
Friends and Colleagues;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is my great pleasure to be present here at the opening of these important workshops and session. I extend to you the greeting of Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of FAO.

I would perhaps say that it looks very auspicious. After fifteen years, the APHCA Session is held again in India and it is the first time all fourteen member countries of APHCA represent here today. It is obviously auspicious and a very good meeting.

I think in the technical aspect, important things have been said by Dr. Jutzi and Dr. Taneja. I am not going to repeat anything.

I would only like to say that in the subject of Regional Co-operation APHCA is a wonderful instrument to strengthen "*self-reliance and mutual assistance*" in certain technical areas.

APHCA has done successfully over twenty-five years in this Region in field of livestock development, and control/prevention of animal diseases. APHCA is one example of sustainable commission like APAARI in the area of agricultural research and a couple of others which are going well and dynamic at the regional level. FAO will strongly support the regional initiatives that you will do it.

Especially now, there is rapid development of information technology and computer technology. APHCA Homepage is since a year on Internet and now it opens a totally new era of electronic communication in terms of regional co-operation on livestock development activities.

Unfortunately, you will agree with me that regional co-operation such as TCDC (Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries) or the like networking is not real catchword for international funding. I know from my work, it is very difficult to get funding from outside. We can only hope in the future that Regional Co-operation issue may become again a catchword for mobilizing international funding.

I would like to conclude that I wish this Session and Workshops a very fruitful discussion in here. And I would like to show you that FAO commitments support what you are doing.

Thank you for your attention.

Welcoming Address on Behalf of OIE

Dr. Y. Ozawa
OIE Regional Representative

Mr. E. Chandrasekharan Nair, Honourable Minister of the Government of Kerala;
Dr. V.K. Taneja, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India;
Dr. Samuel C. Jutzi, Director of Animal Production and Health Division of FAO;
Mr. P. Rosenegger, FAO Representative in India and Bhutan;
Dr. S.S.E. Ranawana, Chairman of APHCA; and
Dr. W.R. Reddy, Dairy Development Commissioner of the Government of Kerala;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is my great pleasure to deliver an opening address of the Twenty-Third APHCA Session including the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning and the OIE-APHCA Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Risk Analysis.

On behalf of Dr. Blancou, Director General of the OIE, I would like to express our hearty gratitude for the Government of India, the Government of Kerala and the Dairy Development Board of Kerala State for their generous support for the organization of these meetings.

As you are aware, we are in the age of globalization and all the countries in this region are also moving towards the borderless age through the efforts of SAARC, ASEAN, APEC and other grouping of nations.

The volume of the international trade in animals and animal products is increasing year by year and accordingly the risk of spreading animal diseases and zoonoses is also increasing.

For this reason, international organizations such as FAO, OIE, WHO and APHCA must step up their efforts to prevent spreading of diseases and to minimize socio-economic losses caused by the introduction of new emerging diseases.

Under the Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Agreement known as SPS Agreement reached by the member governments of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the OIE has been designated by the WTO as the standard setting body to harmonize disease prevention and control measures in trade of animals including aquatic animals.

One of the measures included in SPS agreement is the application of risk analysis and risk management in trade, and for this reason we are organizing the second regional workshop on risk analysis here in Cochin, India. It is certainly not enough to cover all aspects of

risk analysis within three days' workshop. Therefore, if the member governments so wish we may organize additional workshops in the future.

The Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Contingency Planning is also very important step to be taken by all member countries of FAO and OIE to minimize economic losses caused by emerging and re-emerging diseases of animals. I am glad to see that this subject is taken up by FAO and APHCA as the OIE has also started similar workshops in the Far East and South-east Asia.

However, it must be emphasized that the development of emergency programme and risk analysis programme in each member government requires long term efforts. Therefore, we would strongly recommend that an emergency operation unit and a risk analysis unit are formed in each country as soon as possible in order to assure the continuous programmes in developing these two units.

Similar efforts are being made by plant and fish disease control specialists as well as by food safety specialists, and knowledge and experience of all these specialists should be combined in order to form the most efficient units in each country.

Ladies and Gentlemen, In the 21st Century, Veterinary Services of the member countries will be confronted by series of emerging and re-emerging diseases on top of the on-going animal health and zoonoses problems.

In order to overcome these problems in the most effective ways, all member countries should work very closely to help each other in the form of TCDC, rather than imposing the superiority of a country to the others.

Similarly the international organizations should be also working together to help each other as our financial and manpower resources are not enough to cover all the needs of member countries. I am very pleased to see here that three organizations are working together to help each other, and I sincerely hope that this spirit of co-operation will continue in the future.

In concluding my remarks, I wish you every success both in the Twenty-Third APHCA Session including the FAO-APHCA-EMPRES-OIE Regional Workshop on Contingency Planning and the OIE/APHCA Regional Workshop on Animal Disease Risk Analysis.

Thank you for your attention.

Presidential Address

Dr. S.S.E. Ranawana
Director, Department of Animal Production and Health of Sri Lanka
Chairman of APHCA

Shri E. Chandrasekharan Nair, Honourable Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry, Government of Kerala;
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Dr. W.R. Reddy, Dairy Development Commissioner, Government of Kerala;
Fellow Delegates;
Distinguished Invitees;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is a great pleasure as the current and out-going Chairman of APHCA to speak a few words at the Inauguration of this Conference which combines the 23rd General Sessions of APHCA with two important Workshops.

Let me begin by thanking our hosts for the excellent arrangements made to host us at this historic venue, Kochi. It is a pleasure to be in Kerala, a State so similar to Sri Lanka in every way. The landscape, the people, and the food are all very familiar to us from Sri Lanka and we feel quite at home. I have no doubt that the hospitality extended to all the delegates and other expatriates by our hosts will make them feel very much at home as well.

I am also very glad to see that the organizers have combined the 58th Executive Committee Meeting and the 23rd Session of APHCA with the Workshops on Animal Disease Contingency Planning and Risk Analysis, two areas of vital importance to our members. The organizers have also been able this year to arrange sponsorship for a delegate from every member state; as a result, after a lapse of several years, all countries are represented here. I must congratulate the organizers at FAO for these arrangements.

As you know, the APHCA was established as a Regional Commission by adoption at the 60th Session of the FAO Council and became operational in December 1975. As in other years, the Commission met to review the work carried out in the previous year and to elect an Executive Committee which is expected to give guidance and assistance during that year in the implementation of the work programme approved by the Commission.

It would be appropriate at this stage to remind ourselves that the Commission was created in order to “have a common forum for developing strategies to tackle the most pressing problems of livestock agriculture in the region”. The thirteen countries, which signed the original documents of acceptance, have since increased to fourteen. Among the general objectives of developing animal agriculture and raising the living standards and nutrition of smallholder farmers in the region, there has been the important specific objective of doing so based *on collective self-reliance and mutual assistance within the region*.

We need to use our individual strengths based on experience for the greater good of the many. In this respect, much still remains to be done and I would urge the members to make use of APHCA to a greater extent than has happened in the past. The fact that all the members are represented gives us an unprecedented opportunity this year for a fuller participation in a useful programme of work. We should use this week to establish and cement personal linkages and resolve to continue the dialogue through the electronic network established for this purpose. Improved communication between members and the ready-to-access information technologies will give a sound platform for future co-operation in many more areas than at present.

Finally, as the out-going Chairman I wish to thank the Executive Committee Members for their support. I must also thank the APHCA Secretarial Staff at FAO/RAP in Bangkok for their dedicated work on our behalf and for the excellent relations maintained between us. In conclusion, I would like to wish the next Chairman the very best of luck in his term of office and to assure him that Sri Lanka will give our complete support to him to carry out the programmes of APHCA in the coming year.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your attention.

Opening Address (*Chief Guest*)

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Dr. V.K. Taneja, Animal Husbandry Commissioner;
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Dr. S.S.E. Ranawana, Chairman of APHCA;
Dr. W.R. Reddy, Dairy Development Commissioner; and
Distinguished Delegates;

On behalf of the Government of Kerala and on behalf of people of Kerala. I extend a warm welcome to all delegates and I hope you stay here pleasantly. I am in-charge the minister of 2 ministries. I do not think that I will get time during the deliberation to visit the important Session in Kerala. I am very welcome you to visit Kerala. This Session is highly relevant to Kerala.

For your information, I will tell you the average of the agricultural holding of Kerala. The relevant animal husbandry activities are cost in economy of Kerala. Animal husbandry contributes more than 10 per cent of total Gross Domestic Production (GDP).

The most important problem is animal disease like foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). Recently there are outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease. We are trying the best to prevent spread of the disease but a lot of problems are increasing. And we are very seriously concern about foot-and-mouth disease on how to prevent it.

Then the second problem is how to feed cattle. We have no spare land and the land holding is so small. This is a very serious problem. The cost of feed is very high. We are facing two problems that we have to find solutions. And I hope the deliberation of this conference and seminar can help us in solving some of these problems.

Now, I do not want to take much of your time. I would also like to thank organizers for choosing Kochi, State of Kerala for this important conference. I wish all participants have a good stay and fruitful proceedings in the next few days.

Thank you very much.

Vote of Thanks

Dr. W.R. Reddy
Dairy Development Commissioner, Government of Kerala

Honourable Minister;
Respected President of the Session;
Distinguished Delegates, Observers;
Distinguished Organizers of FAO, APHCA and OIE; and
Friends from the Press

Thank you all for joining this inaugural function. I hope the arrangements be fitting comfortable and nice stay and fruitful deliberation in the coming six days.

I wish all the best and wish the fruitful deliberation in the coming six days.

Thank you very much.