



▶ FAO China ECTAD attendance at the technical meeting to discuss echinococcosis control and prevention

The technical meeting to discuss echinococcosis control and prevention was hosted by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USCDC) and Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC) on 11 May 2018 in Beijing. Around ten participants from USCDC, China CDC, World Health Organization (WHO) and FAO participated in the meeting. Ms Yu Qi attended the meeting on behalf of the FAO China Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) Office.

Dr Zheng Canjun from China CDC presented the relevant work conducted by China CDC in Tibet. In 2016, in order to understand the real situation of echinococcosis infection, Dr Zheng's team organized surveys in four counties of Tibet. Information gathered from the surveys would be useful for the government to develop better measures to control echinococcosis. Other surveys/studies including a knowledge and behavior survey conducted by USCDC, and a dog treatment study conducted in Gansu Province by China Field Epidemiology Training Program (CFETP) trainees were also introduced during the meeting. Following the presentations, participants had further discussions on control measures for echinococcosis in Tibet.

▶ FAO China ECTAD attendance at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Cooperation Conference on Joint Prevention and Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Cooperation Conference on Joint Prevention and Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases was held in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province from 12-13 May 2018. The conference was co-hosted by the General Administration of Customs, China (GACC), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA), and Shaanxi Provincial Government. More than 150 representatives from SCO member countries, observing countries, international organizations, and embassies in China attended the conference. Senior officials including Dr Ni Yuefeng, Minister of GACC; Dr Liu Guozhong, Governor of Shaanxi Province; and Dr Yu Kangzhen, Vice-Minister of the MARA, attended the conference and delivered opening remarks. After the opening ceremony, an early warning system, SCO Transboundary Animal Disease Monitoring Platform, was launched by SCO member countries to strengthen Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) control cooperation for cross-border safe trade, and to build a community of shared future through dialogues.



Dr Song was presenting in the conference

As countries are increasingly interdependent of each other driven by economic globalization, and technological cooperation, closer trade relations and cooperation of animals and animal products, which highlights the importance of strengthening TADs prevention and control. The conference aimed at enhancing further cooperation and communication among SCO countries on TADs prevention and control; promoting the healthy development of trade of animals and animal products, as well as agribusiness. The participants discussed issues of SCO cooperation on TADs joint prevention

and control and shared animal diseases control experiences, and proposed to: 1) strengthen dialogues to promote multilateral trust; 2) strengthen multilateral cooperation for win-win result; 3) intensify technological cooperation and share cooperative



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fruits; 4) reinforce IT application and institutional construction and build a SCO information platform of TADs. In addition, a unanimous consensus was reached by SCO member countries on the Memorandum of Cooperation on Joint Prevention and Control and Quarantine Technology of TADs among departments of SCO member countries, which is planned to be signed at the SCO Summit in Qingdao in June this year.

Dr Song Junxia from FAO China ECTAD Office participated in the conference on behalf of FAO, and delivered a presentation to highlight the key activities of FAO China ECTAD, especially in the aspects of transboundary animal diseases prevention and control, veterinary epidemiology capacity building, and raising public awareness on antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

FAO gathers partners to review the zoonotic influenza situation in China

FAO China ECTAD Office organized the meeting of the United Nations Theme Group on Agriculture (UNTAG-AG) – sub working group on Diseases at the Human-Animal-Environment interface on 17 May 2018 in Beijing to review the zoonotic influenza situation in China. Under the One Health concept, a regular communication mechanism was established for the purpose of strengthening collaboration of zoonotic disease prevention and control among human health and animal health sectors. 13 participants from China CDC, China Animal Disease Control Center (CADC), FAO, WHO and USCDC participated in the meeting.



Participants of the UNTAG-AG sub working group meeting

During the meeting, updates from China CDC, CADC and FAO China ECTAD were provided for further discussions: 1) vaccination among the poultry provided a very good protection for human infection. Data from both human health and animal health sectors has demonstrated this. The situation of H7N9 vaccination coverage in backyard poultry was discussed in the meeting; 2) during the sixth wave, four outbreaks of H7N9 poultry were identified at layer chicken farms in three neighbouring provinces in the central of China - Shaanxi (1), Shanxi (1) and Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region (2). Some issues regarding H7N9 outbreak investigation, emergency surveillance and vaccination implementation in these provinces were also discussed during the meeting.

Upcoming activities:

1. Drs Song Junxia and Han Zifeng will attend the mid-term regional meeting on the monitoring and evaluation framework of the EPT-2 programme in Bangkok, Thailand from 5-8 June 2018.
2. Ms Yu Qi will attend the Third China-Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) Customs Inspection and Quarantine Cooperation Dialogue in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province on 7 June 2018.
3. Dr Song was invited to attend the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) TADs Prevention and Control Training Workshop on Diagnosis of Transboundary Animal Diseases in Lancang-Mekong countries in Kunming, Yunnan Province on 12 June 2018.
4. The Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Video Launch Ceremony entitled “For Better Animal Health, Use Antimicrobials Responsibly” will be organized on 22 June 2018 in Beijing.



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