



## **FOLLOW UP WORKSHOP ON RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR DOG RABIES**

17 – 19 May 2016

Bangkok, Thailand

### **BACKGROUND**

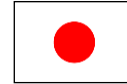
With the aim to provide a good understanding of the rabies situation in and a sound knowledge of the OIE international standards and approaches relevant to rabies, two separate workshops were held by OIE in the Asia Pacific Region. In June 2014 the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia (OIE SRR SEA) held the first « *Workshop on relevant international standards for dog rabies* » for ASEAN Member States (AMS) in Chiang Mai, Thailand. This workshop led to the development of the « *Benchmarking Document of rabies and rabies initiatives in ASEAN Member States* » which collated the current status of progress on rabies-related international standards in the AMS. Similarly, in August 2014 the OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific (OIE RR AP) organised the first « *Regional Training on Rabies* » in Tokyo, Japan, gathering countries from the South and the East Asia. This workshop also led to the development of the « *Report of the Regional Training on Rabies* » which likewise summarised the rabies situation of the South and East Asia cluster, and their relevant initiatives on rabies control and prevention.

Two years following these initial workshops in 2014, the two OIE offices have joined forces to hold the « *Follow up Workshop on Relevant International Standards for Dog Rabies* » on 17-19 May 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand. As with the previous individual workshops, this joint workshop in 2016 will focus on updating animal rabies situation in the countries and update progress on compliance with the following areas of international standards relevant to dog rabies elimination: (1) international guidelines pertaining to rabies, (2) rabies diagnosis, (3) rabies surveillance, (4) rabies vaccines and vaccination, and (5) stray dog population management. Furthermore, the workshop will also facilitate exchanges of country experiences, challenges, and achievements to date in pursuing consistency with the international standards and implementing rabies-related initiatives to address this fatal zoonosis at its source. The workshop will also follow through with the Global Rabies Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland last December 2015, and in particular discuss possible regional action points from the animal health sector in support of the Global Framework for Rabies Elimination which was launched during this conference.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

This workshop aims to:

1. Provide updates on the animal rabies situation in the Asia-Pacific region
2. Update status of compliance with international standards relevant to dog rabies elimination;
3. Discuss progress and good examples from the region as well as current impediments and priority needs in complying with international standards relevant to dog rabies elimination
4. Recommend actions to bridge identified priority gaps in complying with international standards relevant to dog rabies elimination;
5. Discuss the Global Framework for rabies elimination and other outcomes from the Global Rabies Conference and determine regional actions that can promote and support these



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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**SESSION 1 Opening Program**

- 08:30 – 09:00** Registration
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- Welcome Remarks  
*Dr Hirofumi Kugita, OIE Regional Representative for Asia-Pacific*  
*Dr Prapas Pinyocheep, Director of Bureau of Disease Veterinary Services*
  - Introduction of participants
- Group Photo

**10:00 – 10:30** Coffee Break

**SESSION 2 Introduction**

*This scene-setting session will provide an overview of the international standards as these relate to rabies elimination work in the countries. This will also provide an overview of the outcomes from the previous two workshops in the Region*  
Chair: *Dr Wirongrong Hoonsuwan, Department of Livestock Development, Thailand*

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| <b>10:30 – 10:40</b> | Introduction to the Workshop                                | Dr Ronello Abila        |
| <b>10:40 – 11:00</b> | Introduction to the OIE and OIE international standards     | Dr Gardner Murray       |
| <b>11:00 – 11:20</b> | Outcomes from the 2014 Workshop in South-East Asia          | Dr Mary Joy Gordoncillo |
| <b>11:20 – 11:40</b> | Outcomes from the 2014 Workshop in South Asia and East Asia | Dr Yooni Oh             |
| <b>11:40 – 12:00</b> | Plenary Discussion  |                         |

**12:00 – 13:30** Lunch Break

**SESSION 3 Rabies Situation in the Asia-Pacific Region**

*This poster session will allow participants to see the ongoing rabies situation and initiatives in the countries. During this session, participants will be asked to identify what they consider to be key challenges and key achievements in each country. Select countries with distinct accomplishments in each thematic area will be requested to serve as panelist in subsequent Sessions to highlight their experiences.*

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| <b>13:30 – 14:00</b> | Viewing of Posters by Member Countries                    | Moderators : Dr Mary Joy Gordoncillo and Dr Yooni Oh |
| <b>14:00 – 15:00</b> | Plenary session on country rabies situations and progress |  |

**15:00 – 15:30** Coffee Break

**SESSION 4 The role of the National Veterinary Services in rabies elimination**

*This session will cover and discuss the progress and good examples from the region, as well as current impediments and priority needs in achieving compliance to **International standards for veterinary services, communication and legislation** (Chapter 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4 on Veterinary Service, Communication, and Veterinary Legislation, respectively) relevant to rabies control and prevention. **The expected outputs from this session are:** (1) Updated status on each area as mentioned, and (2) recommendations to address identified priority gaps in veterinary services, communication and legislation relevant to national rabies elimination efforts*

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| <b>15:30 – 16:00</b> | Overview and updates on International Standards on Veterinary Services, Communication and Veterinary Legislation | Dr Ronello Abila        |
| <b>16:00 – 17:00</b> | Workshop, Panel Discussion & Plenary   | Dr Mary Joy Gordoncillo |

**19:00** OIE-hosted dinner

**SESSION 5 Rabies Vaccines and Vaccination**

*This session will cover and discuss the progress and good examples from the region, as well as current impediments and priority needs relevant to the compliance with the minimum standards on **rabies vaccines and other vaccine-related standards** (Chapter 2.1.13 of the OIE Terrestrial Manual, and Chapter 1.1.10 on International standards for vaccine banks). The session will review key examples and achievements in the region on procurement of rabies vaccines and implementation of successful mass dog vaccination. **The expected outputs from this session are:** (1) updated table summarizing status of vaccine sources and utilisation in the Member Countries; and (2) recommendations to address key issues identified to improve dog rabies vaccination in the region.*

**08:30 – 09:00** Minimum standards on rabies vaccines and vaccine bank

Dr Yooni Oh

**09:00 – 10:00** Panel discussion and Plenary

Dr Mary Joy Gordoncillo

**10:00 – 10:30** Coffee Break

**SESSION 6 Rabies Diagnosis**

*This session will cover and discuss the progress and good examples from the region, as well as current impediments and priority needs in achieving compliance with **International standards for rabies diagnosis** (Chapter 2.1.13 of the OIE Terrestrial Manual). **The expected output from this session are:** (1) updated table summarizing status of diagnostic capacity in the countries, and (2) recommendations addressing key issues identified to strengthen rabies diagnosis in the region*

**10:30 – 11:00** International Standards for rabies diagnosis

Dr Changchun Tu

**11:00 – 12:00** Panel discussion and Plenary

Dr Yooni Oh

**12:00 – 01:30** Lunch Break

**SESSION 7 Rabies Surveillance**

*This session will cover and discuss the progress and good examples from the region, as well as current impediments and priority needs in achieving compliance with relevant **international standards and guidelines on surveillance** (Chapter 1.1 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code; Rabies notification; Rabies reporting obligations; WAHIS and ARAHIS). **The expected output from this session are:** (1) updated table summarizing the status of dog rabies surveillance in the countries and (2) recommendations addressing identified issues to improve compliance to international standards on animal rabies surveillance.*

**13:30 – 14:00** International Standards related to rabies surveillance

Dr Ronello Abila

**14:00 – 15:00** Panel discussion and Plenary

Dr Mary Joy Gordoncillo

**15:00 – 15:30** Coffee Break

**SESSION 8 Animal Welfare in Rabies Elimination**

*This session will cover and discuss the progress and good examples from the region, as well as current impediments and priority needs in achieving compliance to international standards related to **stray dog population control** (Chapter 7.7 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code; International recommendations for stray dog population control ; Estimating the size of the dog population). **The expected outputs for this session are:** (1) updated table summarizing the status of indicators on animal welfare as it relates to rabies elimination and (2) recommendations to further improve managing and addressing the stray dog population in the Region.*

**15:30 – 16:00** Relevant guidelines and standards on animal welfare in rabies elimination

Dr Gardner Murray

**16:00 – 17:00** Panel discussion and Plenary

Dr Yooni Oh

## SESSION 9

### Working towards achieving and maintaining rabies freedom

*This session will cover and discuss the progress and good examples from the region, as well as current impediments and priority needs in achieving compliance to the **international standards on rabies** (Infection with rabies Virus, Chapter 8.13 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code) and its updates. This session will also review consistency of National Rabies Plans with International Standards. **The expected outputs from this session are** : (1) updated table summarizing status of compliance of countries with International standards, and (2) recommendations for further advancement of Chapter 8.13.3 in the countries*

**08:30 – 09:00** International Standards regarding infection with rabies Virus (Chapter 8.13)

Dr Hirofumi Kugita

**09:00 – 10:00** Panel discussion and Plenary

Dr Yooni Oh

**10:00 – 10:30** Coffee Break

## SESSION 10

### Partners Forum

*This session will provide participating partners to share their ongoing initiatives and possible support that countries can tap, particularly to bridge the gaps identified during the course of the workshop  
Chair: Dr Gardner Murray*

**10:30 – 10:40** Global Alliance for Rabies Control

**10:40 – 10:50** FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

**10:50 – 11:00** World Animal Protection

**11:00 – 11:10** Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Australia

**11:10 – 11 20** Japan Trust Fund (JTF)

**11:20 – 11:30** SAARC secretariat

**11:30 – 12:00** Plenary Discussion

**12:00 – 01:30** Lunch Break

## SESSION 11

### The Global Framework for the Elimination of Dog-Mediated Rabies

*This session will be a follow-through on the Global Conference on Global Elimination of Dog-mediated human rabies held last December 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland. Outcomes from the conference, including the Global Framework, will be shared to the participants. Recommendations on key regional action in support of the global momentum on dog rabies elimination will also be identified.*

**13:30 – 14:00** Summary and outcomes from the Global Rabies Conference

Dr Mary Joy Gordoncillo

**14:00 – 15:00** Panel discussion and Plenary

Dr Yooni Oh

**15:00 – 15:30** Coffee Break

## SESSION 12

### Final Conclusions and Ways Forward

*This closing session will collate and summarise all outputs from the workshop, and plans to advance rabies elimination in Asia will be put forward.*

**15:30 – 16:00** Summary and Conclusion

Dr Gardner Murray

**16:00 – 16:30** Closing Ceremony

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