

International horse movement in the Asia and Pacific Region

- An introduction to the WOAHP project -

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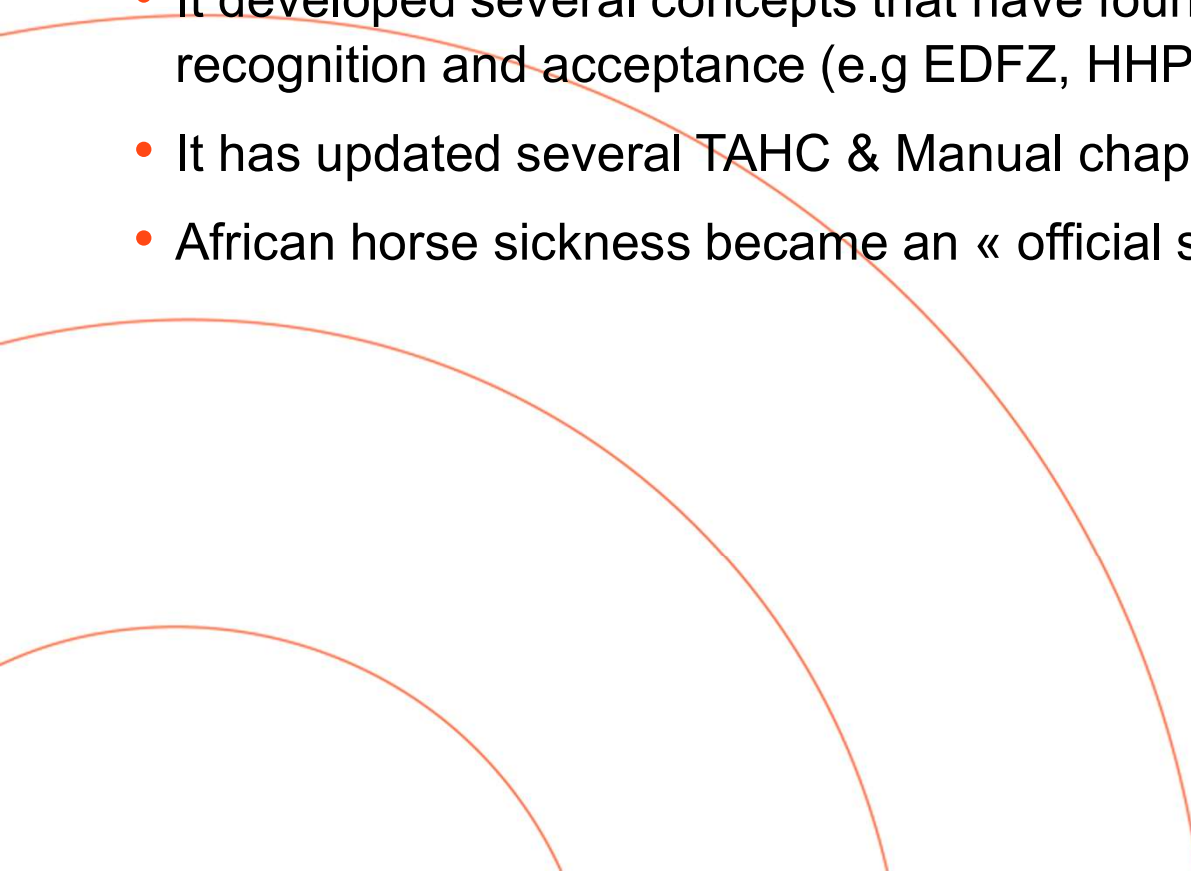


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- WOAHA has worked on facilitation of international horse movement in PPP with the equestrian sector (FEI, IFHA) since 2012.
 - It developed several concepts that have found international recognition and acceptance (e.g EDFZ, HHP)
 - It has updated several TAHC & Manual chapters on equine disease
 - African horse sickness became an « official status » disease in 2015
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- International horse sport and related movement has seen a steady growth and increasing economic importance globally and in Asia before the COVID 19 pandemic – and is picking up again
- The equestrian events at the Asian Games (this year to be held in China) are testimony to this
- The Covid-19 pandemic brought the sport and WOAHs work on international horse movement to a stand still
- To revive the subject and to improve the results from previous work, but with an emphasis on the Asia and Pacific region, WOAH is starting a new project
- The starting point of this new project are the three roadmaps that were developed during the 2019 sub-regional Workshop on international horse movement, held in Hongkong



Expected outcomes of the new project

- The project is planned initially for 1 year, but with an option of 1 year extension
- The key stakeholders – at the same time contributors and beneficiaries – are:
 - The Veterinary Services
 - The National Equestrian Federations
 - The National Racing Associations
- The expected outcomes of the project are:
 1. Establish a regional coordination mechanism for international horse movement between the public and private sector
 2. Offer a capacity building program on equine diseases, WOH concepts (EDFZ, HHP, zoning) and emergency preparedness for emerging equine diseases
 3. Assessment of laboratory capacity to diagnose equine diseases and building networks between public and private laboratories
 4. Propose harmonized import health certificates
 5. Presentation of project outputs to partners during Regional Workshops /meetings



- Nomination of one/several liaison person(s) – 21/32 have been nominated (could become the core group for this project)
 - As direct interlocuter with WOAHI
- A short questionnaire to get additional information to help kick-start the project's activities (6 answers/21)
- Which Government laboratory(ies) in your country have the capacity to diagnose infectious equine diseases?
- Which private laboratories provide diagnostic services for equine diseases, e.g. for health certificates required for horse movement?
- Please provide a contact person for these laboratories
- Please provide the currently valid health certificate stipulating your requirements for horse import into your country
 - Reminder: please provide information asap



- This new project intends to build on previous good work
- Puts special emphasis on the Asia and Pacific region
- Will offer a series of activities from which the key stakeholders will benefit
- For background information on the achievements of WOAH and its PPP partners, please familiarise yourself with the important principles on:
 - <https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-offer/safe-trade-and-movement-of-animals/international-competition-horse-movement/>



Thank you for your attention!



Asian Games, 2018