

Webinar on Equine Influenza

- An introduction to the new WOAAH project -

- Objectives of this Webinar -

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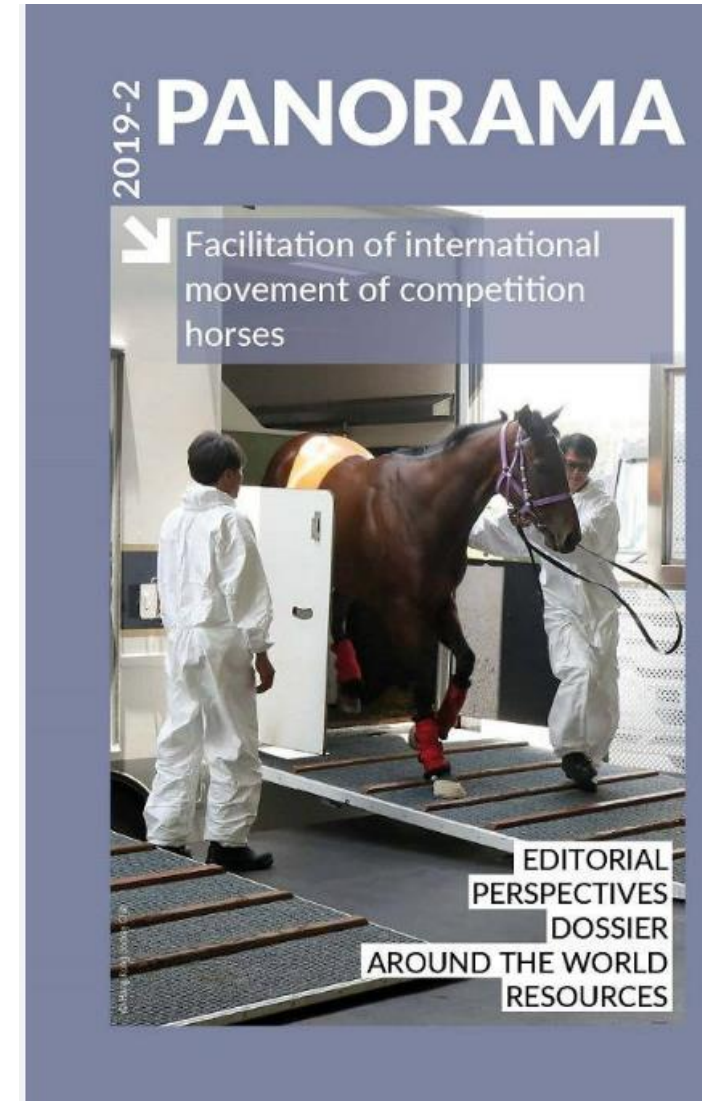
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- WOAHA has worked on facilitation of international horse movement in PPP with the equestrian sector (FEI, IFHA) since 2012.
- It developed several concepts that have found international recognition and acceptance (e.g EDFZ, HHP)
- In this context it supported the update of several TAHC & Manual chapters on equine diseases, including Equine Influenza





Rationale for a new project on international horse movement

- 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 WOAHA's 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, WOAHA has started this new project in November 2022
- A point of departure for 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



- Today's Webinar is the third in a series of Webinars organised by our project
- The topics for the Webinars have been determined during a survey with the participating 20 countries
- Equine Influenza concerns us all: the Veterinary Services because they want to prevent a large scale outbreak; horse owners and stable yard managers; event organisers would all be seriously affected in case of an outbreak

All webinars are publicly available on:

<https://rr-asia.woah.org/en/projects/horse-movement/international-horse-movement-in-asia-and-the-pacific/>



The objectives of this Webinar





EI is a worldwide problem and of major importance for international horse movement. EI is often included in requirements for horse import into countries of the region.

This Webinar serves to learn more about EI and:

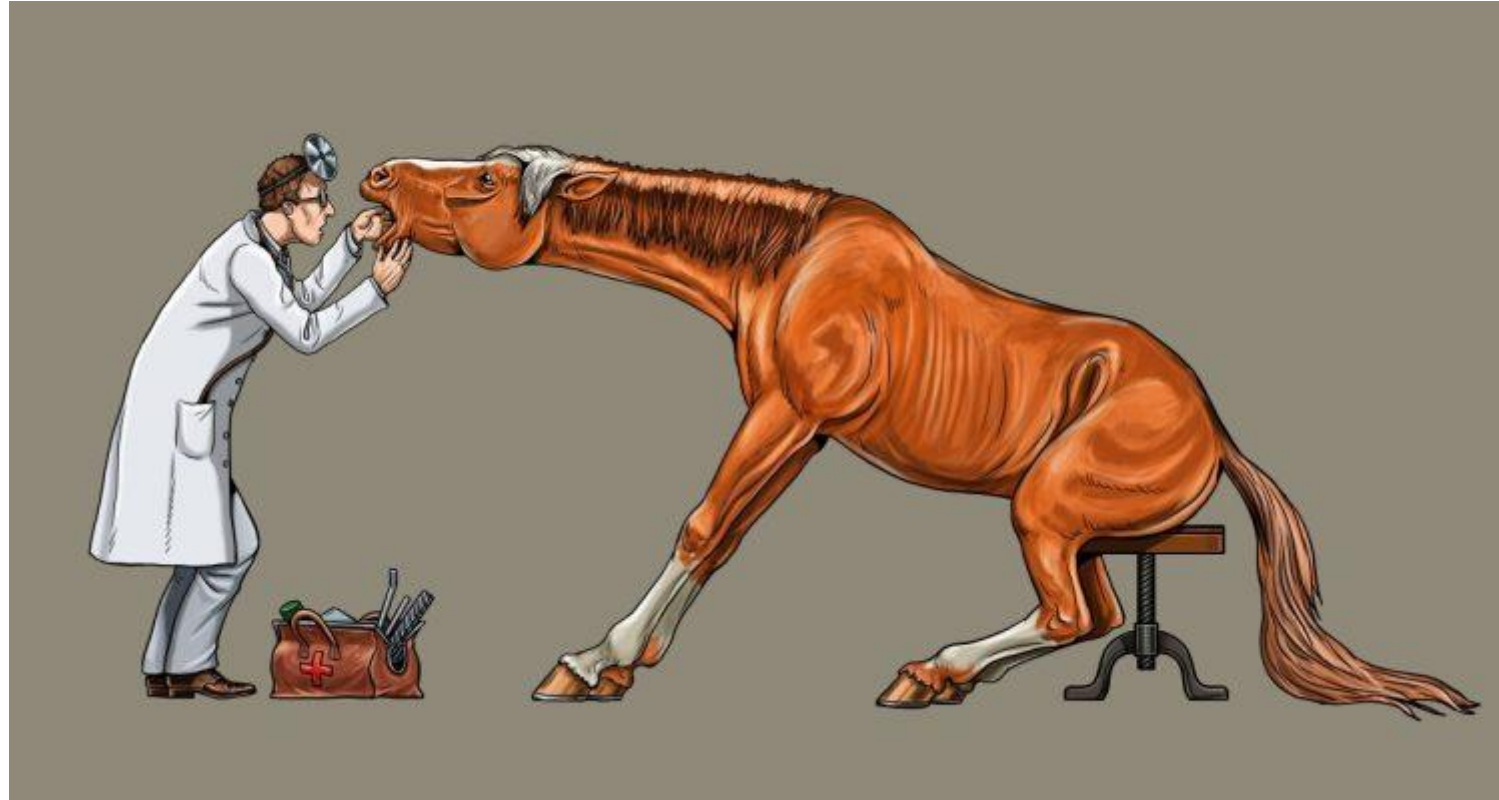
- To inform you about important modifications in the TAHC chapter on EI
- To give an example of the impact of an outbreak and how it can be prevented
- To highlight the genetic variability and how vaccines need to be adapted
- To emphasize the importance and role of WOAHP Reference laboratories
- To explain the different vaccine schedules recommended by the FEI, racing and WOAHP



- Accepted changes to the Code chapter on Equine Influenza
 - ➔ consequences for importation requirements
- Session on EI
 - General overview on the disease, its distribution, diagnosis and prevention
 - Case study on EI outbreak in Australia in 2007 and what can be learnt from it
 - An example for EI surveillance - China
 - Laboratory diagnosis and role of the WOAHP Reference Laboratory
 - Latest vaccine developments
- EI vaccination policies
 - Presented by the FEI, Japan Racing Association, WOAHP



Thank you for your attention!



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