5th Regional Meeting for Reference Centres in Asia and the Pacific

Geelong, Australia/ Zoom, 22 October 2026

Geelong (AE) time		Facilitator/Speaker
	Opening Session	
9:00-9:15	Opening Remarks - Host country	Dr Debbie Eagles, ACDP
9:15-9:30	Housekeeping Background and objectives	Maho Urabe, WOAH RRAP
	Updates on WOAH Reference Centre (RC) Programme	
9:30-10:20	Updates on WOAH RC Programme including - State of play - Revision of ToRs - Roadmap/Strategy - Regional contributions - Communication Mentimeter facilitated discussion	Mariana Delgado, WOAH HQ
10:20-10:40	Break	
10:40-11:00	**Introduction of newly designated RCs since the last meeting in 2024 (Part 1 – Reference Laboratories)** 1. Reference Laboratory for equine piroplasmosis 2. Reference Laboratory for African swine fever	Facilitated by Dr Yu-Liang Huang, Veterinary Research Institute, Chinese Taipei Dr Sanjay Kumar Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Centre on Equines, Haryana, INDIA Dr Takehiro Kokuho (V) Kodaira Research Station, National Institute of Animal Health, National Agriculture and Food Research Organisation, Tokyo, JAPAN

	3. Reference Laboratory for equine rhinopneumonitis 4. Reference Laboratory for infection with Aphanomyces invadans (epizootic ulcerative syndrome)	Dr Hiroshi Bannai (V) Equine Research Institute, Japan Racing Association, Tochigi, JAPAN Dr. Pravata Kumar Pradhan (V) Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory, Exotic & Aquatic Animal Health Division, ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow, INDIA
	Experience sharing	
11:30-13:00	**RC Experiences in contributing to WOAH activities** - WOAH *ad hoc* Group for *Megalocytivirus pagrus1*: developing a new *Aquatic Manual* chapter - NVAL's Contributions to WOAH Activities: ANIMUSE and Manual Revision - Implementation of standards: Supporting WOAH Members in implementing WOAH animal welfare standards through ToT workshops Mentimeter facilitated discussion **RC Experiences on collaboration** - From Networks to Action: Collaboration for Wildlife Health - Collaboration on Capacity Building: Experiences from the WOAH Collaborating Centres for	Facilitated by Dr David Williams Dr Nick Moody, ACDP Dr Yuta Hosoi, National Veterinary Assay Laboratory, Japan Dr Lauren Hemsworth (V) The University of Melbourne Facilited by Dr Phoebe Readford Dr Erin Davis (V) Wildlife Health Australia Dr Naomi Cogger, Massey University

	Epidemiology and Food Safety - CC&RL collaboration on rapid test kit validation Mentimeter facilitated discussion	Dr Tristan Reid, ACDP
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	**Introduction of newly designated RCs since the last meeting in 2024 (Part 2 – Collaborating Centres)** 1. Collaborating Centre for Wildlife Trade and Wildlife Health 2. Collaborating Centre for Wildlife Health Surveillance and Epidemiology 3. Collaborating Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance in Terrestrial Animals	Facilitated by Dr Kyoung Ki Lee, APQA, Korea (RO) Dr Anna Wong (V) Centre for Wildlife Forensics, National Parks Board, Animal & Plant Health Centre, SINGAPORE Dr Witthawat Wiriyarat (V) Thailand National Wildlife Health Center and the Monitoring and Surveillance Center for Zoonotic Diseases in Wildlife and Exotic Animals, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Mahidol University, THAILAND Dr Ha-Young Kim (V) Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency, APQA (under the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MAFRA), KOREA (REP. OF)
	Discussion	

14:30-15:30	**Expectations for WOAH's coordination role** (Part-1) - How can WOAH better engage RCs? - How does WOAH work in practice? E.g., in: - Standard setting - Guideline development - Emergency response (diagnostics, lab supplies, data analysis) Mentimeter facilitated discussion	Facilitated by Dr Naomi Cogger, SCAD, New Zealand and Tomoko Ishibashi, WOAH
15:30-15:50	Break	
15:50-16:00	Demonstration and access to PVS Information System	WOAH Capacity Building Department, WOAH HQ
16:00-16:30	**Expectations for WOAH's coordination role** (Part-2, round table) - Research and development through the STAR IDAZ International Research Consortium on Animal Health Mentimeter facilitated discussion	Facilitated by Maddy Newman, STAR-IDAZ Secretariat
16:30-16:40	**Key takeaways and way forward**	WOAH
16:40-17:00	Meeting evaluation **Closing remarks**	Tomoko Ishibashi, WOAH

(V): Virtual participation