

SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION (STSM) SCIENTIFIC REPORT

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STSM title: Characteristics of existing CPs and requirements for an output-based framework

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PURPOSE OF THE STSM:

The objectives of this STSM were to create an list of all non-regulated cattle diseases in the EU for which control programmes are in place in the member states and develop a survey to collect information on the epidemiological, economic, social and political characteristics of different control programmes.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE STSMS

In my first week, I started working on the questionnaire by going through some documents from STOC-free and RISKUR projects. In STOC-free different control programmes for BVD in the European Union were evaluated, while RISJUR is a tool that can be used to evaluate control/surveillance programmes. The information was very helpful in guiding me in the right direction to what information is needed to be part of the questionnaire for our project. When my draft was finished, we went over it with Carla Gomes and George J. Gunn, who suggested I shorten it and re-write some of the questions. In my second week, I made my corrections. In the meantime, I was waiting to get replies from other COST members to the new tables Carla Gomes sent out in January. I also started work on the handbook, which is one of Work Group 1 deliverables in the project. I wrote short introductions of diseases we are focusing on. I also got my works proofread to improve the English. In my third week, I continued work on the handbook and sent out an E-mail to encourage COST members to send in their tables by the 1st of March, as the response was poor thus far. In my last week, I have made an Excel document to combine all the information gathered into tables for each disease. I have finalised the questionnaire and made a power point presentation for the next COST meeting in Utrecht in which I will present the gathered data and the questionnaire.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN RESULTS OBTAINED

I gathered basic information on existing control programmes in member states. The information includes which countries have control programmes for certain diseases, what type of cattle they include (All, dairy, beef), whether they are voluntary or compulsory/ national or regional, how they are funded, type of programme (Control, eradication, surveillance), do they have additional EU guarantees and what the current status of disease is in that country.

FUTURE COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)

I have discussed the possibility of coming back for a second STSM in Inverness in late summer with George J. Gunn and Carla Gomes, if COST rules will allow it. This would allow me to collate and analyse the information that will be gathered through the questionnaire I have developed. This would give us enough information to write a paper for peer –review. I also prepared an abstract that I will present at the upcoming Middle-European buiatric congress, which will talk about our COST action-SOUND control. I will be presenting my work at the next COST meeting in Utrecht.