

**Emerging Diseases
Committee Report**

2009 NIAA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2009



The Emerging Diseases Committee met on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm EDT, during the 2009 NIAA Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky with 38 people present. Dr. Lanny W. Pace served as the Chair, and Mr. Brian Smith served as the Vice Chair.

The committee session focused on Avian Influenza and updates and changes in foreign animal disease and emerging disease surveillance and control programs. The following speakers presented relevant information:

Dr. Andrea Miles, International Avian Influenza Consultant, presented “Avian Influenza: Current Challenges with H5N1 and H9N2.” An update was given on the world status of avian influenza outbreaks.

Dr. Lee Myers, USDA/APHIS/VS/Emergency Management and Diagnostics, and Dr. Morgan Hennessey, University of Minnesota, presented “Pro-active Risk Assessment for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.” They explained why to use, how to use, and what risk assessments mean.

Dr. Neville Clarke, National Center for Foreign and Zoonotic Disease Defense, presented “Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Research and Education.” Dr. Clarke explained activities of the Homeland Security National Center of Excellence on Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense.

Dr. Lanny W. Pace, Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine, presented “National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) Update.” Dr. Pace reviewed the history, recent changes, and current and future activities of the NAHLN.

Dr. Rosemary Speers, National Animal Health Laboratory Network, presented “HPAI Exercise Program for NAHLN Laboratories.” Dr. Speers gave an overview of the 2008 HPAI Tabletop exercises conducted at NAHLN laboratories.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- No new resolutions were proposed.
- One existing resolution was amended or revised.
 - It was recommended to revise resolution 51 and approved by the committee.
- No resolutions were removed.

Committee Session adjourned at 4:30 pm EDT.