

Emerging Diseases Committee Report

2010 NIAA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2010



The Emerging Diseases Committee met on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm during the 2010 NIAA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri with 32 people present. Dr. Lanny Pace served as Chair.

The committee session focused on avian influenza, H1N1 influenza, comprehensive & integrated swine surveillance, and U.S. and European disease surveillance. The following speakers presented relevant information:

Dr. Patricia Wakenell, Purdue University, presented "Avian Influenza Update." An update was given on the world status of avian influenza with emphasis on training through the USAID/DAI in Ukraine and Moldova.

Dr. Liz Wagstom, National Pork Board, presented "H1N1 influenza and Comprehensive & Integrated Swine Surveillance." Dr. Wagstom gave an overview of the comprehensive and integrated swine surveillance plan followed by a history of swine influenza surveillance in the U.S. prior to 2009 and then subsequent to the novel H1N1 outbreak in 2009.

Dr. Tom Bunn, National Veterinary Services Laboratory, presented "Update from the National Veterinary Services Laboratory." Dr. Bunn gave an overview of disease surveillance activities conducted by NVSL.

Dr. Philip Robinson, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Belfast, Northern Ireland, presented "Bluetongue in Europe." Dr. Robinson presented data on the spread of bluetongue out of Africa into Europe over the past few years.

Dr. Philip Robinson, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Belfast, Northern Ireland, presented "Bovine TB Epidemiology in Northern Ireland." Dr. Robinson presented historical data on bovine TB in Northern Ireland and the current activities to try to control bovine TB in Northern Ireland.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- No new resolutions were proposed.
- One existing resolution was amended.
- One existing resolution was allowed to sunset.
- Four existing resolutions were reaffirmed.
- No action was taken on 5 resolutions.

Committee Session adjourned at 4:45 pm.