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Introduction

The MZCP activities planned for the next biennium follow the structure adopted for the Programme during the last five years. They refer mainly to human resources development and capacity building through:

(a). International Training Courses (ITC's), and

(b). National Training Courses (NTC's)

As before, group (a) activities are performed under the responsibility of the MZCC and involve trainees to be selected by the Member Countries in collaboration with the MZCC. Attendants of these Courses should contribute, later on in their respective countries, to the organization of national training activities and workshops.

Group (b) activities include training courses to be held in Member Countries following request and indication of the subject they are interested. The role of the MZCC in these activities is to provide different kind of support such as:

- *Technical support for the definition of the learning objectives;*
- *Preparation of the training programme to be agreed by the interested country;*
- *Selection and participation of experts-facilitators, at the MZCP charge, if and when requested;*
- *Collection and distribution of training material;*
- *Financial contribution for incidental expenses of the Course's Organization.*

In accordance to the principles established, both the ITCs and the NTCs would be based on intersectoral participation including the sectors involved in the implementation of prevention, surveillance and control activities at national level.

Other activities included in the Plan of Work refer on:

Co-organization of Workshops with other Institutions and International Organizations;

As it is very well known, the activities of the MZCP exclusively depend on the annual financial contributions of its Member States. The restricted number of participating countries and the irregular contributions are creating constant constraints for its further enrichment in activities. In this context, the WHO/MZCC looks forward for a stronger support by its members and for its further expansion in more States for an increased benefit and contribution to the social and economic development of all countries in the Mediterranean and the Middle East Regions.

A. INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

A.1. JOINT WHO/MZCP-WHO/EMRO INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON ZOOBOTIC AND FOODBORNE DISEASES MANAGEMENT IN EMERGENCIES, CAIRO, EGYPT

General Objective

- Supply of information and knowledge to professionals of public and animal health upon the most important issues relevant to zoonoses and FBDs management in emerging situations.

Specific Objectives

Discussing upon the management of:

- *Zoonotic and FB infections of animal and water origin in emergencies;*
- *Stray animals and the vectors and pests control;*

Promote the necessity of:

- *Planning at national and local levels to face emergencies;*
- *National preparedness to the management of different origin emergencies;*

Emphasize on the:

- *Intersectoral and interprofessional collaboration in emergencies;*
- *Importance of public health education and community participation in emergencies;*
- *International collaboration and contribution in emergencies.*

Indicated Time Period: 18-21 June 2007 (to be confirmed)

Duration: 5 days

Place of Venue: *Cairo, Egypt*

A.2. JOINT WHO/MZCP-OIE/RRME INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON FOOD SAFETY AND FOODBORNE DISEASES PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Learning Objective

To provide information and skills on:

- *foodborne and waterborne zoonoses management;*
- *knowledge and awareness on food safety issues.*

Specific Objectives

To provide:

- *basic knowledge on the epidemiology and surveillance of foodborne diseases;*
- *skills on foodborne diseases outbreaks investigation;*
- *guidance on food hazards identification and risk management in food safety;*
- *information on foodborne diseases prevention and control measures;*
- *methodologies for public health education and media communication.*

Indicated Time Period: March 2007 (dates to be fixed)

Duration: 5 days

Place of Venue: *State of Qatar*



A.3 JOINT WHO/MZCP-ORVIETO CITY FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON FOOD SAFETY AND FOODBORNE DISEASES MANAGEMENT, ORVIETO, ITALY

General Objective

- To promote understanding & awareness of food safety management systems & foodborne diseases.

Specific Objectives

- To strengthen zoonotic foodborne diseases surveillance systems;
- To establish approaches for the identification of hazards' critical control points and critical limits;
- To provide an understanding of HACCP principles and practices and its application in the production of food of animal origin;
- To introduce EU regulations on food safety management;
- To provide understanding of the significance of intersectoral collaboration & coordination;
- To foster interdisciplinary contribution and coordination on foodborne diseases.

Indicated Time Period: 5-9 November 2007 (to be confirmed)

Duration: 4 days

Place of Venue: Orvieto, Italy

Hosting Institutions: (a) *Municipality of Orvieto;*
 (b) *Orvieto City Study Centre Foundation;*
 (c) *Orvieto Saving Bank Foundation;*
 (d) *Local Sanitary Directorate, Orvieto;*
 (e) *WHO/FAO-CC on Veterinary Public Health, Istituto Superiore di Sanita, Rome;*
 (f) *Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale di: Lazio-Toscana and Umbria-Marche.*

NOTE: Hotel accommodation, meals and approximately 50% of travel expenses to be covered by the local hosting institutions.



B. NATIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- B.1. National Training Workshop (NTW) on Epidemiological Surveillance of Zoonoses and Foodborne Diseases Preparedness and Response, *Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 6-8 March 2006: implemented*
- B.2. NTC (Upgraded) on Food Safety and HACCP Systems and Foodborne Disease Management, *Nicosia, Cyprus, October 2007*
- B.3. NTC on Control of Foodborne Diseases in Humans & Animals, *Kuwait (State of), 1st semester 2007*
- B.4. Intermediate NTC on HACCP System in Food Safety and Foodborne Disease Management, *Beirut, Lebanon, 2007 (implementation according to the local security situation)*
- B.5. NTC on Foodborne Diseases, Food Safety and HACCP Systems' Application in Food Industry, *Damascus, Syria, 8-14 September 2006*

Duration: 5 days each, except from the NTW in Saudi Arabia, 3 days



C. INTERCOUNTRY WORKSHOPS

C.1. WHO/MZCP-WHO/EMRO-WHO/EURO INTERCOUNTRY WORKSHOP ON CRIMEAN-CONGO HAEMORRAGIC FEVER EPIDEMIOLOGY, PREVENTION AND CONTROL, *Istanbul, Turkey, 6-8 November 2006*

Goal: definition of strategies and measures effective for the CCHF prevention and control.

Specific Objectives:

- Review of the CCHF epidemiological situation in the European belt (WHO/EURO), the South Mediterranean and the Middle East regions (WHO/EMRO);
- Biology and control of risks-vectors of the disease;
- Review the clinical and laboratory diagnosis in humans and animals;
- Understand the public health and economic impacts;
- Understand the role and contribution of public health awareness, community participation and intersectoral effectiveness;
- Develop coordinated regional and national multisectoral plans for integrated prevention and control of CCHF.

C.2. WHO/MZCP-WHO/EMRO-WHO/HQ INTERCOUNTRY CONSULTATION ON INTERSECTORAL STRATEGIES FOR LEISHMANIASIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST REGION, *Aleppo, Syria, Time Period: 1st semester 2007*

Tentative Programme to be agreed

Goal: definition of strategies for intersectoral leishmaniasis prevention and control.

Specific Objectives:

- Review of Leishmaniasis epidemiological situation in the Mediterranean and the Middle East regions (MMER);
- Critical review of the current prevention and control systems for Leishmaniasis in the MMER;
- Review the Leishmaniasis laboratory diagnosis in humans and animals;
- Discuss the progress of immunization and treatment of Leishmaniasis in humans and dogs;
- Understand the role and contribution of public health education, community participation and intersectoral coordination in Leishmaniasis prevention and control;
- Develop improved strategic intersectoral approaches for integrated prevention and control of Leishmaniasis;
- Identify priority control-oriented research issues.



D. SPECIAL WHO/MZCP ACTIVITY FOR BALKAN COUNTRIES**D.1. WHO/MZCP INTERCOUNTRY TRAINING COURSE ON “INTRODUCTION IN FOOD SAFETY AND HACCP SYSTEMS”, IN COLLABORATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE WHO EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE**

Athens, Greece, 5-9 March 2007

General Objectives: to provide:

- *information and awareness on foodborne diseases and food safety;*
- *knowledge on better approaching relevant problems & ways for prevention & control;*
- *introduction to HACCP principles and HACCP in slaughterhouses;*

Specific Objectives: to provide:

- *basic knowledge on the epidemiology and of foodborne diseases surveillance;*
- *skills on foodborne diseases outbreaks investigation and control measures implementation;*
- *guidance on food hazards identification and food safety risk management.*

