

# **Nordic–Baltic seminar on Risk Based Animal Health Surveillance and Contingency Planning**

**Organised by the Nordic–Baltic Veterinary Contingency Group**

**Venue:** Radisson SAS Hótel Saga,  
Hagatorgi  
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**Objectives:**

The objectives of the seminar is to elucidate tools in risk analysis work and the elements of risk based animal health surveillance and contingency planning

The seminar will focus on experience gained, needs and methods for strategic decision procedures at the national level, to improve and develop veterinary contingency planning on animal diseases.

**Target group:**

The target group includes:

- Persons/Institutions in the Nordic and Baltic countries involved in risk assessments, risk management and risk communication within the area of animal health
- Veterinarians employed by national governments designated to handle animal disease emergencies and food safety
- Scientists and diagnosticians from national reference laboratories
- Veterinarians employed by the livestock industry responsible for disease prevention, control and eradication
- Representatives of veterinary medical associations

## Tentative programme

### Date: 01/09/2010 - Arrivals and registration of participants

Arrival of participants	
19:00 – 20:00	Reception and registration of seminar/workshop participants

### Date: 02/09/2010 Opening of seminar/workshop and seminar sessions I, II and III

08:30	Registration of participants
09:00	Opening session Dr. Joakim Holmdahl, Chairman of the Nordic- Baltic Veterinary Contingency Group
09:10	The Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority (MAST) by Dr. Halldor Runolfsson, Chief Veterinary Officer, Iceland

<b>Seminar session I: Experience of Risk Analyses Work</b> Chairman: Dr. Audur Lilja Arnthorsdottir, Iceland	
09:30	Requirements to risk analysis and experiences gained from risk analysis work in Europe and the US. (a) Guidelines for risk analysis (b) National examples (c) Experiences and common problems Speaker: Dr. Preben Willeberg, Denmark
10:20	Coffee break
10:40	Risk based surveillance (a) Science as a basis for risk based surveillance (b) Techniques Speaker: Dr. Katharina Stärk, UK
11:15	Risk assessments carried out by EFSA within the area of animal health (a) Procedures for performing risk assessments (b) Examples of completed risk assessments (c) A comparison of National Risk Assessments and EU Risk Assessments Speaker: Dr. Per Have, EFSA
11:50	Discussions related to presentations in session I
12:00	LUNCH

<b>Seminar session II: Application of Risk Analysis in the Veterinary Administration</b> Chairman: Dr. Edvins Olsevskis, Latvia	
13:00	Risk analysis work related to recognition of disease free status after outbreaks (a) The strength and limitations in risk analysis work (b) Presentation of case study Speaker: Dr. Sten Mortensen, Denmark
13:25	A rapid qualitative risk assessment for use in Veterinary Administration; the DEFRA approach (a) A generic spread-sheet tool for risk incursion (b) A generic approach to identifying policy business needs (c) Presentation of a case study Speaker: Dr. Helen Roberts
14:10	Swedish project regarding BT economy. Predicting costs for different scenarios. A tool for decision making. Speakers: Diana Viske, NBA, Bo Norell and Janne Johansson, SBA (Swedish Board of Agriculture)
14:50	The approach to risk assessment in the Veterinary Administrations in Denmark, Estonia and Finland; each presentation 10 minutes. Speaker, DK: Dr. Sten Mortensen Speaker, EE: Maarja Kristian Speaker, FI: Taina Aaltonen
15:20	Coffee break

<b>Seminar session III: Application of Risk Analysis in Veterinary Contingency Planning</b> Chairman: Dr. Hanne Hansen, Denmark	
15:50	Risk assessments as a tool in Veterinary Contingency Planning Speaker: Dr. Lis Alban, Denmark
16:15	The approach to risk assessment in the Veterinary Administrations in Iceland, Latvia and Lithuania; each presentation 10 minutes. Speaker, IS: Dr. Audur Lilja Arnthorsdottir Speaker, LV: Dr. Edvins Olsevskis Speaker, LT: Dr. Egidijus Pumputis
16:45	Break
17:00	A web-based system for demonstrating space and time-space clustering of disease outbreaks (a) Foot and Mouth Disease ( FMD) (b) Avian Influenza (AI) (c) Other diseases Speaker: Preben Willeberg, Denmark
17:30	The approach to risk assessment in the Veterinary Administrations in Norway and Sweden; each presentation 10 minutes. Speaker, NO: Dr. Edgar Brun, The National Veterinary Laboratory Speaker, SE: Dr. Ann Lindberg, the National Veterinary Institute
17:50	Discussions of presentations related to sessions II and III
18:00	Close of sessions
19:00	DINNER

**Date: 03/09/20010 Seminar Session IV and workshop**

<b>Seminar session IV: Networks and training</b>	
Chairman: Dr. Joakim Holmdahl, Sweden	
08:30	Experiences gained from the EPIZONE network (a) The establishment of the network (b) The operation of the network Speaker: Armin Elbers, Netherlands
09:00	The establishment of a network for the Nordic and Baltic Risk Analysis work in the area of animal health (a) The present situation with regard to networks (b) The requirements for a valuable Nordic and Baltic network. Speaker: Dr. Claes Enøe, Denmark
09:20	A brief review of training courses in the area of risk analysis for veterinarians in the Nordic-Baltic region. Speaker: Dr. Camilla B. Andersen, Denmark
09:30	Discussions related to presentations in session IV
09:45	Conclusions, recommendations and closure of seminar by Dr. Jørgen Westergaard, Denmark
10:00	Coffee break

**Workshop**

(Preliminary programme to be developed with assistance from DEFRA)

<b>Workshop on application of the principles of rapid qualitative risk assessment for use in National Veterinary Administrations</b>	
By: Dr. Helen Roberts	
10:30	Introduction to workshop and establishment of working groups
11:00	Work on qualitative risk assessment case studies
12:30	LUNCH
13:30	Working groups to complete case studies
14:30	Presentation of results and discussions of activities in working groups
15:00	Conclusions, recommendations and closure of workshop.