



Regional Workshop on Detection and Differentiation of Priority Vector Borne Disease (VBD) Pathogens in Animals and Animal Vectors

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event will be to discuss the detection and differentiation of the pathogens of Priority Vector Borne Diseases.

Working Language(s)

The working language(s) of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 20 July 2018 will not be considered.

Scope and Nature

The focus of this workshop will be to discuss: i) the techniques used for detection of priority Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs), ii) the use of advanced technologies for differentiation of the causing pathogens, iii) the harmonization of diagnostic techniques and iv) the exchange of validated and verified SOPs used for detection and differentiation of the causing pathogens.

The expected outputs of the meeting are:

1. To recommend the most up-to-date techniques for detection and differentiation of VBDs;
2. To select platforms for harmonization of the techniques used for detection and differentiation of VBDs;
3. To facilitate sharing of working procedures among the counterparts of the project.

The priority diseases in the RER/5/023 project, as determined during the first coordination meeting are as follows: African Horse sickness, African Swine fever, Bluetongue, Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever, Leishmaniasis, Rift Valley fever, Schmallenberg virus, West Nile fever, Usutu, Lumpy skin disease / Sheeppox and goatpox, Equine infectious anaemia and Q-fever.

Participation

The meeting is open to 33 participants from Member States.

Each country is invited to nominate one participant who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The Workshop is open for Member States participating in project RER/5/023. The countries should nominate staff members of the officially designated veterinary laboratories for detection and / or differentiation of animal and zoonotic VBDs. The participants have to be familiar with the most common technologies used for these purposes, primarily (but not exclusively) with ELISA and PCR based techniques and be able to discuss problems related to their use.

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the IAEA TALEO page (<https://iaea.taleo.net/>) and complete the Candidate Profile.

2. Be registered on the Nucleus page of the IAEA (<https://nucleus.iaea.org/>).
3. Through Nucleus, access the InTouch+ platform where the Profile is completed (My Profile tab) (<https://nucleus.iaea.org/Pages/InTouchPlus.aspx>).
NOTE: The email used for TALEO and Nucleus must be the same. If not, the candidate's profile will not appear complete.

4. On the InTouch + platform, under the 'My InTouch +' tab, the candidate needs to:
 - a. select the institute / organization that he/she works at / represents ('My Institute' section);
 - b. click on the link called '**Refresh Personal History Form**' to update the system, *otherwise the nominations submitted will have these fields empty and it will not be possible to evaluate them during the selection of candidates* ('IAEA Recruitment Platform' section).

NOTE: Once the above steps are finalized, the candidate's profile will appear as completed and he/she can apply for Technical Cooperation events.

5. In the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>), in the 'Applications' tab, search by the event number provided in the invitation.

The help for each step is located at the top of the page. For additional help on how to register, create a profile and apply for an event, please refer to the online guide and training videos available under the following links: [how-to guide](#) and [training videos](#). Any issues or queries related to the new system can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org or TC-AIPS-PL4.Contact-point@iaea.org.

Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the ME from the IAEA website <https://www.iaea.org/services/technical-cooperation-programme/how-to-participate>.

Applications should contain sufficient information to establish that the nominees have the required qualifications. Please note that the information regarding LANGUAGE SKILLS, EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE is exported from TALEO. If an applicant's profile in TALEO is not updated, the information in INTOUCH+ for these sections appears as empty and the candidates cannot be evaluated. Completed applications need to be endorsed by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office and submitted through the established official channels.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency American Express, or a travel grant, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.