

YE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Dear Young EPIZONE members,

The YE meeting is now quickly approaching, therefore we find it a good time to inform you more about our final program. In this newsletter you will find more details about the workshop and about the senior scientists who will share their experiences with us. If you want to participate in this inspiring day, then don't forget to register !

Cheers,

The YE core group



- Aims to integrate young scientists into the network of EPIZONE ERG
- Provides a platform for young scientists working on epizootic disease, where they are able to meet and discuss with peers from all over the world
- Organizes workshops and panel discussions with senior scientists

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WORKING IN A PROJECT ENVIRONMENT: THE ART OF SUCCESS



Projects are temporary and unique endeavors yet for Young EPI-ZONE they represents daily business. Often the task of Project management is underestimated by scientists, yet a truly professional, studied and structured, process based approach is desired to ensure repeatable success.

In a snappy presentation the professional trainer-consultant will bring us the essence of working in projects (the project lifecycle, initiating and communicating, the “bermuda” triangle) adapted to the EPIZONE context, guide us through some scheduling techniques and demonstrate scheduling software solutions. The presentation will be summarized as a guiding roadmap for all people new to the business. The project management survival kit handed out at the end of the session will remind you of 10 basic attitudes of any mature project manager.

INTRODUCTION TO SENIOR SCIENTISTS

DR. KRIS DE CLERCQ

Doctor Kris De Clercq holds the degree of Doctor in Veterinary Medicine (1981) and a degree of Master of Science in Animal Production (1983). He is working for the department of virology at the Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre CODA-CERVA since 1985, where he became head of the section ‘Vesicular and exotic diseases’ in 1999. Under his leadership the section ‘Vesicular and exotic diseases’ became an OIE collaborative centre and a FAO Foot-and-Mouth Disease Virus (FMDV) Reference Centre. From 1997 to 2007 he was chairman and since then is vice-chairman of the Eu FMDV research group of FAO European Commission for the Control of FMDV. He is the coordinator and partner in many EU and International projects and author of dozens of scientific papers and reports on FMDV, Bluetongue and many other animal diseases.



PROF. DR. THOMAS C. METTENLEITER

Thomas C. Mettenleiter is the president of the FLI, Germany's Federal Research Institute for Animal Health. He studied biology in Tübingen and achieved his Ph.D. in genetics in 1985. After one year at the Vanderbilt University in the USA he came back to Tübingen and worked at the Federal Research Centre for Virus Diseases of Animals' vaccine subdivision. In 1994 he became the Director of the Institute for Molecular and Cellular Virology of the



Federal Research Centre for Virus Diseases of Animals, Riems Island, Germany. In 1996, he was appointed to the president of the FLI. His main research focused on molecular biology of viral animal epidemics especially Herpes-, Paramyxo-, Orthomyxo- and Rhabdoviruses. Besides the research of understanding main mechanisms of host-pathogen interaction he tries to find new vaccine strategies using reverse genetic systems.

PROF. DR. WIM H.M. VAN DER POEL



Prof. Dr. Wim H.M. van der Poel is senior scientist at the Central Veterinary Institute (CVI) in Lelystad, the Netherlands. His research here focuses on veterinary virology with a special interest to Hepatitis E and recently also the Schmallenberg virus. He is a professor at the Liverpool University and of course he is also the coordinator of the EPIZONE European Research group, which he started in 2006. Therefore he knows very well how to manage a successful project and lead a group.

DR. MED VET SANDRA BLOME

Dr. Sandra Blome is the head of two national reference laboratories at the FLI in Germany, namely the laboratory for classical swine fever (CSF) and African swine fever (ASF). She studied veterinary medicine at Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the university in Leipzig and got her vet license in 2002. In 2006 she graduated at the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover with her thesis "Pathogenesis of Classical Swine Fever: Analysis of Coagulation Disorders". After her Ph.D. she moved on in the research field of CSF as a senior scientist in the EU and OIE Reference Laboratory for CSF in Hanover. After 14 years at the university she decided to go to the FLI and until then she works as the head of the national reference laboratory for CSF and ASF. Besides her efforts to develop a vaccine against CSF and to understand the host and virus interaction especially in wild boars, you can find her in the wild nature of Mecklenburg-Hither Pommerania watching - and sometimes hunting - deer, wild boars or foxes or she tries to learn playing a new music instrument.



DR. NESYA GORIS



Dr. Nesya Goris holds a Master's degree in Biological Sciences (2002) and a Ph.D. in Veterinary Sciences (Ghent University, 2008). She started her career at the department of virology of the Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre (CODA-CERVA) in 2002 where she conducted ground-breaking research into the foot-and-mouth disease virus (FMDV) into antiviral products as supplementary control strategies for FMD vaccination and with ALTANDI project to refine reduce and replace animal tests for FMD vaccine quality. She was appointed scientific attaché of the Section 'Development of Diagnostic Tools for Epizootic Diseases'. In 2008 she started working for Okapi Sciences where she now heads the research and development teams.

STILL SOME PLACES AVAILABLE FOR THE WORKSHOP

The project management workshop on the YE day is **limited in the number of participants**. Currently there are still some places available, so **be quick** to register for the YE day at the EPI-ZONE website (www.epizone-eu.net).

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