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Subject: Regional Workshop on Detection and Differentiation of Priority Vector Borne Disease (VBD) Pathogens in Animals and Animal Vectors, Lisbon, Portugal from 8 October 2018 to 12 October 2018

Dear National Liaison Officer/National Coordinator,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is organizing the above event under the IAEA technical cooperation project RER5023, "Enhancing National Capabilities for Early and Rapid Detection of Priority Vector Borne Diseases of Animals (Including Zoonoses) by Means of Molecular Diagnostic Tools".

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

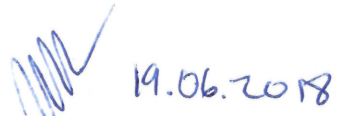
The attached Information Sheet and Logistical Arrangements provide further details, including technical and administrative aspects of the event. Selection of participants will be in accordance with IAEA procedures.

The IAEA will provide non-local participants with a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest the participant's residence and Lisbon. Travel details will be agreed with the participants upon receipt of their official nomination. Participants will also receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses for the duration of the event in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

We would appreciate receiving your country's nominations by **20 July 2018** through the IAEA's InTouch+ platform (<https://Intouchplus.iaea.org>). Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the course from the [IAEA's webpage](#). Completed forms must be endorsed by the relevant government authority and may be sent to the IAEA, preferably by email to Official Mail - IAEA Mail address Official.Mail@iaea.org, with copy to Ms Carmina Elizabeth Jimenez Velasco C.Jimenez@iaea.org. Please be advised that late nominations or replacements of participants after the closing date for nominations will not be accepted.

We look forward to receiving your early response.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature in blue ink, followed by the date 19.06.2018.

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Enclosures: Information Sheet
Logistical Arrangements



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

Hosted by

The Government of Portugal

through the

Instituto Nacional de Investigação Agrária e Veterinária

Lisbon, Portugal

8 – 12 October 2018

Ref. No.: ME-RER5023-1802792

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.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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