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Subject: Regional Training Course on Collection, Sorting, Storage and Identification of the Most Important Vectors for Vector Borne Diseases, Ankara, Turkey, from 1 July 2019 to 12 July 2019

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 train participants on the up-to-date techniques for collection and identification of the most important vectors of priority diseases.

The attached Information Sheet provides 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 Ankara. 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 **10 May 2019** 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmina', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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Enclosure: Information Sheet



Regional Training Course on Collection, Sorting, Storage and Identification of the Most Important Vectors for Vector Borne Diseases

Hosted by

The Government of Turkey

through the

Hacettepe University; Faculty of Science; Department of Biology; Ecology
Section

Ankara, Turkey

1 – 12 July 2019

Ref. No.: TN-RER5023-1900423

Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to provide practical training on the existing up-to-date techniques for collection and identification of the most important vectors of priority diseases.

Working Language(s)

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 10 May 2019 will not be considered.

Project Background

Vector borne diseases in the last decades are gaining on importance, due to the rapid spread of transmitting vectors into previously unaffected areas. Recent examples of animal diseases, such as bluetongue, lumpy skin disease, African swine fever and others, as well as the emergence of zoonotic vector borne diseases, such as the West Nile fever, Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever, Rift valley fever, Lumpy skin disease, are only few examples of the challenges that threaten animal and public health systems in the European region.

Preparedness for response to these threats includes not only understanding of the pathogenesis of these diseases, but requires also understanding of the biology and ecology of the vectors, as well as integration of extensive multi sectorial information, from third sector, such as methodology, entomology etc.

This workshop is planned under the project workplan and aims to familiarize the participants with the most up-to-date techniques used for collection, storage and identification of arthropods responsible for transmission of vector borne diseases. The meeting will be supported by the most relevant experts in the field of the priority VBDs for the project.

Scope and Nature

The focus of this regional training course will be to disseminate practical experience in: i) collection and quantification (evaluation) of priority arthropod vectors and ii) identification methods for priority arthropod vectors, with focus on the already developed online algorithms.

Expected Outputs

The expected outputs of the meeting are:

- a. To disseminate the practical aspects / exercises on the validated and verified techniques for capture, storage and quantification (evaluation) of priority arthropod vectors;
- b. To disseminate the practical aspects / exercises on the validated and verified techniques for identification of priority arthropod vectors;

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 / Sheepox and goatpox, Equine infectious anaemia and Q-fever.

Participation

The event is open to 35 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 responsible for arthropod vector monitoring. This person should also be the direct responsible of performing these techniques in their laboratory or at least involved in training technical staff working on vector collection and their identification. Alternatively, countries should nominate staff members of the institutions responsible for vector monitoring for the purpose of VBD control, under designation of the competent veterinary authority. The participants have to be familiar with the most common technologies used for the above-mentioned purposes, be able to discuss problems related to their use, and should preferably be the scientists involved in the technical activities, such as capture, identification and evaluation of the arthropod vectors.

Application Procedure

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

1. Access the IAEA TALEO page (<https://iaea.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobsearch.ftl>) 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 TN 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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