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**Subject: Regional Training Course on African Swine Fever (ASF) Laboratory Diagnosis and Serological Screening, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, from 13 to 17 June 2022**

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 RER5027, "Enhancing Preparedness Capacities of the Veterinary Sector to Confront with Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases of Livestock and Wildlife".

The purpose of the event is to train the participants on molecular and serological techniques for detection and screening of African Swine Fever (ASF) in animals with focus on the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and the Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA).

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. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women participants.

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 Sarajevo. 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 **8 April 2022** 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](mailto:Official.Mail@iaea.org), with copy to Ms Ludmila Wiszczor [L.Wiszczor@iaea.org](mailto:L.Wiszczor@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 be 'L. Wiszczor', written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure: Information Sheet



# **Regional Training Course on African Swine Fever (ASF) Laboratory Diagnosis and Serological Screening**

**Hosted by**

The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**through the**

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine - Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**13 to 17 June 2022**

**Ref. No.: TN-RER5027-2202153**

## **Information Sheet**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the event is to train the participants on molecular and serological techniques for detection and screening of African Swine Fever (ASF) in animals with focus on the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and the Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA).

### **Working Language**

The working language of the event will be **English**.

### **Deadline for Nominations**

Nominations received after **8 April 2022** will not be considered.

## **Scope and Nature**

The training course will consist of:

- i) Presentations on ethiology, pathogenesis, clinical signs, epidemiology, and control of ASF and Classical Swine Fever (CSF),
- ii) Practical classes on sampling, samples transportation/preparation, the most updated molecular (PCR), serological (ELISA) and other related techniques for detection and screening of ASF (and CSF for differentiation),
- iii) Practical classes on the use of the free-of-charge sequencing services for Member States established by APHS. Presentations of relevant experts in the area of ASF are also expected.

## **Expected Outputs:**

The expected outputs of the training course are:

- i) Most current understanding of the ethiology, pathogenesis, clinical signs, epidemiology and control of the ASF transferred to Member States laboratories.
- ii) Updated molecular and serological techniques for laboratory detection and screening of ASF transferred into the Member States' laboratories.
- iii) Protocols and instructions for the use of the free-of-charge sequencing services transferred into the laboratories of Member States.

## **Participation**

The regional training course is open to 22 participants from Member States participating in the regional TC project RER/5/027.

Each Member State is invited to nominate up to 2 candidates who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority.

## **Participants' Qualifications and Experience**

The nominees for the regional training course should be the staff members of the laboratories responsible for animal infectious diseases diagnosis with molecular and serological techniques (PCR and ELISA).

## Application Procedure

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

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
  - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
  - b. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVT2202153) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

**NOTE:** Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to [InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org](mailto:InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org).

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the training course from the [IAEA website](#).

**NOTE:** A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

## 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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