

Network on Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (PED)

Minutes of the 6th meeting for the project: 'Request for scientific and technical assistance on the collection and review of updated scientific epidemiological data on porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED)'

WEB-conference, 11 September 2015

(Agreed on 21 October 2015)¹

Participants

- Network Representatives of Member States (including EFTA Countries):**

Country	Name ²
Finland	Taina Laine, Laura London
France	Beatrice Grasland
Italy	Beatrice Boniotti, Monica Cerioli
Netherlands	Paul Franssen
Spain	Luis Romero
Sweden	Cecilia Hultén
United Kingdom	Falko Steinbach, Susanna Williamson

- Hearing Experts**

Ádám Dán, Antonio Lavazza, Eoin Ryan, Adolf Steinrigl, Bertel Strandbygaard

- European Commission:**

None

- EFSA:**

AMU Unit: Jane Richardson (chair), Marios Georgiadis

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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² Indicate first full name and then surname (John Smith) all throughout the document

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Sandra Blome (Germany), Anette Bøtner (Denmark), Dragan Brnić (Croatia), Brigitte Cay (Belgium), Carl Andreas Grøntvedt (Norway), Clara Marcé (France), Marina Marini (European Commission, DG SANTE) and Nicolas Rose (France).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

An Oral DOI was requested at the beginning of the meeting. No conflicts of interests were identified.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Network on Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (PED) for the project: 'Request for scientific and technical assistance on the collection and review of updated scientific epidemiological data on porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED)', held on 19 June 2015, by web-conference.

The minutes were agreed.

5. Topics for discussion

5.1. Update on the current status of the PED project

The first Scientific Report had been shared with the Network members in June and it was almost finalised. However, in consultation with the European Commission and Member States it was decided that the initially planned two Scientific Reports would be consolidated into one comprehensive report to be issued in December. That draft first Scientific Report should still be treated as confidential.

5.2. Update on information from participating countries

Network members were asked to give an update on PED occurrence in their countries. A few participants indicated that there were some new cases, however, these numbers were limited.

Data collection through the DCF will continue; countries will be able to provide additional information on potential new cases and monitoring activities undertaken since the previous data collection. The issue will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

5.3. Literature review of information on PED, made available between October 2014 and September 2015

A literature review will be conducted in order to find and summarize publications on PED, which will have been made available between October 2014 and September 2015. Information from an extensive literature review on PEDV was included in the 2014 Scientific Opinion of the EFSA AHAW panel on PEDV and PDCoV. That review covered published literature from 2004 to September 2014. That review will be updated for the last year, for the current project. The main objective is to update tables 2, 7 and 8 of the 2014 Scientific Opinion.

A draft protocol for the review has been prepared by EFSA and was sent to the Network members for comments. No comments were offered on this draft protocol during the meeting. Several bibliographic databases will be used for the search. Additionally, the Network members were asked to provide any other reports on PED occurrence and/or PEDV that they may know of, that are publicly available but maybe not in the standard scientific literature. It was indicated that it may be useful to also extract from the literature information on vaccination and intervention strategies (e.g. biosecurity and biocontainment) and also on any existing risk assessments for transmission between countries. Some Network members indicated that they are aware of papers that are in the review process or in press. If these papers are published in time to be included in the literature review, they will indicate this to the rest of the group. Information can also be extracted from conference proceedings, however, usually only the abstracts are publicly available.

Concerning collecting information on virus sequences, this will concern both full and partial sequences. GenBank® should be consulted for this purpose as well.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

7. Date for next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 9 October, 2015

8. Conclusions (s)

Data collection will continue; Network members can use the DCF in order to update already reported information or submit new information. An updated literature review will be conducted, and this will include standard published literature as well as any other sources of information are publicly available.

9. Closure of the meeting

The Network members will send any comments they may have on the draft literature review protocol. The protocol will be finalised and the literature review will be conducted by EFSA. The updated data collection will be discussed at the next meeting.