



Risk Assessment and Management Workshop

September 22nd, 2009

**Porto Carras Resort
Thessaloniki – Chalkidiki, Greece**

Risk assessment and risk management have played a significant role in attenuating the global bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) outbreak. Significant efforts have been made by national governments and international organizations to respond to this disease challenge. Waning animal epidemiological numbers reported for BSE, a fatal neurological disease of cattle, suggests the risk of the disease is at a lower level but still remains. Continued vigilance, ongoing risk assessment and appropriate management actions are required as the epidemic declines over time. Ongoing management requires careful consideration of secondary and unresolved risk issues.

Building on the work of PrioNet Canada in managing prion disease risks, the goal of the proposed full day satellite session is to review pertinent BSE country case studies and discuss the approaches for continued BSE and TSE risk management in the face of a reduced number of reported BSE cases. The target audience includes academics, research scientists, international scientific experts, government officials dealing with TSEs, policy makers, industry leaders, non-governmental organizations and the public.

Time	
	Introduction
9:00	Neil Cashman , University of British Columbia, PrionNet Scientific Director <i>Overview of Prion Diseases</i>
9:05	Daniel Krewski , University of Ottawa, PrionNet Associate Scientific Director <i>Ongoing Challenges in Managing Prion Disease Risks</i>
	Prion Disease Risk Issues Session Chair: Neil Cashman, University of British Columbia
9:20	Patrice Marche , INSERM, Grenoble, France <i>Prion Disease Risks in Europe</i>
9:40	Ellen Goddard , University of Alberta, Canada <i>BSE Risk Attitudes and Perception: Comparing Japan and Canada</i>
10:00	Kerstin Dressel , South German Institute of Empirical Social Research e.V., Germany <i>TSE Risk Perception and Communication Study - Update</i>
10:20	Conrad Brunk , University of Victoria, Canada <i>Communicating Risk When the Science is Uncertain: The Case of TSE's</i>
10:40 - 10:50	Coffee Break
	Risk Assessment of TSEs Session Chair: Ellen Goddard, University of Alberta
10:50	Aline de Koeijer , Central Veterinary Institute of WageningenUR, Netherlands <i>Review of the Epidemiology and Dynamics of BSE Epidemics</i>
11:10	Tamer Oraby , University of Ottawa, Canada <i>Quantifying the Risk of BSE in Europe and North America</i>
11:30	Angel Ortiz-Pelaez , Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA), UK <i>Risk management of atypical scrapie found in atypical location</i>
11:50	Noel Murray , Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Canada <i>BSE Surveillance and Future Directions for Managing BSE</i>
12:10	<i>Open Additional Question Period for Morning Presenters</i>
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch

	Case Studies in BSE Risk Management Session Chair: Patrice Marche, INSERM
1:30	Shalu Darshan , University of Ottawa, Canada <i>Comparing BSE Risk Factors and Management of the Three Largest Cattle Inventories: India, Brazil and China</i>
1:50	Nataliya Karyakina , University of Ottawa, Canada <i>Ongoing Risk Management of BSE/vCJD in Russia and Selected Central European Countries</i>
2:10	Mustafa Al-Zoughool , University of Ottawa, Canada <i>BSE Risk Management in High Incidence Countries: France and Other Selected European Countries</i>
2:30	Michael Tyshenko , University of Ottawa, Canada <i>Non-parametric Country Comparisons for BSE Risk Management</i>
3:00 - 3:10	Break
	Future Perspectives for Prion Disease Management Panel Session Session Chair: Neil Cashman, PrionNet Canada
3:10	Jean-Philippe Deslys , Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique, France <i>Future Directions for Prion Disease Risk Management</i>
3:40	PANEL DISCUSSION: <i>What should our BSE Risk Management Policy be in an Era of 'Controlled' BSE?</i> Conrad Brunk – University of Victoria Robert Clarke – University of Ottawa Jean-Philippe Deslys – Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique Kirsten Dressel – South German Institute of Empirical Social Research Patrice Marche – INSERM Noel Murray – CFIA Angel Ortiz – Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA)
4:50	Daniel Krewski , University of Ottawa <i>Summary and Conclusions</i>
5:00	Adjournment