

Thematic Actions

Coordinating Universities for the Proposal: UCM and UPM

Title of Action	International School for Communicable Animal Diseases (EIEAC)		
Participating partners	UPM, UCM, INIA	Other participants	ISCI, MARM, Department of the Environment, Housing and Territorial Development of the Community of Madrid
Personnel involved (indicate institution)	UCM		
Start date	2010	End date	2015
Cluster	Agrifood and Health	Other clusters	
Areas of action	Teaching Improvement and EHEA Deployment / Research / Local and Regional Interaction		
Location	Animal Health Surveillance Centre VISAVET (UCM) and Moncloa Agri-food Corridor		
Infrastructures involved	Moncloa Agri-food Corridor		
Keywords	Biosecurity; Animal diseases		
<p>Objetives:</p> <p>Development of an international school able to give technical and scientific training on the fight and eradication of infectious communicable animal diseases, mainly zoonosis, whose specialised teaching would cover all sanitary, legal and logistic aspects involved.</p>			
<p>Description of the action:</p> <p>Today, the members of the consortium host two European Community reference laboratories (Bovine Tuberculosis and African Swine Fever) and two OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) reference laboratories (African Horse Sickness and African Swine Fever). Thus, the possibility of increasing its training capacity and international visibility by means of the establishment of internationally uniform criteria has been identified. This would guarantee quality, standardised and equivalent training on this field throughout Europe. The location of the school in the reference laboratories will assure that the teaching received will respond to the needs of the control and eradication programmes, and that the transfer of the knowledge gained at the laboratory will take place on an international level.</p>			
<p>Key planned results:</p> <p>Planned results of the International School are based on the following aspects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a quality, standardised and equivalent training programme throughout the European Union, based on the structure and tasks of the reference laboratories. Establishment of the infrastructure necessary to increase the range of action of the School, allowing the creation of an International School in other important fields in the Agricultural Sciences area, which would be run by experts in each field. Cooperation among institutions, which would guarantee that teaching given in the school would come from the best experts in the field. 			
<p>Rationale for the action:</p> <p>The topics included in the activities of the International School still are very important and relevant for many countries (Mediterranean and developing countries mainly). However, the fact that most of them are exotic for the developed countries, the risk of the transmission to men and others animals, the difficulty in maintaining infected animals, the necessity of special infrastructures and the high degree of specialisation required for its diagnosis, the training on these diseases at present is inadequately covered. Moreover, the foundation of this International School will constitute the origin of an International Agri-food School, supported by the leading experts in this scientific field.</p>			



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International aspects: The idea of involving the International School into the European Community reference laboratories will guarantee the internationalisation of this training activity because this specific action is one of the main aims of these laboratories.	
Planned Impact: It is expected that in the near future the European Union will legislate the minimum requirements for the European official veterinarians in the field of the transmissible diseases under control and eradication programmes. This training programme will be designed for national and international postgraduate students. The teaching-learning interface will be developed in Spanish, English, German and/or French (this possibility already existing through VISAVET personnel). This will allow the participation of students not only from the European Union but also from developing countries, for which this initiative would be crucial for their future progress in the field of animal health. This proposal would be the basis for the design of a more ambitious learning programme under the project for the Excellence, increasing the possibility of success.	