

Nordic-Baltic Seminar **on experiences, training, motivation and economic aspects in biosecurity**

Subject: First announcement
When: May 6th – 8th, 2014
Where: Johannesberg Castle, Stockholm, Sweden

This is to inform you that, within the responsibility of the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Nordic-Baltic Veterinary Contingency Group (N-B VCG) in May 2014 will hold a seminar on Biosecurity.

Target group

The seminar addresses personnel with special responsibilities in animal health preparedness and contingency work. This includes:

- Veterinarians and experts employed by national governments in the Nordic and Baltic countries involved in animal disease surveillance, implementation of disease control or designated to prevent animal disease outbreaks and improve biosecurity measures
- Scientists and diagnosticians from national reference laboratories
- Veterinarians and experts employed by the livestock industry responsible for disease prevention, and control
- Representatives of farmers associations

The programme

The seminar starts with registration of participants and a dinner buffet at Johannesberg Castle at 18.00 – 21.00 on 6th May. The seminar will be opened at 7th May at 08:30.

Day one will be a long seminar day, starting with definition of biosecurity, experiences from existing systems and future demands in relation to the new EU animal health regulation. Furthermore, both through lectures and a workshop, focus will during the day be put on farmers motivation for biosecurity, how to increase their awareness, training and education.

Day two will focus mainly on economy and biosecurity and aspects on compartments. The seminar will be closed at lunch time 13.00.

Speakers

During the seminars papers will be presented by competent speakers from OIE, the EU-Commission, from countries in the Nordic-Baltic region, UK and the Netherlands.

Recommendations and proceedings

The seminar will produce a set of recommendations to the Nordic Council of Ministers. Proceedings will be published in the Nordic-Council's publications series.

Attending the seminar and registration

We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend the seminar and kindly invite you to reserve the dates 6th – 8th, of May 2014. The second announcement, including the final programme, will be made in February 2014.

Registration to the seminar should be done at the Swedish Board of Agriculture web-site. The address of the web-site is <http://www.jordbruksverket.se/Biosecurity>

The number of participants is limited. If the number of applications is large a waiting-list will be established.

Costs

Participants have to cover their own travel and hotel costs including breakfast. The organizer will cover lunch and coffee during the seminar as well as buffet in the evening of arrival and seminar dinner in the evening of seminar day one.

Hotel Booking and transfer to conference

Rooms are reserved at Johannesberg Castle. When registering for the seminar the participants must state if they want the organizing committee to book a room at Johannesberg.

There will be a bus transfer from Arlanda airport to Johannesberg Castle. More information will be provided in the second announcement.

<http://www.johannesbergsslott.se/>

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On behalf of the organizing committee I wish you welcome to Stockholm and the Seminar.



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