



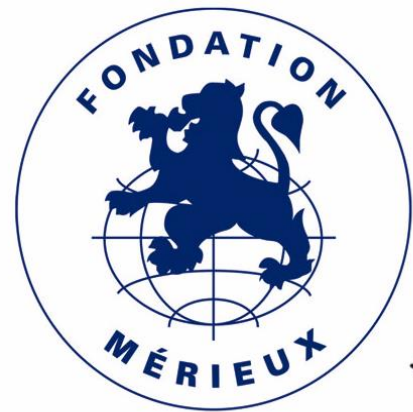
# *Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and North Africa Rabies Expert Bureau (MEEREB) Meeting*

*4th Edition*

*Organized by Fondation Mérieux  
Les Pensieres Center For Global Health  
Veyrier-du-Lac - France*

*23rd to 25th April 2018*

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## Day1 - Monday April 23rd

Opening		
17:00-17:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Participants Registration</li> <li>▶ Poster display</li> </ul>	
17:45-18:15	Welcome Address & Introductions	Valentina Picot Fondation Mérieux – MEEREB Coordination  Lea Knopf WHO – World Health Organization  Gregorio Torres OIE - World Organization for Animal Health  Louis Nel GARC- Global Alliance for Rabies Control
18:15-19:00	Keynote Lecture: Rabies- Overview & Perspectives	Dan Horton
19:00	Welcome Dinner	

## Day2 - Tuesday April 24th

SESSION I	<b>Rabies Epidemiology – Beyond the current situation to data harmonization efforts</b>  <b>Session objectives:</b> - assess the burden of the disease - explore new opportunities for rabies data harmonization  <i>Chairs: Lea Knopf &amp; Louis Nel</i>	
8:00-9:30	<b>Rapid-fire Poster presentations:</b> An overview of epidemiological data from participating countries  (12 min per poster presentation)	<b>MEEREB members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fazia Mahiout (Algeria)</li> <li>• Radovan Vodopija (Croatia)</li> <li>• Baher Eldesouki (Egypt)</li> <li>• Paata Imnadze (Georgia)</li> <li>• Firouzeh Farahtaj (Iran)</li> <li>• Mohammed I. Majeed (Iraq)</li> <li>• Ainagul Kuatbayeva (Kazakhstan)</li> </ul>
9:30-9:50	➤ <b>Coffee Break</b>	
9:50-11:30	<b>Rapid-fire Poster presentations:</b> An overview of epidemiological data from participating countries  (12 min per poster presentation)	<b>MEEREB members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atika Berry (Lebanon)</li> <li>• Abdelaziz Barkia (Morocco)</li> <li>• Nasr Al-Qadi (Palestina)</li> <li>• Nenad Vranjes (Serbia)</li> <li>• Kaouther Harabech (Tunisia)</li> <li>• Vitalii Nedosekov (Ukraine)</li> <li>• Firuzjon Davlyatov (Tadjikistan)</li> </ul>
11:30-11:50	<b>Discussion</b>	
11:50-12:10	<b>Rabies diagnostic &amp; epidemiological data</b>	Florence Cliquet
12:10-12:30	<b>OIE official notification of animal Rabies: WAHIS</b>	Gregorio Torres
12:30-12:50	<b>Tools to capture data at point of vaccination: Rabies Data Collector</b>	Andre Coetzer
12:50-13:10	<b>GARC epidemiological bulleting – how it works: The Paracon example</b>	Terence Scott
13:10-13:30	<b>Discussion</b>	
13h30-14h30	➤ <b>Lunch (group picture)</b>	
14h30-16h30	<b>WORKSHOP 1: Epidemiological Bulletin – hands on</b>	Terence Scott & MEEREB members

SESSION II	International Guidelines- Updates	
<b>Session objectives:</b> - an overview of international guidelines  <i>Chairs:</i> Firouzeh Farahtaj & Victor del Rio		
16:30-16:50	WHO international standards and guidelines	Lea Knopf
16:50-17:10	OIE international standards and guidelines	Gregorio Torres
17:10-17:30	FAO rabies perspective update	April Johnson
17:30-17:50	<b>Discussion</b>	
19:00	➤ <b>Dinner</b>	

## Day2 - Wednesday April 25th

SESSION III	Educational platforms & Resources	
<b>Session objectives:</b> - an outline and hands-on approach to current and novel educational resources  <i>Chairs:</i> April Johnson & Herve Bourhy		
Educational platforms & Innovative resource tools		
8:30-9:00	WAP Dog population management program	Pankaj KC
9:00-9:20	GARC Educational Platform (GEP)	Deepa Balaram
9:20-9:40	OIE terrestrial code e-learning modules	Valentina Picot & Gregorio Torres
9:40-9:55	<b>Discussion</b>	
9:55-10:20	Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination and its linkage to the Rabies Blueprint	Andre Coetzer
10:20-10:40	Global Dog Rabies Elimination Pathway (GDREP)	
10:40-11:10	➤ <b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:10-12h40	<b>WORKSHOP 2:</b> SARE workshop and GDREP – hands on	Andre Coetzer & MEEREB members
12h40-13h40	➤ <b>Lunch</b>	

<b>SESSION IV</b> <b>Cross-sectoral collaboration efforts – where are we?</b>		
<b>Session objectives:</b> - evidence that cross-sectoral collaboration works  <i>Chairs: Valentina Picot &amp; Radovan Vodopija</i>		
13:40-14:00	Global strategic plan to eliminated dog-mediated rabies by 2030	Gregorio Torres
14:00-14:40	Integrated interventions - Success stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Together to Fight Rabies (AMLR NGO)</li> <li>• Lessons learnt from Rabies in the Americas</li> </ul>	Abdelaziz Barkia Victor Del Rio
14:40-15:00	Roadmap towards harmonization: MERACON?	Louis Nel
15:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>	
<b>END OF THE MEETING</b>		

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