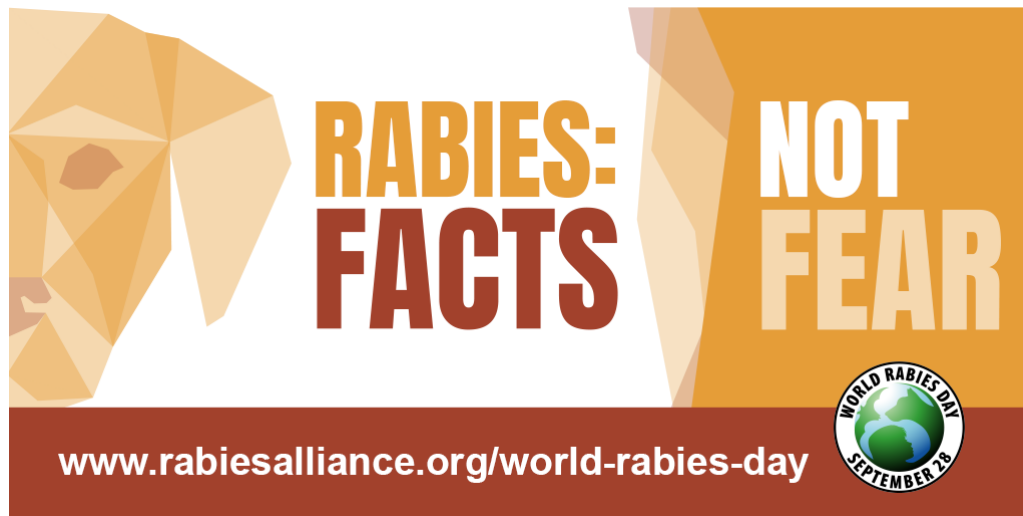


-World Rabies Day Webinar-

Celebrating action to maintain momentum



Co-organized by GARC & The Mérieux Foundation



Date: Monday 6 September 2021

Time: 12:00 – 14:30 CEST (Paris Time)



| Time | Description | Speaker |
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| 11: 50 – 12:00 | Participants join the zoom platform | |
| 12:00 – 12:05 | Welcome and webinar introduction | Louis Nel |
| 12:05 – 12:20 | Global World Rabies Day history & Map showcasing past and present mobilization on WRD through time | Terence Scott |
| 12:20 – 13:50 | Showcasing country action on WRD Chaired by: Terence Scott | |
| | Global World Rabies Day map – zoom to Asia | |
| 30 min | Presentation (s): WRD- World Rabies Day - Action in Asia | Asia Representatives: Nepal: Ishwari Thapa Pakistan: Ibrahim Sohail China: Sara Platto |
| | Global World Rabies Day map – zoom to Africa | |
| 30 min | Presentation (s): WRD- World Rabies Day – Action in Africa | Africa Representatives: Morocco: Aziz Barkia Zimbabwe: Mel Hood Tanzania: Niwael Mtui-Malamsha |
| | Global World Rabies Day map – zoom to Middle East | |
| 20 min | Presentation (s): WRD- World Rabies Day – Action in Middle East | Middle East Representatives: Iran: Alireza Gholami Lebanon: Riham Bassam |
| 10 min | Q&A | |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | Supporting your event Chaired by: Terence Scott | |
| 10 min | How to build momentum and advocate for Rabies | Tenzin Tenzin |
| 10 min | WRD Tools and resources to support your event | Kerenza Vlastou |
| 15 min | Q&A | |
| 5 min | Concluding words | Valentina Picot / Louis Nel GARC & The Mérieux Foundation |



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|  | <p>Louis Nel Executive Director, Global Alliance for Rabies Control</p> <p>Louis Nel is a Professor of Virology (University of Pretoria, South Africa). Here he has launched a renowned lyssavirus research program focused on the prevention, control and elimination of rabies.</p> <p>To date his work has been published in more than 200 papers and books and he has been honored with a distinguished academic achievement award six times (UP).</p> <p>Prof Nel is also the Executive Director for the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (USA, UK, RSA). Central to his vision for GARC has been the need for practical One Health planning tools and to address limited surveillance of the disease, aspects which are critical to break the neglect of rabies. New innovations from the GARC team include a unique Educational Platform (GEP), the Stepwise Approach to Rabies Elimination (SARE) and the Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin (REB).</p> <p>Louis continues his work with the UAR towards the implementation of the global rabies elimination strategy, ZERO by 30, which was co-authored by the Tripartite and GARC.</p> |
|  | <p>Terence Scott Technical Lead Rabies, MERACON Steering Committee, Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC)</p> <p>Dr Terence Scott is a technical lead for rabies at the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC). His primary role is the coordination of the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and North Africa Rabies Control Network (MERACON) that works with national governments, partners and stakeholders to build capacity and facilitate the development and implementation of effective rabies elimination strategies aligned with the Global Strategic Plan.</p> |



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| | <p>Terence has also been involved in the development of various rabies tools, including the Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin, courses on the GARC Education Platform, the SARE tool and the GARC Data Logger.</p> |
|  | <p>Ishwari Bahadur Thapa Chairman, Voice of Animal Nepal</p> <p>Currently Mr Ishwari Bahadur Thapa has been working as a chairman of Voice of Animal Nepal.</p> <p>Voice of Animal Nepal (VOAN) was established in the year 2015. Its registered office is in New Baneshwor, Kathmandu.Nepal.</p> <p>Voice of Animal Nepal a national level Non-Governmental Organization based in Kathmandu Nepal working for animal welfare activities for the last 6 years.</p> <p>The main objectives of the VOAN are to make people aware of the rabies and its impact to the human body to control birth of stray and abandoned animals on the streets, to operate Anti Rabies Vaccination program for street animals and medical treatment to injured and sick animals.</p> |
|  | <p>Ibrahim Sohail President, Special Animals & Veterinary Emergency, Relief Society (SAVERS)/ University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS)</p> <p>Mr Ibrahim Sohail is a final year student of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS), Lahore, Pakistan.</p> <p>For the year 2021, he is the President of Special Animals & Veterinary Emergency Relief Society (SAVERS) which is a non-governmental organization working under the flag of UVAS.</p> <p>For the past four years, along with his team, he has worked voluntarily for the welfare of animals which includes arranging free veterinary medical camps, organizing seminars to raise awareness about the animal rights & their welfare issues, and providing emergency relief to unowned injured animals.</p> <p>Since 2020, his main focus, along with other animals, has been the control of rabies in our stray dogs and its awareness in the general public, for which himself and his team are also in touch with the local government to make it possible on large scale.</p> |





Sara Platto
Associate Professor,
College of Life Sciences, Jiangnan University (Wuhan)

Dr. Platto is an Italian researcher and practitioner across the domain of veterinary, animal behavior and welfare sciences, with expertise gathered from 20 years working with different aspects of the animal-human-environment interface.

Currently, Dr. Platto is associate professor for animal behavior and welfare at the College of Life Sciences at Jiangnan University (Wuhan, China), where she opened different courses on animal behavior, animal welfare, animal training, and psychology of human-animal bond. In addition, she carried out research to assess the attitudes towards animal welfare of different Chinese animal industry stakeholders, and the effects of the current pandemic on the pet-owner relationship. Most of her work is performed outside the academia.

Since 2017, she started the Wuhan Rabies Campaign, which has been held every year during the World Rabies Day since it first started in collaboration with Boehringer Ingelheim, Mars, GARC (Global Alliance for Rabies Control), local CDC, and veterinarians to carry free rabies vaccination for pets and provide public education on rabies prevention. She also holds workshops for parents, children, and schools of her community about dog behavior and rabies prevention. The material used during these activities was collected in a book “Matteo in Doggy’s World: how dogs show their mood”, published in 2017 (bilingual: English and Chinese. Platto S, 2017. Amazon).

Dr. Platto consults for Chinese NGO on different aspects of animal and environmental protection in China.



Abdelaziz Barkia
Consultant and Teacher-researcher in Public Health,
Higher School of Health Sciences (ESSS) - Casablanca



Abdelaziz Barkia is a specialist in public health, Former Head of Epidemic Diseases Service at the Ministry of Health where he was the responsible of the National Rabies Control Program during 10 years (2005-2014).

He is currently Professor and coordinator of the Master in Public Health at the High School of Health Sciences in Casablanca (ESSS). He is also a temporary professor at the Faculty of Sciences in Rabat where he teaches the Epidemiology of Communicable and Non Communicable Diseases to the students of the Euro-African Master of Biosafety and Biosecurity. He is also Temporary teacher in several schools and institutes of Health Sciences and public health in Morocco.





Abdelaziz Barkia is a consultant in Public Health and Management of Health Services with WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, European Union, GIZ and other national institutions. In the Associative field, he is founding member and General Secretary of the Moroccan Association of Fight against Rabies (AMLR). He is also:

- Founding member and President of the Moroccan Association for Public and Environmental Health (AMSPEV) ;
- 1st Vice-President of the Association for the support of cancer patients (ASMAC-Balsame); and



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessor of the Moroccan Society of Pediatric Infectiology and Vaccinology (SOMIPEV). |
|  | <p>Mel Hood Chief Animal Welfare Officer, Veterinarians for Animal Welfare Zimbabwe (VAWZ)</p> <p>Mel was born and grew up in Harare. She worked with the Chemistry and Soil Research Institute at the Ministry of Agriculture until she married, following which she went farming in Macheke and then Trelawney.</p> <p>After sadly being evicted from their home during the farm invasions she moved to the Cape in South Africa with her two daughters before deciding that she missed her country too much and returned to Zimbabwe. She joined VAWZ in 2011.</p> |
|  | <p>Niwael Jesse Mtui Malamsha National Epidemiologist, Food and Agriculture Organization of UN</p> <p>Dr Niwael Jesse Mtui Malamsha graduated a Bachelor and Master in Veterinary Medicine (Sokoine University of Agriculture , Morogoro, Tanzania). She got a PhD research focused on CBPP Epidemiology and control – The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK</p> <p>She worked in areas of TADs, Zoonoses and food safety and One Health initially at the Ministry of Livestock in Tanzania (1992 – 2016) and later at the FAO Country Office (2016 to-date)</p> <p>In country, she coordinated/facilitated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drafting of preparedness and response plans for TADs and zoonoses • awareness and vaccination campaigns for Rabies and PPR • Tabletop simulations through OHRRT and GEMP trainings where rabies was one of the diseases of focus • JRA sessions where Rabies has been a disease of focus , • Development/dissemination of surveillance guidelines for Prioritized zoonotic diseases (rabies inclusive), • Trainings on surveillance and reporting • Active surveillance for selected TADs and zoonoses <p>She also works as aregional consultancies – PPR control in selected countries in the SADC, Meat Regulation in selected countries in the SADC</p> |



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|  | <p>Alireza Gholami Scientific Staff Member, Pasteur Institute of Iran</p> <p>Biochemist by education, Dr Alireza Gholami has been working for two decades at Pasteur Institute of Iran in laboratory diagnostics, research and production areas related to rabies.</p> <p>He was former director of the WHOCC for rabies; Founder and former director of the National Reference Centre for rabies; Member of the National Rabies Expert Committee, Member of the National Committee for Rabies Elimination, Former director of veterinary rabies vaccine production unit, Founder and former director of the Human Rabies Vaccine Unit.</p> <p>He organized three international workshop and symposiums for rabies in Iran during 2014-2017. Author and contributor for a number of publications on rabies https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=tbP8l4EAAAAJ&hl=en. He was also an advisor for inactivate viral vaccine production and scale-up (rabies, SARS-CoV-2).</p> |
|  | <p>Tenzin Tenzin Project Coordinator, OIE Sub-Regional Representation for Southern Africa</p> <p>Tenzin Tenzin is a veterinary epidemiologist and has worked in the Department of Livestock, Bhutan for many years on rabies.</p> <p>Currently, he is working at the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for Southern Africa, Botswana, coordinating rabies elimination Project in Namibia.</p> <p>He also provides technical support to the member countries in the Southern Africa to assist efforts towards rabies elimination.</p> |
|  | <p>Kerenza Vlastou Outreach Manager, Global Alliance for Rabies Control</p> <p>Kerenza began as actively involved in the animal protection movement from her early teens onwards.</p> <p>Both during and after her work for the World Society for the Protection of Animals, she has taken on roles across Europe and Asia connecting to animal health and humane education. She currently works in the communications sector for ACTAsia and GARC.</p> |
|  | <p>Valentina Sanchez Picot Public Health Initiatives & Expertise Lead, The Mérieux Foundation</p> <p>Valentina Sanchez Picot is Doctor in Veterinarian Medicine with over twenty years' experience in applied and implementation research in developing and emerging countries, including crisis settings in refugee camps.</p> <p>She joined the Mérieux Foundation in 2006, where she has held positions as Scientific & Research Advisor / Head of Clinical Research / Head of ARI – conducting numerous international multi-centre research trials with focus on infectious diseases.</p> |



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| | <p>For over nine years she has been in charge of managing Public Health Initiatives linked to Rabies and maintained support to the MEEREB (The Middle East and Eastern Europe rabies Expert Bureau) Network, now called MERACON and under GARC's management since 2019.</p> <p>Mérieux Foundation continuous to support along with partners, efforts on Rabies activities, primarily associated with knowledge dissemination and advocacy.</p> |
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**** Biosketches provided by the speakers.*

