

Better Training for Safer Food BTSF

Programme Animal Health Prevention and Control of Emerging Animal Diseases

The One Health concept

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One health





Agenda

- Definition of One Health
- Global Early Warning System (GLEWS)
- Development of the knowledge of the humananimal-environment interface
 - Hepatitis E virus infection as an example
 - West Nile fever as an example



Formal definition of One Health

- Vision statement
 - One Health is dedicated to improving the lives of all species – human and animal – through the integration of human medicine and veterinary medicine
- Mission statement
 - Recognizing that human and animal health and mental health (via the human-animal bond phenomenon) are inextricably linked.



One Health shall be achieved through

- Joint educational efforts between human and veterinary medicine schools
- Joint communication efforts
- Joint efforts in clinical care regarding cross-species disease transmission
- Joint cross-species disease surveillance



One Health shall be achieved through

- Joint efforts in better understanding of crossspecies disease transmission
- Joint efforts in the development of diagnostics, medicines and vaccines for the control of diseases across species
- Joint efforts to inform and educate political leaders and public sector



Further expectations from One Health

- Healthy plants
 - Plant: direct or indirect food sources
 - Need for plant protection
 - Access to healthy plants to maintain healthy humans and healthy animals
- One toxicology
 - Control of direct and indirect toxicant-induced injury to human beings, other animals, and other components of biodiversity
- One Health research and application tool box
 - Practical methodology for integrating disease surveillance, joint animal/human epidemiological studies, health service developments



Global Early Warning System (GLEWS) for major animal diseases including zoonoses

joint initiative









GLEWS: joint FAO, OIE, WHO initiative

- To bring together human and veterinary public health systems
- To share zoonotic disease outbreak information
- To share epidemiological and risk analysis
- To deliver early warning messages to the international community on areas at risk

Disease Tracking Systems



FAO EMPRES-i Global Animal Disease Information System



WHO Global Health Atlas



OIE WAHID World Animal Health Information Database



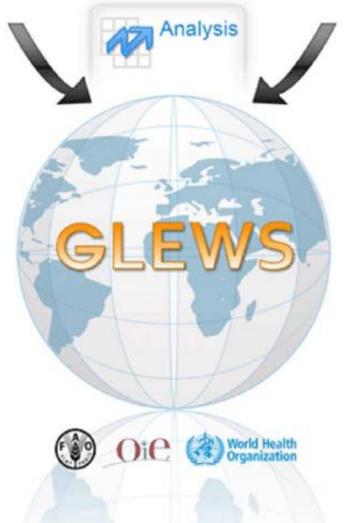
Additional data

Other FAO and UN data Refugees movements Climatic data Production, Economic data Wildlife and other migration



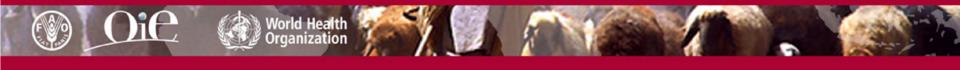
Disease alerts Trends and analysis Forecasting Risk assessment

Early





Preparedness plan updates Rapid intervention Coordinated response Risk mitigation guidelines Rehabilitation



priority diseases/pathogens

African Swine Fever

Anthrax *

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy *

Brucellosis *

Classical Swine Fever

Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia

Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever *

Ebola Virus *

Food borne diseases *

Foot and Mouth Disease

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza *

Japanese Encephalitis *

Marburg Hemorrhagic Fever *

New World Screwworm

Nipah Virus *

Old World Screwworm

Peste des Petits Ruminants

Q Fever *

Rabies *

Rift Valley Fever *

Rinderpest – Stomatitis/EnteritisSheep

Pox/Goat Pox

Tularemia *

Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis *

West Nile Virus *



Development of the knowledge of the human-animal-environment interface

- Prevention and management of zoonotic aspects of emerging diseases
 - Example: hepatitis E virus infection
 - Infection of human and animals (pigs, wildboar, deer)
 Epidemiological pattern varying depending on the development of the country
 Emerging infection in industrialised countries
- Early detection and response to new disease appearance
 - Example: West Nile fever surveillance

 Horses and humans as sentinels; infection detected in birds and mosquitoes
 - Example: Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever Ruminants as sentinel animals



Hepatitis E virus (HEV) infection in humans and animals – zoonotic aspects

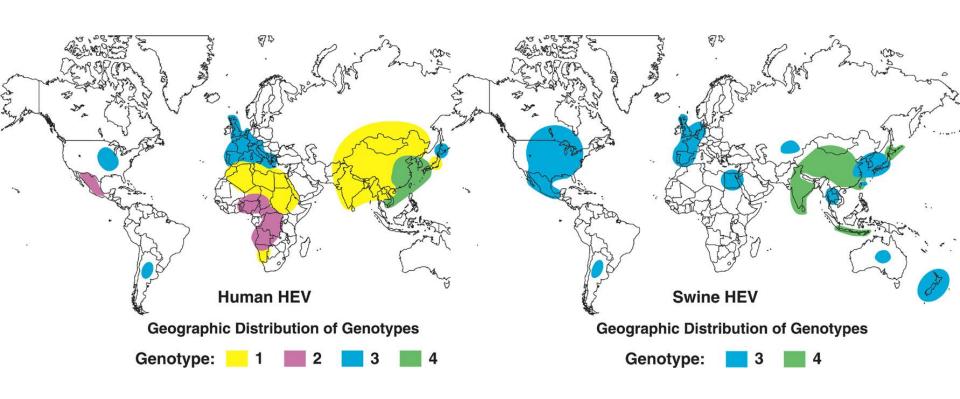
Hepeviridae Hepevirus



Genotype (72-77% of nucleotide homology)	Subtypes (85-90% of nucleotide homology)	Host
HEV 1	a, b, c, d, e	Human (1case in 2006 in a swine in Cambodia)
HEV 2	a, b	Human
HEV 3 (+ rabbit HEV: 82% of homology with HEV3)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j	Human+ swine, wild boar, deer, mongoose
HEV 4	a, b, c, d, e, f, g	Human+ swine, wild boar, deer, mongoose
Avian HEV « (HEV 5) » Not an ICTV group		Chicken



HEPATITIS E IN THE WORLD





HEPATITIS E IN THE WORLD

Genotypes	1 & 2	3 & 4	
Host	Human	Human + swine, wild boar, deer, mongoose	
Developed countries	+/- (importation)	+++	
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Transmission	Contaminated water	Suspicion zoonosis ?	







HEPATITIS E IN EUROPE

Species	Country	Seroprevalence	HEV RNA genotype 3 (prevalence)	Sample
Swine	World	30-80	Nd	Serum
Wild boar	Hungary	nd	12.2% (9/74)	Liver
	Germany	29.9%	5.3%	Serum
		nd	15%	Liver
	Italy	nd	25% (22/88)	Bile
	Spain	42.7%	19.6%	Serum
	The Netherlands	nd	4%	Feces
		12%	nd	Serum
	France	nd	2.5% (7/285)	Liver



Putative transmission routes

Contact animal – human		Foodborne	
-Pig breeders		Confirmed	Suspected
-Veterinarians -Hunters -Slaughterhouse staff	_ Sero prevalence	2 cases in Japan	Raw <i>figatelli</i> in south of France





Controversy in the south of France





Colson et al showed that genotype 3 was present in 7 figatelli on 12 → true risk of contamination IgM and/or RNA:

- 7 of 13 individuals who ate raw figatellu
- 0 of 5 individuals who did not eat raw figatellu.



Is HEV a zoonotic virus?

Nb of human cases	Incubation period	Species	Food	Genotype	Elements for a zoonotic transmission	Reference Country
4	40 days	Sika Deer	Slices of raw meat	3	100% of homology between patient sequences and frozen meat sequences	Tei et al, 2003 Japan
1	60 days	Wild boar	Stew	3	100% of homology between patient sequences and frozen meat sequences	Li et al, 2005 Japan



HEV at the human-animal-food interface

- Human to human transmission
- Animal to animal contamination
- Putative animal to human transmission
- Through food contamination
- Viral genotype variability
- Integrated research
 - For example: Belgian program HEVEA

Faculty of veterinary medicine (veterinary virology) Scientific Institute for Public Health (virology)

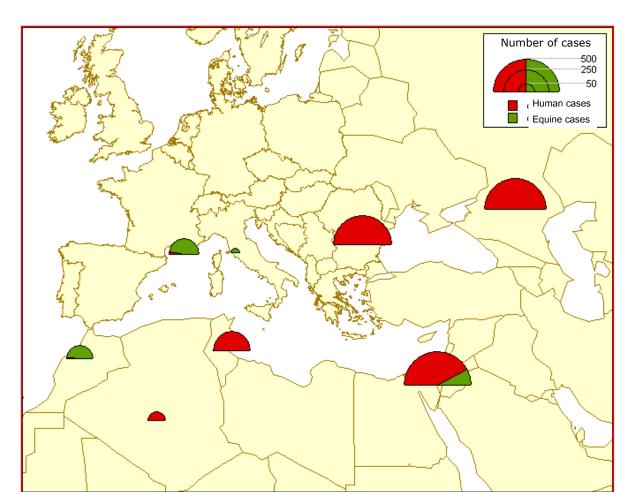


West Nile Fever in humans and horses – zoonotic aspects

Flaviviridae Flavivirus



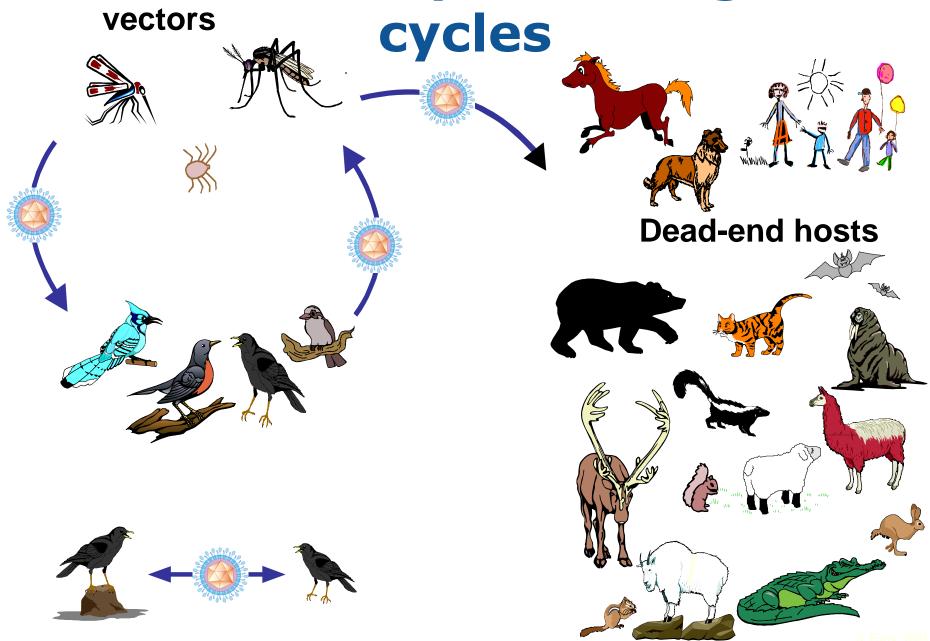
WNF outbreaks in Europe and Mediterranean area since 1994



Dauphin et al., Virologie, 2006

Country	Year	Human cases	Human deaths	Equine cases	Equine deaths
Czek Rep	1997	2	0		
	2000			76	21
France	2003	7	0	4	1
France	2004			32	7
	2006			5	1
Italy	1998			14	8
Italy	2008	3	0	68	ND
Spain	2004	1	0		
Portugal	2004	2	ND		
Hungan,	2003	14	0		
Hungary	2008	12	0	10	2
	1996	393	17		
	1997	15	0		
Roumania	1998	5	0		
Roumania	1999	7	0		
	2000	13	0		
	2008	2	0		
Russia	1999	826	40		
	2000	56	ND		
	2001	64	ND		
	2004	3	0		
	2005	90	3		
	2006	6	0		
	2007	54	2		

WNF virus epidemiological





WNF surveillance: an integrated approach

- Syndromic approach
 - Encephalitis in horses
 - Febrile illness meningo-encephalitis in humans
 - Abnormal mortalities in birds (326 susceptible species, crows and robins, especially e.g.)
- Active surveillance
 - Antibodies in birds
 - Virus in *Culex*
 - Difficult approaches because low prevalence, low and transient incidence



Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic fever in humans – ruminants as reservoirs

Bunyaviridae Nairovirus



CCHF virus infection in animals

- After a bite by an infected tick
- Subclinical infection
- Mild undetected hyperthermia
- The viraemia last 1 week



CCHF diagnostic

- In animals (ruminants)
 - Subclinical infection
 - Serological testing
- In human beings
 - Detection of IgM by ELISA
 - RT PCR: detection of viraemia



CCHF surveillance: an integrated approach

- Syndromic approach
 - Human clinical cases (hemorrhagic fever)
- Active surveillance
 - Antibodies in ruminants (sheep)
 - Virus (RNA) in (mainly) hyalomma ticks
 - Difficult approaches because low prevalence, low and transient incidence



One Health

- Addressing health risks at the animal-humanecosystems interfaces
- Without forgetting the general objective of improving human and animal health, including plant health
- The following lecture will address complementary aspects

