



EWDA (European Wildlife Disease Association): Report to the WDA.

The previous report to the WDA covered the period Nov 2008 to May 2009.
This report covers June 2009 to April 2010

EWDA management

- New democratic process for the EWDA. The Nominations Committee of Marc Artois, Oliver Krone and Dez Delahay was set up, however DD had to opt out due to pressure of work. Progress of the NC has been steady but slow, following WDA election principles, but now behind deadlines. The NC aided by Dolores Gavier-Widen, T Kuiken and the President will persevere to organise an anonymous email vote for a new EWDA Chair (2 candidates – Thijs Kuiken and Anne-Sofie Hammer) and EWDA Board (Council). The WDA should be aware that 9 of the 11 Board positions will be vacated, so there may be a very 'new look' Board at the head of EWDA in September 2010.

- The EWDA Treasurers report from Ursula is attached separately.

Meetings

- EWDA bi-annual conference, took place in Rovinj, Croatia November 2008. This was the last full EWDA meeting. The bi-annual EWDA conference is the driving force behind the Association at present.

- There have been no EWDA Board meetings since Croatia, this is normal as meetings usually occur only at the bi-annual meetings.

- The next bi-annual EWDA conference is in September 2010. The venue is the island of Vlieland in the Netherlands. Organisation team led by Thijs Kuiken. Preparations for this meeting appear to be running to plan.

- A one-day meeting was held in Brussels in October 2009, organised by the EWDA, on the subject of wildlife disease surveillance across Europe. More than 20 countries were represented. The information collected has been summarised in a paper produced by Thijs Kuiken which will be submitted to the OIE for publication.

Publications

- Production of an EWDA Bulletin edited by Marc Artois.

- In view of duplication between the News from Europe and the EWDA Bulletin the NfE has not been produced this year (2010). The future of both publications and whether both are required should be reviewed by the new Board.

Other Projects where EWDA is involved

- The European Union sponsored WILDTECH project has started (see previous report for details).

- The EU sponsored, Med-Vet-Net WILDLIST, a contact and information network for scientists involved with wildlife disease is maintained and can be accessed at <http://www.medvetnet.org/cms/templates/doc.php?id=197>

If there are comments or feedback on either the Chair Report or the Treasurer's Report please do contact me.

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