



Branch News Attachment

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AFRICA (Angola) Foot and Mouth Disease Five animals in a pen including 70 animals found with signs and lesions consistent with foot and mouth disease during routine surveillance in a population of 2, 650 animals in a village in along the border with the Republic of Namibia. .

AFRICA (Namibia) Foot and Mouth Disease 14 cattle out of a population of 2, 458 were found to have oral and hoof lesions suspected to be of foot and mouth disease in Ondamayanghete, Ohangwena

Source: FAO Veterinary Public Health E-Bulletins 2015

News on human tape worms The European Network on Taeniosis/Cysticercosis ([CYSTINET](#)) in pork (*Taenia solium*) and beef (*T. saginata*) aims to develop innovative diagnostic and cost-efficient control tools, assess disease burden and economic impact, as well as develop reporting and management procedures. CYSTINET holds the [first CYSTINET International Conference](#) in Belgrade, Serbia on 3-4 November 2015.

Exploring new tools against Rift valley Fever in the Horn of Africa and Middle East In order to discuss preparedness, prevention and control of RVF, a meeting was organized on 21-23 April targeting around 70 animal health officials from 18 countries of the Horn of Africa and Middle East regions, along with national, regional and international stakeholders from public and private sectors, and from the medical and veterinary domains. Reports by the [OIE](#) and [FAO](#) are available.

International congresses:

Third International Congress on Pathogens at the Human-Animal Interface (ICOPHAI) [ICOPHAI 2015](#) will be held August 6-8, 2015 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Despite significant improvements in environmental and medical surveillance, clinical diagnostic methods, and clinical practices in recent years, zoonotic emerging infectious diseases (EIDs) remain a major global concern, especially in less developed regions. The Veterinary Public Health and Biotechnology (VPH-Biotec) Global Consortium launched the International Congress on Pathogens at the Human-Animal Interface (ICOPHAI) in order to address important challenges and needs for capacity building. [Details on outcome and recommendations can be found on our recent article published on PLoS NTD.](#)

August 25-27, 2015. International Conference on [Parasitology](#), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

September 13-17, 2015. 32nd [World Veterinary Congress](#), Istanbul, Turkey

September 23-26, 2015. Central European Symposium on Antimicrobials and Antimicrobial Resistance ([CESAR 2015](#)) Šibenik, Croatia

October 4-7, 2015. 58th International Meat Industry Conference Institute of [Meat Hygiene and Technology](#) Belgrade, Serbia

October 4-7, 2015. 3rd GRF [One Health Summit](#) 2015, Davos, Switzerland

November 2-7, 2015. [ISVEE 14](#) Veterinary Epidemiology & Economics: Planning our future, Yucatan, Mexico

General PUBLICATIONS

Prion disease

Transmission of prion disease [via grass](#)

[Vaccine](#) developed against prion disease among deer

Vector-borne diseases: [New infographic to celebrate World Veterinary Day](#)

May 15, 2015. In 2015, the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and the OIE chose to put on the front scene "*vector-borne diseases with zoonotic potential*".

The OIE welcomes the publication of [WHO Best Practices for the naming of new infectious diseases](#)

May 12, 2015. The OIE strongly encourages all national, regional, and international stakeholders, including scientists, national authorities, and media to follow these WHO best practices in the event of the emergence of a new disease, so that inappropriate disease names are not created and the public is better served and informed.