



## CaribVET/PAHO Rabies Surveillance Workshop

Hyatt Regency  
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago  
20-21 September 2017

**September 20<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
<b>9:00- 10:00</b>	<b>Welcome/ Opening Ceremony:</b> National Anthem PAHO/WHO – TTO Representative CARIBVET Coordinator Minister of Health Vote of thanks	Dr. B. Theodore- Gandi Dr. J. Pradel (CIRAD) Mr. T. Deyalsingh Dr. S. Rahaman
<b>10.300 – 10.15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b><i>Overview of rabies in the Caribbean : distribution and reporting</i></b>		
<b>10:15- 10:40</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> Rabies situation in the Caribbean	Dr. J. Seetahal (CARIBVET/UWI)
<b>10:40-11:00</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> WHO rabies risk classification system for countries	Dr. M. Vigilato (PANAFTOSA )
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> CDC Rabies Travel Advisories on Rabies for Caribbean countries	Dr. R. Wallace (CDC)
<b>11;30-12:00</b>	<b>Discussion:</b> Rabies in the Caribbean	Dr. S. Vokaty (PAHO/WHO)
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Rabies surveillance and prevention/control programs in the Americas ( Chair: Linnette Peters)</b>		
<b>13:00-13:30</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> Rabies surveillance and control in Latin America and the rabies elimination program for LAC	Dr. M. Vigilato
<b>13:30- 13:50</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> Rabies surveillance and control in the United States	Dr. R. Wallace
<b>13:50- 14:25</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> Rabies surveillance and control in the Caribbean (max. 5 mins each)	Country representatives



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14:25- 14:45	<b>Presentation:</b> Bat handling, trapping and sampling	Dr. J. Seetahal
14:45-15:05	<b>Presentation:</b> Sample testing and results interpretation	
15:05-15:20	Coffee Break	
<b><i>Risk assessment for bat transmitted rabies (Chair: Dr. B. Louison)</i></b>		
15:20- 15:35	<b>Presentation:</b> Bat species distribution in the Caribbean	Dr. M. Frank (PAHO, TRT)
15:35- 16:05	<b>Presentation:</b> Eco-health risk map for bat transmitted rabies in the Caribbean	Dr. C. Morgan (CDC)
16:05- 16:35	<b>Discussion:</b> Wrap up and plans for Day 3	Dr. S. Vokaty



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<i>Development of Guidelines for Rabies Surveillance in Bats (Facilitators: CDC personnel)</i>		
Time	Topic	Person Responsible
9:00- 9:30	<b>Presentation:</b> Guidelines for surveillance (active and passive)	Dr. R. Wallace Dr. M. Vigilato
9:30- 10:00	<b>Presentation:</b> Guidelines for laboratory testing and data analysis	Dr. C. Rupprecht (Wistar Institute)
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Group work and discussion:</b> Country surveillance considerations	All facilitators
10.45 – 11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:00- 12:30	<b>Group work and discussion:</b> Country surveillance plans	All facilitators
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
<i>Rabies surveillance and prevention/control programs in the Americas ( Chair: Linnette Peters)</i>		
13:30-14:00	<b>Presentation:</b> Public health response to rabies positive bat in non-endemic countries	Dr. M. Vigilato
14:00 – 14:45	<b>Group work and discussion:</b> Contingency planning for non-endemic countries: response to positive results	All facilitators
14:45-15:45	<b>Discussion:</b> Work groups report to plenary	All facilitators
15:45- 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:00- 16:15	<b>Discussion:</b> Laboratory support for surveillance & establishment of regional rabies reference laboratory	All facilitators
16:15-16 :45	<b>Conclusions &amp; closing remarks</b>	
16:45- 17:00	<b>Preparation for field trip (bat trapping)</b>	



**Expected outcomes:**

**Rabies Surveillance Workshop:**

1. Surveillance guidelines for bat populations in non-endemic rabies countries.
2. Improved rabies surveillance in bat populations within the Caribbean.
3. Long-term: establishment of the bat rabies status of Caribbean countries and the eventual removal of "rabies-free" countries from the CDC's travel health recommendations.
4. Long-term: the future establishment of at least one Regional Rabies Reference Laboratory in the Caribbean.