## NEWS LETTER #1
### July-November 2016

### Events: Regional & International

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<td>23rd–28th Oct.</td>
<td><strong>Rabies in the Americas XXVII Conference.</strong> Belem, Brazil.</td>
<td>Dr. Janine Seetahal attended the conference and presented a paper on “dynamics of Rabies in the Caribbean”: a summary of the CaribVET regional rabies survey results. <a href="#">Read Abstract</a></td>
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<td>24th–28th Oct.</td>
<td><strong>Caribbean Week of Agriculture.</strong> Grand Cayman, Cayman islands.</td>
<td>Desmond Ali (CPA), Dr. Osbil Watson (CVO of Jamaica), Dr. David Kangaloo (CVO of TT) &amp; Dr. Cedric Lazarus (FAO) were present. COTED Agriculture Meetings were held and poultry matters were features on the agenda</td>
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<td>3rd–7th Nov.</td>
<td><strong>International Meeting on Emerging Diseases and Surveillance.</strong> Vienna, Austria.</td>
<td>Dr. Sandra Vokaty presented a poster on Leptospirosis in the Caribbean: a One Health approach”. <a href="#">Read Abstract</a></td>
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<td>7th–11th Nov.</td>
<td><strong>GeoVET 2016 conference.</strong> Valdivia, Chile.</td>
<td>B. Sanford presented on the “Evaluation of the adoption of the Caribbean Veterinary Information System by end users: application for capacity development on GIS for animal health surveillance”. <a href="#">Read Abstract</a></td>
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<td>14th–17th Nov.</td>
<td><strong>29th Biennial Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association Conference.</strong> Georgetown, Guyana.</td>
<td>Several CaribVET members (Drs. Karla Georges, Chris Oura, Sandra Vokaty) and partners are presenting their works on One Health, Leptospirosis, Tick-borne diseases, Swine viruses… <a href="#">Programme &amp; Abstracts</a></td>
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<td>14th–18th Nov.</td>
<td><strong>23rd Conference of the Regional Commission of the OIE for the Americas.</strong> Sta. Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.</td>
<td>Topics included: Traceability in the Americas, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: Challenges encountered and measures for preventing its spread &amp; &quot;Antimicrobial Resistance: Contribution of the Americas….</td>
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### Other CaribVET Updates

- Inter-laboratory Comparison Test CSF, coordinated by CENSA (Cuba).
  - In all, 8 laboratories from 3 Caribbean and 2 Central American countries are participating: Belize, Jamaica, The Dominican Republic, Honduras and Guatemala.

- First Evaluation of CaribVET, by USDA Experts
  - CaribVET was evaluated on the HPAI preparedness plan during the 11th CaribVET SC Meeting by Dr. Amy Delgado and Dr. Barry Meade. CIRAD is working on priority recommendations to fill major gaps evidenced. [Report accessible upon request](#)

### CaribVET Past events


### International days & weeks

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<td>28th Sep.</td>
<td>10th World Rabies Day</td>
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<td>World Egg Day</td>
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<td>16th Oct.</td>
<td>World Food Day</td>
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<td>3rd Nov.</td>
<td>1st One Health Day</td>
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<td>14th-20th Nov.</td>
<td>Antibiotic awareness week</td>
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Dr. J. Seetahal nominated the CaribVET Rabies Subgroup as an organization for the “World Rabies Day MSD Awards”. [Know more about the MSD awards & winners](#)

### Project/Partners

- [Epigenesis project](#) Final Steering Committee meeting and mini symposium Montpellier, France, 28th–29th Jun.
- [ACP One Health Project](#): One Health Strategic Planning Workshop, Trinidad & Tobago, 17th-18th Oct.
  - Key Challenges in Antibiotic-Free Production, Improving the Competitiveness of the Caribbean Poultry Industry

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> COMMUNICATIONS - News
- NEW! CaribVET is on and
- Avian Influenza Bulletins N°1 & N°2
- CaribVET catalogue of products: in preparation
- CaribVET Communication Strategic plan

> DOWNLOAD “Flash” presentation to know more about:
CaribVET HPAI Preparedness Plan - overview

> OIE Technical documents Presented at the OIE World Assembly of Delegates and to OIE Regional Commissions.

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**Member’s corner**

**Veterinary services**
- French Guyana. Dr. Franck FOURS, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture. Replaces Dr. Guillaume CHENUT (Aug.)
- Guadeloupe. Dr. Catherine JASSAUD, Head of Food Service, of the Department of Agriculture. Replaces Dr. Brigitte MARIE (Sept)

**Partner organizations**
- USDA-APHIS-IS, Dominican Republic. Dr. David MIDGARDEN, Area Director for the Caribbean Region. Replaces Dr. Eric HOFFMAN (July)
- FAO/LAC, Barbados. Dr. Cedric LAZARUS moved to Panama’s office. His responsibilities include the Caribbean & parts of Latin America.
- CIRAD, Guadeloupe. Dr. Emmanuel ALBINA, new head. Replaces Nathalie VACHIERY (July). Drs. Damian TAGO and Eva DE CLERCQ ended their 2 years post-doc position in economy in animal health and spatial epidemiology, respectively (Aug.). Mrs. Coline VERMANDE ended her position as epidemiologist

**New from the Laboratory working group**

**New Members**
- Lana GYAN. MoA, Trinidad & Tobago
- Tricia FRASER. VSDL, Jamaica
- Ronna WATSON. VSL, Barbados

**Change of Chairmanship**
We welcome the new chair, David Elcock (VSDL, Barbados) and the new co-chair of the Wintorph Marsden (VSDL, Jamaica).

We warmly thank previous chair C. Lazarus and wish him all the best in his new position!

MoA: Ministry of Agriculture VSDL: Veterinary Services Diagnostic Laboratory; VSL: Veterinary Services Laboratory