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In recent years the number of emerging infectious diseases and pandemic threats related to zoonotic pathogens has increased. High profile diseases such as SARS, H5N1, H1N1 and Ebola have heightened worldwide public awareness of the multidimensional linkages between wild animals, livestock production and global public health.

A workshop to address infectious diseases at the animal-human interface was held from January 20th to 22nd, at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Ho Chi Minh City. The workshop was sponsored by the British High Commission in Singapore, the UK-South East Asia Partners in Science, the Viet Nam Department of Animal Health, and the Wellcome Trust Major Overseas Programme Oxford University Clinical Research Unit.

The primary objective of the workshop was to bring together scientific experts from the UK and Viet Nam to identify opportunities for collaboration. Scientists, veterinarians, and public health officials from Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh City, the UK and Singapore examined the current status of national surveillance and control strategies for major endemic diseases of poultry, pigs, and ruminants in Viet Nam.

The workshop addressed issues relating to vaccine development and agricultural trade, and provided a forum for discussions regarding research priorities of both the animal health and human health sectors. On the final day, during a round-table meeting, the experts identified several priority areas for development of future international collaborations: HPAI (highly pathogenic avian influenza); FMD (Foot and Mouth Disease); PRRS (Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome); and Rabies. There were 95 participants from agricultural universities, National and Regional and Sub-departments of Animal Health, Biotech companies, and research institutes taking part in this workshop.

The speakers included:
Dr. Jef Hammond, *Institute for Animal Health – Pirbright, UK*
Dr.Trevor Drew, *Veterinary Laboratory Agencies, Department of Environment Food and Rural*

Affairs (DEFRA), UK
Dr.Venugopal Nair, *Biotechnology, Biological Sciences Research Council UK (BBSRC), UK*
Dr. Lara Harrup, *Institute of Animal Health, BBSRC, UK*
Dr. Gavin Smith, *DUKE-National University of Singapore, Singapore*
Assoc. Prof. Nguy n Vi t không, *National Institute for Veterinary Research, Hanoi*
Assoc. Prof. Tô Long Thành, *National Center for Veterinary Diagnostics*
Dr Phan Quang Minh, *Epidemiology, Department of Animal Health, Hanoi*
Dr Nguy n Văn Dung, *Navetco, Ho Chi Minh City*
Dr. Ken Inui, *Food and Agriculture Organization, Hanoi*
Dr. Juan CarriqueMas, *Food and Agriculture Organization, Hanoi*
Mr. Jim Campbell, *Oxford University Clinical Research Unit*

Workshop schedule