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How to Contact ATVPHPM

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CORRESPONDENCE

Model Veterinary Public Health/Preventive Medicine Curriculum

Below is a letter from Vicky L. Fogelman, DVM, MPH to Dr. Stanley Hewins, ACVPM Executive Vice President, introducing the Model Veterinary Public Health/Preventive Medicine Curriculum that was developed by a taskforce of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. Dr. Fogelman's cover letter and the entire model curriculum file are available in the "Software and Online Resources" section of the ATVPHPM web site:

http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/atvphpm/

The Model Curriculum file was provide by ATVPHPM Past President Dr. John New who wrote: "Several ATVPHPM members were involved in the various working groups that resulted in this document, so we had significant input. Recognizing that no 'model' curriculum is perfect, I still think this 'model' can be very valuable, especially to those involved in the creation or revision of curricula."

Dr. Fogelman's letter follows:

Dr. Stanley Hewins, DVM
Executive Vice President
American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine
3126 Morning Creek
San Antonio, TX 78247
29 January 1999

Dear Dr. Hewins,

Attached is the proposed model veterinary preventive medicine/public health curriculum for students attending US veterinary colleges. This curriculum was designed by a blue ribbon panel of the ACVPM which identified the need to establish a baseline standard for preventive medicine/public health education in US veterinary schools. The attached document defines what we feel are the minimum knowledge requirements in this core area. The curriculum is intended to serve as a planning guide for curriculum committees and to assist in defining accreditation standards for veterinary preventive medicine/public health education.

The attached curriculum contains six core topics along with subtopics and recommended hours for each. The committee did not specifically attempt to define where or how these topics should be included in the curriculum,
The committee did feel that the majority of this curriculum should not be introduced until the second year of veterinary school or later, once students have a basic understanding of disease processes. Other than the above comments, the committee felt that each veterinary school’s curriculum committee should determine how these recommendations best fit with their respective curricula and capabilities.

Committee members and reviewers for this project were drawn from all facets of veterinary public health, including academia, production medicine, public practice, and the military. I wish to personally thank all of those committee members who spent many hours on this project. I have listed their names on page two of this document. I would also like to thank the many other unnamed individuals who provided us with copies of sample curricula and participated in an informal review of the draft curriculum prior to its submission. These folks provided us with ideas which might never otherwise have been considered.

The committee used the Pan American Health Organization’s 1974 pamphlet entitled “A Competency Based Curriculum for Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine” as the starting point for this project and included many of that organization’s comprehensive recommendations in the proposed curriculum. This comprehensive document provided an excellent framework from which to begin and made our work much easier. The result of our combined efforts is a proposed curriculum which, in my opinion, accurately reflects the minimum requirements for veterinary preventive medicine/public health education today.

I highly recommend that this document be sent to the AVMA Council on Education and the academic deans of all the colleges of veterinary medicine for review and implementation as applicable. Our goal is to have this curriculum serve as a planning guide for curriculum development committees and to serve as a benchmark for evaluating veterinary preventive medicine/public health education programs in our veterinary schools. We appreciate your support in this effort.

Sincerely,
Vicky L. Fogelman, DVM, MPH
Chairperson, Curriculum Committee

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July 22-26, 2000
Salt Lake City, Utah

SATURDAY, JULY 22

FOOD SAFETY INITIATIVES AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION ISSUES
Program Coordinator And Moderator: Dr. Tari P. Kindred

8:00 Dr. Stephen Sundlof, Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA
Current Issues at CVM

8:30 Dr. Richard Carnevale, Animal Health Institute
Pharmaceuticals and Food Safety

9:00 Dr. William Wagner/ Dr. Mary Torrence USDA, CSREES
Alternatives to Subtherapeutic Usage of Antibiotics

10:15 Dr. Leon Russell, Texas A&M University
Issues on Veterinary Education and Research in Food Safety

10:45 Mike Robach, Conti Group Industries
HACCP and Initiatives of National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

11:15 Dr. Don Franco, Animal Protein Producers Industry
Public Health Implications of *Campylobacter*

1:00  Dr. Beth Lautner/ Dr. Dave Pyburn, National Pork Producers Council
  New Pork Safety Initiatives

1:40  Dr. Rick A. Phillips, Foster Farms
  Management Practices and Current Food Safety Programs in Poultry Production

3:15  Dr. Jerry Gillespie, Kansas State University
  Forces at Play in the Beef Industry Driving Food Safety

3:55  Dr. Phillip Corrigan, Embassy of Australia - AQIS
  Meat Inspection Initiatives in the Quadrilateral Countries

**SUNDAY, JULY 23**

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FOOD HYGIENE VETERINARIANS**

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. AAFHV Governing Board Meeting *(Marriott?)*
  *Presiding Officer:  Dr. Lee Myers*
  Business meeting of the AAFHV Governing Board

**PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PREVENTIVE MEDICINE**
  *Presiding Officer:  Dr. Mark D. Starr*

An all day symposium, Public Health in the New Millennium, will highlight the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. The symposium will be held in the Salt Lake City Convention Center, Room 250C, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

The American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (ACVPM) was originally incorporated as the American Board of Veterinary Public Health (ABVPH) in Washington, D.C. in 1950. In 1951, the ABVPH and the American College of Veterinary Pathologists became the first veterinary medicine specialties to be recognized by the AVMA. In 1978, the ABVPH and the then Provisional College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, at the direction of the AVMA Advisory Board on Veterinary Specialties, merged forming a single specialty designated the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. The College has a distinguished heritage counting among its diplomates some of the most outstanding veterinary professionals in public health and preventive medicine. Many have been the recipients of prestigious AVMA awards.

A historical report encompassing the legacy, formative years, growth and future of the ACVPM will be presented at the symposium at 3:35PM by Dr. (Brig Gen (ret)) Thomas G. Murnane. Since its inception, the ACVPM has held its general membership meetings in conjunction with the annual convention of the AVMA. This year the AVMA Executive Board will recognize the ACVPM for its excellence and sustained contributions to the specialty practice of veterinary preventive medicine and public health. To date, the College has certified 734 veterinarians as diplomates of whom 59 have been further certified in Epidemiology. Numerous ACVPM diplomates, including Dr. James H. Steele, will present exciting perspectives on veterinary public health and preventive medicine as it progresses into the new millennium.

**MONDAY, JULY 24**

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FOOD HYGIENE VETERINARIANS**

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. AAFHV General membership Meeting *(Marriott?)*
  *Presiding Officer:  Dr. Lee Myers*
  Updates on various food safety issues; Installation of new Board members; Presentation of awards; Brief business meeting; Open to all interested parties.
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Epidemiology Specialty Meeting (Marriott)
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ACVPM General Membership Meeting (Marriott)
4:30 – 6:00 p.m. ACVPM 50th Anniversary Reception (Marriott)

USDA PROGRAM ON OUTBREAKS
All day Monday

TUESDAY, JULY 25

CURRENT TOPICS IN PUBLIC HEALTH
All day Tuesday

ISVEE 9 FINAL PROGRAM AVAILABLE ONLINE
August 7-11, 2000
Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center
Breckenridge, Colorado

http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/isvee.htm

ISVEE is a nonprofit organization created to promote the study of veterinary epidemiology and veterinary economics globally. The group meets every three years in a different region of the world to exchange the latest information on such topics as risk management, animal agriculture, food safety, public health, education, etc. ISVEE symposia open to anyone interested in these issues, particularly those involved in veterinary epidemiology, economics, or education, and membership in the Society is awarded to all symposium participants.

The symposium provides great exposure to national and international animal health experts and academicians. As examples, the 8th ISVEE Symposium was held in 1997 in Paris, and the meeting was attended by 594 participants from Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, North America, South America and the Pacific Rim. Other ISVEE Symposia have been held in Nairobi, Toronto, Copenhagen, Singapore, Arlington (VA), Sydney, and Reading (UK).

The 9th ISVEE Symposium will be held August 6-11 in Breckenridge, CO, at the Beaver Run Resort. Health issues relevant to all species, including livestock, companion animals, fish and wildlife, and public health issues will be presented and discussed.

We anticipate that this will be the largest ISVEE Symposium ever held, with 600-800 registrants, 520 oral presentations, and 80 poster presentations! There will be 6-7 simultaneous sessions held during all 5 days of the Symposium. Speakers will travel from all over the world to participate in this event.

Information related to the 9th ISVEE Symposium is too voluminous to include in the ATVPHPM Newsletter, but is available at the ISVEE Web site. Below is a list of topics and their URLs.

- Symposium Schedule <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/schedule/Schedule_Intro.htm>
- Guidelines for Oral and Poster Presentations <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/guidelines.htm>
- Registration Information <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/registration.htm>
- Travelling and Resort Information <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/resort_info.htm>
- Pre-ISVEE Courses <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/courses.htm>
- Committee Members <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/committees.htm>
- About ISVEE <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/about_isvee.htm>
- CEAH Open House Invitation <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/ceah.htm>
- Check out the Pre-Symposium Options! <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/pre_options.htm>
INTERNET RESOURCES

Tropical Disease Research Image Library on the Web

The TDR Image Library contains more than 10,000 images covering all aspects of TDR's target diseases and the programme's activities. The library is continuing to grow and develop. It is now available to search on the TDR website, with low-resolution images files available to download (which can be used for non-commercial purposes, provided that the correct credit line, as specified in the catalogue, is used for each and every image). The library includes images on:

* African trypanosomiasis
* Biocidal control of vectors
* Chagas disease
* Dengue
* Leishmaniasis
* Leprosy
* Lymphatic filariasis
* Malaria
* Onchocerciasis
* Research Capability Strengthening
* Schistosomiasis
* Socioeconomic Research
* Tuberculosis

In addition a collection of images on WHO Health Promotion activities is also included in the catalogue.

To find the TDR Image Library, click on "Image Library" from the TDR home page (http://www.who.int/tdr), or go direct to the following link:

http://www-nt.who.int/tropical_diseases/databases/imagelib.pl

As always, slides and high-quality electronic files are available from TDR Communications.

Further information can be obtained through Andy Crump <crumpa@who.ch> or TDR Communications <tdr@who.ch>

ContentsDirect - Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Dear veterinary epidemiologist,

At the recent SVEPM meeting held in Edinburgh I was asked why the contents of Preventive Veterinary Medicine was no longer posted on Epivet-L. The simple answer is that we thought that most of you would already have entered a personal registration to our free (E-mail) alerting service ContentsDirect. A note about this was sent to the list some time ago.

The quickest way to register for ContentsDirect is via http://www.elsevier.nl/locate/ContentsDirect. Apart from Preventive Veterinary Medicine, ContentsDirect provides advance notice of forthcoming papers in any other Elsevier title of your choice.

I hope that this information is of value.

Kind regards,

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Elsevier Science
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CDC’s New Food Safety Web Site

CDC has a new food safety Web site to provide easy and timely access to CDC Food Safety Information. Please forward the Web address to others who may be interested.

http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety
**Increased Disease on "High Welfare" Pig Farms**

From: "Pig Disease Information Centre" <pdic@btinternet.com>

Health problems in pigs are often linked to changes in husbandry practices and current industry trends are causing rising concern amongst swine specialist veterinarians.

In the European Union, and especially in the United Kingdom, a combination of legislation and pork quality assurance schemes are driving a major move towards more "welfare-orientated" housing systems which provide pigs with more comfort (solid floors & bedding) and freedom of movement than the partially or totally slatted floors, bare concrete and restricted movement which have become very prevalent on pig farms over the last two decades. In the United Kingdom, for example, total confinement of sows in stall or tether housing has now been banned (since January 1999).

The "welfare-friendly" housing systems now being introduced seem eminently desirable and long overdue, but we are receiving field reports of increased disease problems following their implementation. For example, young growing hogs kept on solid floors and straw (as opposed to slatted floors) have shown increased condemnations for infectious joint problems. Loose-housed sows, formerly kept in stalls, have suffered problems of lameness, parasites and vulva-biting. Coccidiosis and swine dysentery are also reported to be rising problems. Frank Tobin of the Holmefield Veterinary Group in Yorkshire says "Keeping sows in loose-housed systems has satisfied the welfare lobby but the job of managing the pregnant animal is more difficult now than when sows were housed in stalls. In terms of the health of the breeding herd, it is questionable whether the move to loose housing has actually improved the overall welfare of the sow - there are now so many more diseases and conditions affecting sows that were easily excluded in stalls".

The field reports we are receiving indicate that farmers are experiencing increased difficulty in maintaining hygiene in the new solid-floor and loose-housing production systems. There is more opportunity for faeco-oral transmission of pathogens, increased sharing of pathogens via large group sizes, more social stress and sometimes an ideal environment (deep-bedded straw) for persistence and proliferation of pathogens. Unfortunately, the welfare-friendly housing systems are coming at a time of unprecedented economic difficulties in pig industries around the world and cost-cutting measures (reduced personnel and increased group sizes) are not helping a safe transition to the new housing systems. The full reports are on-line at: <http://www.pighealth.com/housing.htm>

**Top Ten Reasons Not to be an Epidemiologist**

From: "Greby, Stacie" <sig6@cdc.gov>

10. You'll spend the rest of your life explaining to non-epidemiologists that "no, an epidemiologist is not some kind of skin specialist"

9. You can no longer use the word "significant" in normal conversation.

8. You'll never be able to take the health warnings you see in the popular press seriously, because you know that risk ratios don't apply to individuals.

7. You will know way more than you ever wanted to know about your former friends as a result of testing questionnaires on them.

6. You will feel guilty about hanging up on people trying to do market research surveys.

5. You will base your life decisions on what previous studies revealed.

4. Your relentless pursuit of the null hypothesis will lead to a life of testing and rejection.

3. You will be forced to spend quality time with biostatisticians.

2. There is no short way to say "epidemiologist"

1. There will never be a crisis situation where someone yells, "Is there an epidemiologist in the house?!!"
MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & COURSES

See the ATVPHPM Web site at http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/atvphpmp/ for the most current listings.

Distance learning at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Distance learning at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is now in its second year. We have 382 students in 66 countries on 3 Masters courses.

- Epidemiology: principles & practise
- Health Systems Management
- Infectious Diseases

The courses are run through the External Programme of the University of London. enquiries@external.lon.ac.uk web http://www.lon.ac.uk/external/

We have adopted a "no quota" admission policy by which all qualified applicants can be offered a place. The intention is to make a major contribution to institutional strengthening in public health and tropical medicine worldwide.

Bohumil Drasar
Professor of Bacteriology &
Distance Learning Co-ordinator
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine Keppel St
London WC1E 7HT

LSHTM home page: http://www.lshtm.ac.uk

FSIS Public Health Fellowships

A new fellowship program has been developed by the Food Safety and Inspection Service's Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS).

Fellowships are being offered in both risk assessment and Epidemiology. Pending funding approval from Congress, the fellowship program is due to begin in October 2000 and run for 2 years.

According to Dr. Ruth Etzel of OPHS, "the Food Safety Fellows Program is currently recruiting individuals who have recently completed post-doctoral work and research in a variety of fields including Epidemiology, microbiology, statistics, risk assessment, nutrition and engineering".

People who are interested should send a letter summarizing their scientific expertise, qualifications, and reasons for wanting to be a Food Safety Fellow and a copy of their curriculum vitae by July 31, 2000 to:

Dr. Ruth Etzel, Director
Epidemiology and Risk Assessment Division
Food Safety and Inspection Service
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D. C. 20250-3700

August 1-5, 2000 - Pre-ISVEE Courses; Fort Collins, Colorado

I am very pleased to inform you that we have achieved minimum enrollment required for the Pre-ISVEE courses. As such, these courses will definitely be held as advertised, Aug 1 - Aug 5, 2000 in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Below are the titles, instructors, and dates for Pre-ISVEE courses. For additional information regarding these courses (including registration, travel, and lodging), please see the web page at http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/courses.htm

For additional course information please contact:

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For additional information about the IXth International Symposium on Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE), please visit the ISVEE Web Page at: http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/cveadss/isvee.htm

Paul Morley

Title: Spatial and Spatio-temporal Methods in Epidemiological Analysis
Instructors: Dirk Pfeiffer, Mark Stevenson, Joanna McKenzie, Carola Sauter-Louis.
Dates: August 1-4, 2000
Mixed Models for Continuous and Discrete Data in Veterinary Epidemiology
Dates: August 1-4, 2000

Title: Population Dynamics of Infectious Diseases.
Instructors: Mart de Jong, Hans Heesterbeek, Aline de Koeijer, Arjan Stegeman.
Dates: August 1-4, 2000

Title: Advanced Methods in Diagnostic Test Evaluation and Interpretation.
Instructors: Ian Gardner, Matthias Greiner, Marios Georgiadis.
Dates: August 2-4, 2000

Title: Conducting On-farm Surveillance and Epidemiological Studies at the National Level.
Instructors: Members of the National Animal Health Monitoring program, Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health, USDA; Coordinator: Eric Bush.
Dates: August 5, 2000

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http://www.foodprotection.org

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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**Graduate Student Positions - University of Illinois**

The Division of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at the University of Illinois seeks applicants for several Graduate Research Associate positions leading to the MS/PhD degree in veterinary epidemiology. Successful applicants can participate in one of several research areas related to epidemiology including infectious diseases, food safety, antimicrobial resistance, animal health economics, host-parasite ecology, medical informatics, biostatistics, epidemiologic methods, and modeling.

Well-funded research programs are active within the Division. Our division is one of the largest such programs in the United States with 6 full time faculty and several faculty with partial or adjunct appointments. These research programs are often multidisciplinary investigations using the expertise of many faculty, and some involve collaboration with state and federal agencies.

A competitive stipend is offered to successful applicants. Tuition will be provided for the duration of the graduate program for students making satisfactory progress. Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent foreign degree and must be accepted or enrolled in the Graduate College. A DVM degree (or equivalent) and familiarity with food animal production systems is desirable for some projects. For other projects, biological or mathematical backgrounds are needed. All applicants will be seriously considered.

Direct inquiries are encouraged by e-mail or phone to any of the Division faculty, listed in the Department website:

http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/vp/

where further information is also available.

Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of goals and interests, transcripts, GRE scores (if available), and three letters of reference to Carla Manuel, 2001 S. Lincoln Ave, Urbana, IL 61802. Phone 217-333-2449; fax 217-244-7421.

The University of Illinois is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Qualified women, minority candidates, Vietnam-era veterans, disabled veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

**Faculty Position in Clinical Health Management**

The Department of Population Medicine, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, announces the availability of a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level in Clinical Health Management. The successful applicant will have a DVM degree or equivalent and training to the DVSc or
This appointment is subject to final budgetary approval.

Applicants should have experience teaching the principles of clinical health management to undergraduate and graduate veterinary students. A primary responsibility of the position will be to continue, in collaboration with other faculty, to develop and maintain a clinically oriented health management teaching program for undergraduate veterinary students in the DVM program. Other duties will involve teaching senior students as part of our health management clinical rotations and contributing to the clinical health management component of the DVSc program. These responsibilities will require active participation in the field service clinics that support clinical rotations and graduate training in health management. The successful applicant is expected to develop a research program that compliments and supports their involvement in health management and teaching. Essential attributes include strong communication skills and a desire to excel at both teaching and research. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

The University of Guelph is committed to an Employment Equity Program which includes special measures to achieve diversity among its faculty and staff. We, therefore, particularly encourage applications from qualified aboriginal Canadians, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and women. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

The deadline for applications is May 1, 2000, or until the position is filled. Please send a complete curriculum vitae and the contact for three references to: Dr. Carl Ribble, Chair, Department of Population Medicine, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2W1. Fax: (519) 763-8621. Email: cribble@uoguelph.ca.

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Pending funding approval from Congress, the fellowship program is due to begin in October 2000 and run for two years. E-mail: Ruth.Etzel@usda.gov

**Faculty Positions in Epidemiology - Texas A&M**

**Description:** The Department of Veterinary Anatomy and Public Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University (TAMU), requests applications for two, 12-month, fully budgeted, tenure-track faculty positions at the assistant/associate professor level in epidemiology. The College of Veterinary Medicine, College of Medicine, and School of Rural Public Health have initiated a program in rural public health including multidimensional graduate training/research in cardiovascular, molecular, social, cancer, environmental, injury, and infectious disease epidemiology. This unique inter-institutional program provides in-depth training in statistics/epidemiological methods and research in human and animal populations in the rural environment.

**Requirements:** Successful candidates must hold an advanced degree in epidemiology from a nationally recognized program. Prior postdoctoral and teaching experience and a professional degree in veterinary medicine or medicine is highly desirable, but not mandatory.

**Duties:** Both positions will be 70% research and 30% teaching/academic service. The successful candidates will develop extramurally funded research and will develop a team-taught graduate course in epidemiology of infectious diseases or other specialty areas. The successful candidates must develop cooperative interactions with faculty in clinical medicine, food safety, and/or infectious disease health care and research. Salary is commensurate with training and experience.

To apply: Please provide a letter of application detailing research and teaching interests and experience, along with a vision of how your program will complement the focused areas listed above. Provide a current resume and names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references to: Dr. Gerald Bratton, Chair of Search Committee, Department of Veterinary Anatomy/Public Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4458. For additional information, call (979) 845-3430 or e-mail:
Texas A&M University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer committed to excellence through diversity.

**SUGGESTED READING**

**An Update on Zoonoses**

From: g.dilmitis@oie.int


This special issue of the Scientific and Technical Review of the Office International des Epizooties is devoted entirely to zoonoses.

The most serious zoonoses are often viral in origin, and the viruses concerned are evolving constantly. While such viruses are generally in a state of equilibrium with respect to their hosts, be they individual animals or animal populations, this finding does not hold true for humans, who as a rule are accidental hosts. In the absence of broad-spectrum antivirals, medical science is often unable to counter this type of infection; in such an event, saving human lives may require preventive vaccination.

The problem is further compounded by the fact that wildlife, especially in the tropical areas where biodiversity is greatest, seems to constitute an inexhaustible reservoir for new zoonoses, as evidenced by recent episodes of infection by the Hendra and Nipah viruses. Specific farming practices are also conducive to the emergence of new diseases, as shown by the occurrence of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Europe and the simultaneous appearance of a hitherto unknown disease in humans, the variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Other practices may also be responsible for accidents, for example, the co-existence of swine and poultry in the same agrosystem, which has the potential of resulting in the generation of new influenza virus reassortants.

Public attitudes towards animals are sometimes contradictory. In developed countries where the problem of food security has been solved to a large degree, public concern is focused on food safety and animal welfare, along with a debate on the social status of both domestic and wild animals. Zoonoses are often the focal point of these concerns. In developing countries, the emphasis is still placed on food security.

The globalisation of trade, the expansion of animal production and global warming are all factors that, by disrupting the existing balance, increase risks. Finally, the advent of new medical practices, such as xenotransplantation, require a preliminary assessment of the associated risks; this is indispensable to rational risk management.

Zoonoses are a vital component of all these considerations. A new dimension has thus been added to the work of animal and public health authorities and consequently, all development programmes should not only take these diseases into account, but also include them in the relevant risk assessments.

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