

Resolutions of the Lesotho SC meeting on 16-18 April 2008

1. All critical lab equipment must be regularly serviced and calibrated, if companies need to be contacted, refer to the list that was provided to Chair. Funding should be sought by countries individually. Critical equipment = that directly affects the test results and without which the test can not be conducted
2. Country reports should be sent to the Chair in the standard format **2 weeks prior to the meeting**. The format should include the table for Quality Management. This table to be improved by adding timing and quantification.
3. Send emails to official **and** personal email addresses
4. OIE to provide the procedures for twinning to members of SC and the list of OIE ref labs
5. Country presentations should include what they did to address the resolutions of the last meeting
6. Countries which were identified to participate in PRINT/CBPP inter-laboratory trial should continue this activity and should approach CIRAD to continue monitoring this and assist in analysis of the results. Laboratories should include this in their annual budget. **Namibia** to spearhead this activity.
7. For information: the RAHC managed to secure funding for one SC meeting in 2008 and one in 2009. It also secured funding for 2 Working Group meetings each in 2008 and 2009.
8. Due to the fact that TZ and DRC belong to two Regional Economic Communities (EAC and SADC) the ICPs who agreed to support the Working Group for the next 2 years has not agreed to double-funding, as they provide funding to TZ through the EAC and to DRC through West and Central Africa Region. Therefore, SC had to change the composition of the AI Working Group and replace TZ and DRC with BW and MOZ. ZA will be assuming the Coordinator's role.
9. Tasks of the working Group:
 - a. Members of SC to submit questionnaire by 25 April to Chair in copy to RAHC (Capacity assessment for AI diagnosis)
 - b. Members of SC to submit SOPs on serology and PCR for AI by end of April to Chair in copy to RAHC
 - c. SA, OVI and ZIM to meet shortly thereafter in SA to review and harmonize these SOPs
 - d. Start the ring-test for selected serological AI tests
 - e. Meeting of the Working Group
10. The SC agreed to start commissioning a consultancy to identify a back-up laboratory for AI diagnosis using RT-PCR