## FIRST JOINT VIRTUAL MEETING: FMD IN AMERICA



## GLOBAL FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE RESEARCH ALLIANCE



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE CONTROL OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Dear colleagues,

The Global Foot and Mouth Disease Research Alliance (GFRA) together with the European Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease (EuFMD) are delighted to invite you to participate of the first joint regional virtual meeting titled "THE CONTROL OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN AMERICA: FROM RISK ANALYSIS TO VACCINE BANKS".

The objective of this meeting is to discuss the risk analysis and the epidemiological surveillance in our current regional situations, focusing on how the different vaccine and antigen banks are designed and can be used to ensure FMD free status in our continent.

This virtual meeting brings together regional experts who will overview targeted surveillance applied to early detection and substantiating freedom from FMD, and how the different American vaccine banks are constituted, supported, and potentially used in each epidemiological scenario. We have prioritized the discussion of these issues within the FMD research community with long discussion panels after each of the two sessions, where we expect the global research community to participate.

This activity is open and free. Registration is needed to actively be part of the discussions and interact with the speakers.

We definitively want to hear all your voices, so the meeting will be bilingual, Spanish-English.

We invite you to be part of this global research community and share your points of view in this first virtual display of America's FMD good science.

**Save the date: March 10<sup>th</sup>**, 2021, 14:00-17:30h Arg time (12:00 - 15:30h, USA EAST), and join this meeting organized by the two leading international organizations supporting FMD science and control.

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