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Workshop announcement:

FMD Cross-protection, Vaccine-matching and Vaccine Banks: Challenges and Opportunities
June 14-16, 2011
Hosted by INTA, Chile 460, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Goal:
The goal of the workshop is to increase the knowledge on cross-protection and to improve the comparability of vaccine matching assay results.

Program content:
1) Bibliographic revision of cross-protection experimental data (including ongoing experiments)

2) Indirect methods to predict cross-protection: current approaches, harmonization of protocols and data interpretation, new approaches and gaps to be covered

3) Reference sera from vaccinated or infected animals: building a comprehensive list of sera available worldwide and current needs on this kind of reagents

4) Vaccine and antigen banks: current active banks and their maintenance

5) Immunological bases of cross protection

6) Informatics-based approaches: virus cartography in FMDV and bioinformatic algorithms to predict the immunological cross reactivity from the amino-acid sequences of antigenic proteins.

Participants:
GFRA members involved or interested in the topics mentioned in the previous paragraph.
FMD-DISCONVAC members involved in Work Packages 2 and 3.

Costs covered by the organisers:
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FMD-DISCONVAC: costs must be covered by the partner’s own FMD-DISCONVAC budget