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## Natural disasters and “One – Health”

### Are we prepared?

*One Health addresses health issues at the human – animal – ecosystem interfaces. Natural disasters severely challenge the health of people, animals and the ecosystem; each of them separately as well as in combination.*

*This conference is addressed to persons and organizations involved in natural disaster management plans; NGOs, competent authorities and regional offices that are part of the civil protection mechanism that provides humanitarian aid in the field; any stakeholder that can play a role in properly informing and guiding the public properly.*

*Are we ready to deal with these complex challenges?*

## Brussels

### International Auditorium

**Boulevard Roi Albert II 5,  
Brussels, Belgium**

**16 and 17 April 2015**

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## Agenda

Thursday 16 April 2015

13:30 Registration

14:00 **Welcome by FVE**  
*Christophe Buhot, FVE President*

**Statement by EU - DG SANTE**  
*Koen Van Dyck, European Commission, DG SANTE – Directorate G*

**Official Opening Address by the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union**  
*Maris Balodis, Chief Veterinary Officer – Latvian Presidency of Council of the European Union*

14:30

### Session I **Impact of natural disasters**

*Chair:*

**Sonja Van Tichelen**

*IFAW Regional Director, European Union*

#### **Human-Animal-Ecosystem interaction during a natural disaster**

*Fabrizio De Massis, National Reference Centre for Veterinary Urban Hygiene and non Epidemic Emergencies (IUVENE) - Italy*

#### **The impact of natural disasters to animals and what this means for people**

*Dominique Grandjean, Colonel Paris Fire Brigade Chief Veterinarian*

#### **The importance of One Health in successful preparedness**

*Zoran Katrinka, WVA Councillor for Europe*

Discussion

15:40 *Coffee break*

### Session II

#### **Disaster management**

16:10

*Chair:*

**Paolo-Felice Dalla Villa,**

*DG SANTE – Directorate G, Veterinary and International affairs*

#### **Member State's experience in natural disasters management**

*Marco Leonardi, Department of Civil Protection-Emergency Service and health assistance to the population, Italy*

#### **Japan's experience after the Great East Japan Earthquake**

*Shiro Inukai, General Manager for Livestock Improvement - National Livestock Breeding Center, Japan*

#### **Veterinary preparedness for natural disasters in other parts of the world**

*Cheryl L. Eia, Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness and Response-Scientific Activities Division, American Veterinary Medical Association*

#### **The role of NGOs in natural disasters**

*Katie Moore, Program Director Animal Rescue – International Fund for Animal Welfare*

Discussion

17:40

**End of day 1**

17:45

**Cocktail Reception**

**Friday, 17 April 2015**

9:00

**Session III**

**One Health: essential element to preparedness**

*Chair:*

**Christophe Buhot**

*FVE President*

**The role of Veterinary Services in disaster management**

*Gary Vroegindewey, Chair of the OIE ad hoc Group on Animal Health and Welfare in Natural Disasters*

**Contribution of DG SANTE to disaster management - veterinary perspective**

*Martial Plantady, DG SANTE – Directorate G, Veterinary and International affairs*

**Member State collaboration: the role of the European Union**

*Yves Dussart, European Commission - DG ECHO – Directorate A, Civil Protection Policy, Prevention, Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction*

**Contribution of DG SANTE to disaster management - public health perspective**

*Germain Thinus, DG SANTE – Directorate C, Public Health*

**Communication: an item of particular importance.**

*Harvey Siggs, Committee of Regions-Councillor at the Somerset Region County, UK*

Discussion

11:00

*Coffee break*

11:30

**Session IV**

**Panel discussion**

*Coordinator of the discussion:*

**Laura Shields**

*Philippe Ankers, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)*

*Giuliano Porcelli, European Union - European External Action Service (EEAS)*

*Maurice Kiboye, Vétérinaires sans frontières*

*Marina Ivanova, VIER PFOTEN International*

*Katrín Fjeldsted, Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)*

**Closing remarks**

*Christophe Buhot, FVE President*

12:45

**End of the conference**