



TSE EURL

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Piemonte, Liguria e Valle d'Aosta - Turin

Istituto Superiore di Sanità - Rome

20th Annual Meeting of the TSE EURL

Roma, Italy 2nd-3rd October 2023 - Agenda

Day 1 2nd October, Central European Time		
Time	Presentations	
13:00	Welcome and opening	M.Gabriella Perrotta (Italian Ministry of Health), Umberto Agrimi (ISS)
13:15	EURL TSE Work programme 2023-2024: what done, what to do	Giuseppe Ru (EURL TSE)
13:30	Discriminatory Western Blot in Small Ruminants EQA (DS22): results of the 2022 round	Laura Pirisinu (EURL TSE)
14:00	PRNP genotyping in sheep EQA (GS22): results of the 2022 round	Gabriele Vaccari (EURL TSE)
14:30	Forthcoming 2023 round: Discriminatory Western Blot in Small Ruminants and in Bovine (DS23 & DB23), PRNP Genotyping in sheep (GS23) and goats (GG23)	Clarissa Ferreri (EURL TSE)
15:00 – 15:15 Informal poster viewing with coffee break		
	News/Info from the participants	
15:15	Overview on the activities of the scrapie eradication plan in Iceland	Sigurborg Daðadóttir (Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority, MAST)
15:45	Classical Scrapie in Iceland (ScIce) – a model for prion diseases worldwide	Christine Fast (NRL Germany)
16:05	Prion protein genetics of atypical scrapie cases in Italy	Romolo Nonno (EURL TSE)
16:30	Discrimination of Classical and Atypical BSE by a Distinct Immunohistochemical PrPsc Profile	Christine Fast (NRL Germany)
17:00	Discussion & wrap up of the day	Giuseppe Ru (EURL TSE)
20:00 Gala Dinner		
Day 2 3rd October, Central European Time		
Time	Presentations	
09:00	Welcome and opening	Giuseppe Ru (EURL TSE)
09:05	Recent EFSA outputs on TSEs	Angel Ortiz Pelaez (EFSA)
09:35	Surveillance of prion diseases in Portuguese cervids	Leonor Orge (NRL Portugal)
10:05	Heterogeneity of CWD in Moose in the Nordic countries	Sylvie Benestad (NRL Norway)
10:35	Diagnosis of CWD in Europe: evaluation of the performance of rapid tests and confirmatory western blot methods	Maria Mazza (EURL TSE)
10:50 – 11:05 Informal poster viewing with coffee break		
11:05	Rapid Tests EQA (RB & RS): results of the 2022 round	Elena Bozzetta (EURL TSE)
11:20	Confirmatory immunoblotting (WB & WS): results of the 2022 round and forthcoming 2023 round	Pier Luigi Acutis (EURL TSE)
11:35	Rapid and confirmatory tests: issues & news	Elena Bozzetta (EURL TSE)
11:50	PrP Immunohistochemistry Technical EQA	Barbara Iulini (EURL TSE)
12:05	Histopathology interpretation EQA	Barbara Iulini (EURL TSE)
12:20	Laboratory protective measures for activities involving TSE agents	Christine Fast (NRL Germany)
12:35	Biosafety in prion labs: survey results and future perspectives	Biosafety WG (EURL TSE)
13:00	Discussion & wrap up of the day	All
13:30	End of the works	



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The event will be held at the ISS and online on Microsoft Teams.

Venue: Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Aula Bovet – Via del Castro Laurenziano 10, Rome

Online: The event will also be available online via Microsoft Teams only for representatives of the National Reference Laboratories. The selected participants could use the following link to the videoconference:

[link 20th Annual meeting of TSE EURL](#)

Recipients of the event and maximum number of participants

The meeting is intended for heads and staff of the European National Reference Laboratories for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies

Will be admitted:

- a maximum of 60 participants in the classroom
- up to a maximum of 50 remote users

How to participate

Participation in the event is free.

For those who will follow the event in the classroom, attendance will be detected by registering entry and exit on the appropriate attendance register.

The presence of online participants will be detected by checking the connection logs. It is therefore recommended to specify full name and surname when connecting to the videoconferencing platform. The lack of these identification data will not allow the detection of attendance at the event and the consequent release of the certificate.

To attend remotely on your computer or mobile app, please use the link mentioned above, mute microphone and turn off video.

In order to submit questions or providing comments, please write in the chat or raise your hand by using the "hand" button. When talking, unmute microphone; turn on video if possible (unless video slows down the connection).

If you face problems with the connection, please send an email to massimiliano.francia@iss.it or gabriele.vaccari@iss.it.

All participants, both face-to-face and remotely, will be given an online satisfaction questionnaire.

Certificate of attendance

Upon request, participants who have attended for at least 75% of the duration of the event and have completed the online satisfaction questionnaire will be issued a certificate of attendance which will be sent by e-mail.

In order to obtain the certificate, in compliance with ISO 9001, please send your birthplace and date to clarissa.ferreri@iss.it.

For any further information, please contact the Organizing Secretariat at the addresses indicated above.