WOAH Collaborating Centre Reports Activities in 2023

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Summary of activities specifically related to the mandate of WOAH Collaborating Centres

ToR 1: To provide services to the WOAH, in particular within the region, in the designated specialty, in support of the implementation of WOAH policies and, where required, seek for collaboration with WOAH Reference Laboratories.

ToR 2: To identify and maintain existing expertise, in particular within its region.

1.	Activities as a centre of research, expertise, standardisation and dissemination of techniques within the remit of the mandate given by the WOAH
	Disease control
	Epidemiology, surveillance, risk assessment, modelling
	Training, capacity building
	Zoonoses
	☐ Wildlife
	Avian diseases
	Aquatic-animal diseases
	Animal welfare
	☐ Diagnosis, biotechnology and laboratory
	☐ Veterinary medicinal products
	☐ Vaccines
	☐ Food safety
	☐ Feed safety
	Other (Name the category)

CATEGORY [Safe Animal Production]				
Title of activity	Scope			
Pilot project of collecting veterinary drug use data on farms	Improve the animal health management programs and enhance the proper and prudent use of antimicrobials by monitoring quantities of antimicrobials and vaccines used in food producing animals.			
Joint symposium "Data collection system on veterinary medicine at farm-level"	In collaboration with WOAH RRAP, a regional hybrid symposium on how to collect AMU data at farm level and how to utilize such data was organised including an invited an expert from Italy (17 Oct, 2023).			
Education on cattle hoof trimming techniques	RGU conducted seminars and extension activities on hoof trimming techniques for cattle (e.g., Hokkaido cattle hoof trimming workshop, Soya Veterinary Association Farm Animal Seminar, New Veterinarian Training Session in Hokkaido Agricultural Mutual Aid Association and Hokkaido regional technical training session for livestock treatment).			
Education on cattle reproductive techniques	RGU provides education on reproductive techniques such as artificial insemination, egg collection, and fertilized egg transfer (e.g., Okhotsk Veterinary Association Farm Animal Seminar, Dairy helper training session on breeding management of dairy cows and training session on cattle embryo production using OPU-IVF).			
Extension of diagnostic and treatment methods for cattle diseases	RGU accepts, diagnoses and treats cattle cases from farms. Additionally, we cooperated as instructors in an educational program on bovine disease prevention, diagnosis, and treatment for veterinary students hosted by Japan Livestock Industry Association.			
CATEGORY [Food Safety]				

Title of activity	Scope		
Seminar series on Food Safety in Asia-Pacific #1 "Production, evaluation and regulation of cultured meat", 29 August 2023 #2 ""Understanding allergy of livestock products",	The consortium Collaborating Centre on food safety, namely Research Centre for Food Safety of the University of Tokyo (RCFS), Rakuno Gakuen University (RGU) and Singapore National Centre for Food Science (NCFS), Organised seminar series titled "Emerging topics in our food environment" NCFS organised and RCFS supported the organisation of the first seminar on cultured meat, and organised the second seminar concerning food allergy of livestock products.		
Research project "Establish the new method for generation of transgenic mice	Project to develop methods to generate transgenic mice without conventional equipment, such as a micromanipulator, which accelerates the research of food safety using transgenic mouse strains.		
Development of method for comprehensive and quantitative measurement of oxysterols	RCFS developed a GC-MS/MS-based method to measure a small amount of endogenously synthesized oxysterols.		
Development of method for drug cytotoxicity screening using human intestinal organoids	RCFS developed a method for drug cytotoxicity screening using human intestinal organoids.		
Maintaining a statistical package for the use in analysing consumers' preferences for food safety and other related issues	RCFS has developed and have been maintaining an add-on package called "DCchoice" for the open-source statistical environment R that can be used for the analysis of consumers' preferences for certain aspects of goods and services including food safety and related issues. A typical example of such an analysis is to investigate consumers' willingness to pay for animal products produced under strict control of food safety.		
Technical Workshop "The 9th Comprehensive Allergy Workshop"	'Oral tolerance from the view point of oral immunotherapy' Hosted by the Japanese Society of Allergology, March 18-19, 2023		
Technical Workshop "The 9th Comprehensive Allergy Workshop"	'Lipids and allergic disease' Hosted by the Japanese Society of Allergology, March 18-19, 2023		
Research on food safety hazards and risks through pioneering investigations and studies of cell-cultured food products applying food tech.	MHLW Grant study Hazard analysis of model livestock and poultry cells during differentiation and proliferation		
JICA Agri-Net capacity building for WOAH Members	RGU is training one MSc and 4 PhD candidates on AMR, epidemiology and risk assessment for the personnel of WOAH Member countries.		
Food Safety, Training capacity building	NCFS assisted in the organisation of a roundtable in conjunction with Singapore International Agri-Food Week 2023 on novel food regulation focused on the sharing best practices and experiences on safety assessment and regulation of novel foods, such as cell-		

	cultivated meat and food ingredients made using new production systems on 30th October 2023, Singapore.		
Food Safety, Training capacity building	Training workshop provided by NCFS/Natural Toxins Team to build laboratory capabilities of local chemical outsourcing laboratories for testing of Bacteria Toxins and Marine Biotoxins (PSP) in food and marine products respectively.		
	The 1-day training on 26 th October 2023 & 2 nd November 2023 in NCFS mainly focused on the following areas:		
	1) Sample extraction		
	2) Preparation of Test kit and loading of samples		
	3) Setting up of ELISA reader		
	4) Reading and tabulating of results		
	5) Updating of results into E-services"		
Food Safety, Training capacity building	NCFS/Foodborne and Natural Toxins Team organized proficiency testing from 5 th June 2023 to 28 th July 2023 to determine Histamine in Tuna for 14 Laboratories in NCFS.		
Food Safety, Training capacity building, Diagnosis, biotechnology and laboratory	NCFS provided training to build laboratory capabilities for testing of veterinary drug residues in poultry meat and animal feed for Brunei Veterinary Science Laboratory (VSL) Officers from Department of Agriculture and Agrifood (DOAA), Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT), Brunei, on 22-25 May 2023.		
	The four-day attachment training in NCFS mainly focused on the following areas:		
	A. Lectures on veterinary drug residue monitoring in meat and animal feed, method validation, measurement uncertainties.		
	B. Hands-on trainings:		
	i) sample extraction of poultry meat and animal feed.		
	ii) equipment method set-up, optimization, and troubleshooting.		
	iii) data interpretation and results reporting.		
	iv) calculation and report of measurement uncertainties"		
Food Safety, Training capacity building, Diagnosis,	NCFS/ Drug Residue team provided training to build laboratory capabilities for testing of veterinary drug residues in poultry feed for Indonesia's DGLAHS officers, on 04-06 October 2023.		
biotechnology and laboratory	The 2 days attachment training in NCFS mainly focused on the following areas:		
	A. Hands-on trainings:		
	i) sample extraction of poultry feed.		
	ii) equipment method set-up.		
	iii) data interpretation and results reporting.		

ToR 3: To propose or develop methods and procedures that facilitate harmonisation of international standards and guidelines applicable to the designated specialty.

2. Proposal or development of any procedure that will facilitate harmonisation of international regulations applicable to the main focus area for which you were designated

Proposal title Scope/Content		Applicable area		
IAFP Annual Meeting	International Association for Food Protection hosts an Annual Meeting AFP 2023 was held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre providing attendees with information on current and emerging food safety issues, the latest science, innovative solutions to new and recurring. The IAFP Annual Meeting is attended by more than 3,800 of the top industry, academic and governmental food safety professionals from six continents. The event was held for 4 days and topics discussed includes food toxicology, food fraud, animal safety and eggs, data sharing in digital age of food safety, Novel approaches to monitoring agricultural surface water quality and introduction of FDA-iRISK. The leading experts speaking on a variety of timely topics; or their contributions in the food safety field made the event fruitful to attend	□ Laboratory expertise □ Training and education □ health management □ Animal production □ Veterinary products □ Wildlife health and biodiversity		
Workshop on Whole Genome Sequencing	NCFS participated in a FAO workshop on "Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) for food safety management" as trainers to guide government officials from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) such as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Ghana. Iraq, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, and Mongolia on implementing WGS to improve food safety	□ Laboratory expertise □ Training and education □ health management □ Animal production □ Veterinary products □ Wildlife health and biodiversity		

3. In exercising your activities, have you identified any regulatory research needs* relevant for WOAH? Please report them here: form

^{*}Regulatory research needs = a gap in knowledge that could help in setting/updating standard(s) in the Terrestrial and Aquatic Codes and Manuals

<i>ToR 4:</i>	To establish and maintain a network with other WOAH Collaborating Centres designated
	for the same specialty, and should the need arise, with Collaborating Centres in other
	disciplines.

<i>ToR 5:</i>	To carry out a	and/or coordinate	scientific and	technical	studies in	collaboration	with
	other centres,	, laboratories or d	organisations.				

∑ Ye:	S		No
e answer is yes, please prov	vide details	using the following t	able
Name of WOAH CC/RL/other organisation(s)	Location	Region of networking Centre	Purpose
RCFS, RGU and NCFS	Japan Singapor e	☐ Africa☐ Americas☐ Asia and Pacific☐ Europe☐ Middle East☐	To organize seminar series on Food Safety in Asia-Pacific "Emerging topics in our food environment"
	s in other d		er WOAH Collaborating Centres, Reference scientific and technical studies?
the answer is yes, please p	provide deta	ails using the followin	ng table
Name of WOAH C/RL/other organisation(s)	Location	Region of networking Centre	Purpose
IZSAM, WOAH Reference Laboratory for Brucellosis	Italy	☐ Africa ☐ Americas ☐ Asia and Pacific ☑ Europe ☐ Middle East	Contacting for brucellosis control in Africa
National Veterinary Assay Laboratory	Japan	☐ Africa ☐ Americas ☑ Asia and Pacific ☐ Europe ☐ Middle East	To deepen the analysis of antimicrobia use pattern in the field
National Institute of Animal Health, Thailand WOAH Reference	Thailand	☐ Africa☐ Americas☐ Asia and Pacific☐ Europe☐ Middle East☐	Preparation for WOAH seminar on brucellosis in Asia and Pacific
Laboratory for Brucellosis	l	l	<u>I</u>

Name of expert	Kind of consultancy	Subject
ISHIBASHI Tomoko	Provision of advice and coordination of discussion	WOAH Working Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

ToR 7: To provide, within the designated specialty, scientific and technical training to personnel from WOAH Members.

7.	Did your Collaborating Centre provide advice/services to requests from Members in your main focus area?					
			□No			
	If the a	answer is yes, please describe the ty	pe of activity and who benefited from that advice/service			
	_	gri-Net MSc and PhD trainings on d, Fiji, Indonesia, and Malawi at RG	Epidemiology, Food Safety and AMR for the personnel from U.			
8.	-	our Collaborating Centre provide soy the WOAH, to personnel from W	cientific and technical training, within the remit of the mandate //OAH Members?			
	⊠ Yes □ No					
	If the answer is yes, please provide the total number of trained persons for each of the following categories:					
	a)	Technical visits:	102			
	b)	Seminars:	188			
	c)	Hands-on training courses:	95			
	d)	Internships (>1 month):	26			

Please provide details (specify the type of training provided using the letter ranked above/overleaf)

Type of technical training provided (a, b, c or d)	Content	Country of origin of the expert(s) provided with training	No. participants from the corresponding country	
а	Technical Visit by FSANZ's Regional Science and Food Safety Dialogue	Singapore	9	
а	a Technical Visit by Bilateral Cooperation Project on Application of Technology and Innovation for Water Utilization Efficiency in Vegetable Production		4	
а	a Technical Visit by SFA Foundation Programme		35	
a Technical Visit by Food Safety Training Programme for Vietnamese Officials		Vietnam	26	
а	Technical Visit by Brazil State Rep. Goias on Novel Food	Brazil	2	

а	Technical Visit by Jiang Su Food & Pharmaceutical Science College	Singapore	20
а	Technical Visit by General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) Vice-Minister	People's Republic of China	6
b	WOAH CCs Food Safety Seminar series titled "Emerging topics in our food environment" Webinar #1 "Production, evaluation and regulation of cultured meat"	17 Asia and Pacific countries/territories including 5 National Focal Points for Animal Production Food Safety	123
b	WOAH CCs Food Safety Seminar series titled "Emerging topics in our food environment" Webinar #2 "Understanding allergy of livestock products"	18 Asia and Pacific countries/territories including 2 National Focal Points for Animal Production Food Safety	65
С	IAEA Training Workshop	Singapore	12
С	Visitors from Promoting the Harmonisation of Food Regulations between Thailand & Singapore 2023 Workshop	Singapore	23
С	Hands on trainings on hoof trimming techniques, reproduction, and diagnosis and treatment of cattle diseases at RGU	Japan	50
С	Hands on training on university veterinary epidemiology teaching at RGU	Japan	10
d	d JICA Agri-Net MSc (1) and PhD (3) training on AMR, epidemiology and microbiological risk assessment at RGU		Thailand (1), Indonesia (1), Fiji (1) and Malawi (1)
d	Japan Veterinary Association Asian training programme	Mongolia	1
d	Internships at NCFS	Singapore	20
d	Internship on AMR at RGU	Egypt	1

ToR 8: To organise and participate in scientific meetings and other activities on behalf of the WOAH.

	WOAH.				
9.	Did your Collaborating Centre organise or participate in the organisation of scientific meetings related to your main focus area on behalf of the WOAH?				
	⊠ Yes	□No			

If the answer is yes, please provide a list of scientific meetings using the appropriate table

National/ International	Title of event	Co-organiser	Date (mm/yy)	Location	No. Participants
International	Seminar series on Food Safety in Asia-Pacific "Emerging topics in our food environment"	RCFS, RGU, and NCFS joint seminar	08/23	ZOOM	123
	Webinar #1 "Production, evaluation and regulation of cultured meat"				
International	Seminar series on Food Safety in Asia-Pacific "Emerging topics in our food environment"	RCFS, RGU, and NCFS joint seminar	10/23	ZOOM	65
	Webinar #2 "Understanding allergy of livestock products"				
International	Pandemic preparedness: WOAH workshop on risk- based analysis of spill over events in wildlife in Japan	Japan	12/23	Yugawara, Japan	24
National	Forum 'Designing foods for the future	Main Organizer: Tohoku University	9/23	Sendai, Japan	
		Co-organized by RCFS, University of Tokyo and 4 other Universities			

ToR 9: To collect, process, analyse, publish and disseminate data and information relevant to the designated specialty.

10. Publication and dissemination of any information within the remit of the mandate given by the WOAH that may be useful to Members of the WOAH (Indicate in the appropriate box the number by category and <u>list the details in the box</u>)

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