



48^a ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Online meeting via Zoom, Paraguay | 19-20 August, 2021

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 48th COSALFA

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RESOLUTION I

NACIONAL PLAN FOR THE ERADICATION OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN VENEZUELA

The 48th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA

Whereas:

- The efforts and the importance of the Venezuelan private sector for the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease are acknowledged, as well as the relevance of the Venezuelan Foundation of Animal Health Services [*Fundación Venezolana de Servicios de Salud Animal*] (FUNVESSA) as a tool to support the actions of the Institute of Integral Agricultural Health [*Instituto Nacional de Salud Agrícola Integral*] (INSAI), leading to the possibility of adding to the experience of the private sector of COSALFA member countries, under PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO coordination;
- The INSAI is the only official authority set up to coordinate national animal health policies and to run the National Plan for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Venezuela;
- The Ministry of Popular Power for Agriculture and Land of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is committed to delegate the competence to the FUNVESSA for the operational management of the foot-and-mouth disease vaccination program in Venezuela, even though it is not in effect yet;
- The INSAI and the FUNVESSA are acknowledged for their transparency to provide information on the program to COSALFA's delegate and their will to accept technical cooperation from PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO and other parties interested in eradicating foot-and-mouth disease from the American continent;
- So far, it has not been possible to conduct the foot-and-mouth disease vaccination cycles consistent with the purpose of eradicating the disease from the country, or the serological studies to detect viral transmission and evaluate population immunity. Likewise, an appropriate surveillance level has not been entirely achieved to reflect the situation of foot-and-mouth disease and the progress of the program;
- There is significant concern about the delay of the commitments made for the effective eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in its territory, which affects the advance of the PHEFA as a whole, since the country is still considered affected by the disease in the American continent.

It is resolved:

1. To request PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to continue providing the necessary technical cooperation to Venezuela, in coordination with COSALFA countries and to consider sending technical missions with experts of the region to recognize the state of affairs both on field and in the laboratory and make a follow up of the recommendations. Also, to request PANAFTOSA the elaboration of regular reports to keep COSALFA members informed about the advance of the program.
2. To urge the INSAI to adopt all the procedures and necessary resources for the integral execution of the National Plan for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, particularly the activities recommended by Resolution I of COSALFA 47 that have been postponed.
3. To ask the Ministry of Popular Power for Agriculture and Land of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to complete the recognition of the FUNVESSA, and with PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO, before the next foot-and-mouth disease vaccination cycle in order to comply with the schedule for the international recognition as foot-and-mouth disease-free country by the OIE.
4. To urge the FUNVESSA to make all the efforts to comply with the vaccination program in the entire national territory during this year.
5. To request the public and private sectors of COSALFA countries to support the FUNVESSA to comply with its mandate of being responsible for executing the vaccination cycles in the country.

(Approved in the virtual plenary
session of 20 August, 2021)

RESOLUTION II

REGIONAL ANTIGEN/VACCINE BANK FOR FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE - BANVACO

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Whereas:

- All the foot-and-mouth disease-free countries, with or without vaccination, face a similar external threat, although the likelihood of reoccurrence of a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak is very low;
- Emergency vaccination is currently a universally accepted measure for foot-and-mouth disease outbreak control because it reduces physical and economic losses and is better accepted socially as a health measure for reasons of animal welfare;
- An antigen/vaccine bank is a strategic reserve of frozen concentrated viral antigen of specific viral serotypes that a laboratory can rapidly formulate into a vaccine in case of an outbreak of the disease;
- The COHEFA 12 requested PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to elaborate a project to establish an antigen and vaccine reserve bank and, in 2018, the project for the creation of the BANVACO was given to COSALFA members;
- The Republic of Paraguay is the first country to formalize its adherence to BANVACO's Articles of Agreement;
- In order to start with the activities stated in the BANVACO project, the adherence of at least 3 member countries is necessary.

It is resolved:

1. To recognize the importance of the decision of the Government of Paraguay to sign its adherence to the BANVACO on 21 July, 2021.
2. To urge PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to make a follow up of the expressions of intend for the establishment of a Regional Antigen/Vaccine Bank articulated by delegates of the public sector of Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Uruguay, convening their representatives to a meeting to explore the operational conditions for the functioning of the BANVACO.

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RESOLUTION III

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER ANTONIO VASCONCELLOS PORTA

The 48th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA

Whereas:

- The presentation made by the Paraguayan Delegation is acknowledged regarding the background and professional commitment of Mr. Antonio Vasconcellos Portas within the scope of the private sector for the participative creation of initiatives and projects for the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease with a national, regional and continental impact;
- The importance of his leadership as President of the Inter-American Group for the Eradication of Foot-and Mouth Disease [*Grupo Interamericano para Erradicación de la Fiebre Aftosa*] (GIEFA), as a representative in the South American Commission for the Fight Against Foot-and-Mouth Disease [*Comisión Sudamericana de Lucha Contra la Fiebre Aftosa*] (COSALFA), and in the animal health commission of the Permanent Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone [*Comité Veterinario Permanente del Cono Sur*] (CVP), examples of the support and commitment of the private sector in the fight against foot-and-mouth disease for our Region;
- The contribution of Mr. Antonio Vasconcellos Portas for the realization and continuation of the provision of resources by the private sector of Paraguay to the Trust Fund of the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease [*Programa Hemisférico de Erradicación de la Fiebre Aftosa*] (PHEFA) of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is a historical fact derived from a decisive political and financial support of Paraguay for the technical cooperation of PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO in the fight against foot-and-mouth disease for the countries of the Americas.

It is resolved:

1. To acknowledge and thank Mr. Antonio Vasconcellos Porta for his prolific contribution for the creation, development and strengthening of the programs for the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease at national, regional and continental level, and his support to the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease (PHEFA).
2. To wish Mr. Antonio Vasconcellos Porta all the success in the continuity of his professional practice and acknowledge his perseverance in the pursuit of complying with the objectives of the final stage of eradicating foot-and-mouth disease at continental level.

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RESOLUTION IV

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The 48th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA

Whereas:

- The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting public health restrictions prevented the celebration of the 48th COSALFA in Paraguay, in its traditional format;
- The Director of the Pan-American Center for Foot and Mouth Disease of the Pan-American Health Organization (PANAFTOSA/PAHO), Dr. Ottorino Cosivi, and the President of the National Service of Quality and Animal Health [*Servicio Nacional de Calidad y Salud Animal*] (SENACSA) of Paraguay, Dr. José Carlos Martín, as the host country for the meeting, gathered and made the decision to convene the 48th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA and the Pre-COSALFA International Seminar.

It is resolved:

1. To thank the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, through the National Service of Quality and Animal Health (SENACSA), for the political support and endorsement to the 48th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA and the Pre COSALFA International Seminar.
2. To express our gratitude to all the technical staff of the SENACSA, in the person of its president, Dr. José Carlos Martín, who contributed to the organization of the events.
3. To thank the Private Sector of Paraguay, in the person of the president of the FUNDASSA, Dr. Daniel Prieto and, through him, the entire private sector of Paraguay, for the support to the virtual realization of the events.
4. Likewise, to thank the president of the COSALFA 48, Dr. José Carlos Martín, for the excellent organization of the meeting.

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RESOLUTION V

DESIGNATION OF THE HOST COUNTRY FOR COSALFA 49

The 48th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA

Whereas:

- The delegation of Ecuador submitted for consideration the offer to be the host country of the 49th Ordinary Meeting of the COSALFA;
- The delegations expressed their support to the offer from Ecuador.

It is resolved:

1. To thank the offer and nominate Ecuador as the host country for the 49th Ordinary Meeting of the COSALFA, in the city of Quito in 2022, in a date to be defined.

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session of 20 August, 2021)

RESOLUTION VI

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO DR. ALEJANDRO M. RIVERA

The 48th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA

Whereas:

- Dr. Alejandro M. Rivera will leave the Pan-American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the occasion of his retirement;
- Dr. Rivera's commitment, his professionalism and academic vocation for the training of human resources for the technical cooperation pursuing the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in the American Continent.

It is resolved:

1. To thank Dr. Rivera for the dedication shown through his work as coordinator of the area of vesicular diseases at PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO.
2. Acknowledge Dr. Rivera's technical and scientific support to the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease (PHEFA).
3. To wish him that health and wellness have a privileged place in this new stage of his life.

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Español:

EN FE DE LO CUAL, el Presidente de la Reunión, Dr. José Carlos Martín Camperchioli, Presidente del Servicio Nacional de Calidad y Salud Animal (SENACSA), el Director del Centro Panamericano de Fiebre Aftosa – PANAFTOSA-OPS/OMS, Secretario *ex officio* de la COSALFA, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi y los delegados del sector público y del sector privado de los países miembros de la COSALFA firman la lista de presencia a la 48ª Reunión Ordinaria de la COSALFA, realizada de manera virtual a través de Plataforma Zoom, los días 19 y 20 de agosto del año dos mil y veinte uno.

Português:

EM FE DO QUAL, o Presidente da Reunião, Dr. José Carlos Martín Camperchioli, Presidente do Serviço Nacional de Qualidade e Saúde Animal (SENACSA), o Diretor do Centro Pan-Americano de Febre Aftosa – PANAFTOSA-OPAS/OMS, Secretário *ex officio* da COSALFA, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi e os delegados do setor público e do setor privado dos países membros da COSALFA assinam a lista de presença da 48ª Reunião Ordinária da COSALFA, realizada de forma virtual através da Plataforma Zoom, nos dias 19 e 20 de agosto do ano de dois mil e vinte e um.

English:

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the Chairman of the Meeting Dr. José Carlos Martín Camperchioli, President of the National Service for Quality and Animal Health (SENACSA), the Director of the Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center - PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO, Secretary *ex officio* of COSALFA, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi and the Delegates of the public and private sectors of the member countries, have signed the present list of participants at the 48th COSALFA Ordinary Meeting, held in a virtual format through Zoom Platform, on 19 and 20 August 2021.

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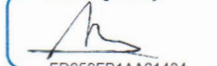
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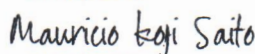
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