



**EWDA CONFERENCE,
VLIELAND, THE NETHERLANDS,
13 TO 16 SEPTEMBER 2010**

The ninth EWDA conference will be held from 13 to 16 September 2010, on the Dutch island of Vlieland. For the latest information, look at <http://www.ewda-2010.nl>

The **main theme** of the conference is “**Healthy wildlife, healthy people**”. 75% of human emerging infectious diseases arise from animals, and mainly wild animals. To address this theme, we are inviting various medical researchers and public health specialists to this wildlife disease meeting to directly explore the interface between wildlife and public health. Therefore, this meeting will be of interest for people from a variety of disciplines, including public health professionals, wildlife disease specialists, ecologists, biologists and epidemiologists.

The first day of the scientific programme will highlight the bridge between public health and wildlife health by inviting representatives from both areas of research. This will include a public debate between wildlife disease experts and public health representatives. Of course, there also will be plenty of room for oral presentations from selected abstracts on a wide variety of subjects.

There are abundant **workshops** planned on the **13th of September**:

- Novel epidemiological tools for the surveillance of wildlife diseases
(organizer: Eva Warns-Petit)
- Wildlife forensics: tools and applications
(organizer: Marie-Pierre Ryser)
- Bovine tuberculosis in wildlife: what's new?
(organizers: Pauline Nol and Dolores Gavier-Widen)
- Rodent-borne viruses
(organizers: Paul Heyman and Heikki Henttonen)
- Modelling of infectious diseases
(organizer: Hans Heesterbeek)
- Bat diseases and zoonoses
(organizer: Wim van der Poel)
- Student workshop Designing/Writing/Talking Science
(by Christian Gortazar)

Besides science, there also will be the opportunity to enjoy the island on the free afternoon and post-conference activities. These include bird watching, a trip by truck to the sandbanks, horseback riding, horse cart riding, and sailing on a traditional Dutch barge.

The **Organizing Committee** consists of Mieke Backers, Lineke Begeman, Joke van der Giessen, Andrea Gröne, Miel Hovius, Marion Koopmans, Thijs Kuiken (Chair), Merel Langelaar, Miriam Maas, Margriet Montizaan, Wim van der Poel, Leslie Reperant, and Josanne Verhagen.

The **Scientific Committee** consists of (International): Richard Delahay, United Kingdom; Dolores Gavier-Widen, Sweden; Christian Gortazar, Spain; Paul Heyman, Belgium; Oliver Krone, Germany; Nina Marano, United States; Tony Sainsbury, United Kingdom; and (The Netherlands) Joke van der Giessen, Andrea Gröne, Menno de Jong, Marion Koopmans (Chair), Thijs Kuiken, Albert Osterhaus, Wim van der Poel, and Jim van Steenbergen.

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