

## **RAPPORT DE MISSION/ MISSION REPORT**

Dr Bernard Vallat, Directeur général

Cebu (Philippines)

Dates de la mission/Dates of the meeting : 1er – 5 mars 2005

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### **Objet de la mission / aim of the meeting:**

La mission a eu lieu du 1er au 5 mars 2005.

J'étais accompagné par le Dr Dewan Sibartie afin de représenter l'OIE à la Sous-Commission annuelle des Pays Membres de SEA-FMD hébergée cette année par les Philippines à Cebu.

Le Dr Sibartie était sur place depuis le 27 février, date à laquelle a commencé la réunion.

Le rapport commun figurant ci-après a été préparé par le Dr Sibartie.

**Diffusion :** Chefs de Service et adjoints, Chargé(e)s de mission, A. Thiermann, P. Blandin, M. Teissier, M. Zampaglione, Représentants régionaux.

**MISSION REPORT**  
**Dr Dewan Sibartie, Deputy-Head Scientific and Technical Department**  
**11th Meeting of the Southeast Asia foot and Mouth Disease (SEAFMD) Campaign**  
**27 February - 4 March 2005**  
**Cebu, Philippines**

**Aim of the mission**

To evaluate the annual results of the SEAFMD Campaign and to discuss the funding and implementation of Phase III of the Programme

**Summary of meeting**

The meeting was open by the Deputy Undersecretary for Agriculture and Fisheries of the Philippines, the Honourable C. Drillon in the presence of the Governor of Cebu City the Honourable G. Garcia.

Opening addresses were delivered by these two personalities, Dr Molina, OIE Delegate for the Philippines, Dr G. Murray, President of the SEAFMD Commission and Dr B. Vallat, OIE Director General. The speech of Dr B. Vallat was read by me. Copy of the speech is attached.

Other attendees included Dr J. Domenech, Chief Veterinary Officer of FAO, the national coordinators of countries involved in the Programme and representatives of donor agencies.

The achievements made during the past year in the 8 usual components of the Programme were reviewed. In the absence of the Representative of the World Reference Laboratory Dr Vallarcher, who was unable to attend because of ill health, I used his power point presentation to describe the world situation with respect to FMD. I also made another presentation on the new proposed OIE guidelines on FMD. The power point presentation is attached. Other presentations involved the use of vaccines and tests to detect antibodies against NSPs. Much concern was expressed by some national coordinators about the acceptance by the OIE of the 3 ABC Test from Panafosa as the Index Test for cattle without the test being validated under conditions prevailing in Southeast Asia. It appears that a huge amount of data regarding NSP tests obtained in the region under joint programmes with the IAEA are available. Dr Vallat, OIE Director General, who joined the meeting at a later stage suggested that the main scientists involved in that work namely Dr Blesida Verin from the Philippines and Dr Wilai from Thailand would be invited to attend the next meeting of the OIE Ad hoc Group on the application of NSP tests.

The second part of the meeting which concentrated on the implementation and funding of Phase III of the Programme was chaired by Dr Vallat. It was agreed that although the Programme will be managed under ASEAN responsibility, the technical supervision of the Programme will still be effected by the OIE. The Steering Committee will be chaired by the OIE and FAO will be a member of that Steering Committee. Donor representatives unanimously agreed that the continuation of the Programme was worthwhile. The ASEAN representative informed that Member Countries were committed to provide some funding through the ASEAN Animal Health Trust Fund but the quantum and timing of such funding were not yet determined. Representatives of Member Countries agreed to ask their Governments to provide political and financial support for the Programme and to honour their previous commitment to the OIE to make an additional contribution worth 10% of their annual subscriptions. It was noted that some countries were already paying this special contribution and Dr Vallat proposed to use these funds for the new Programme. The OIE agreed to support the continuity of the Regional Coordination Unit for a short period, after 01 January 2006 should the required funds not be made available from other donors by that time. The meeting also recommended that the DG of the OIE and ASEAN urgently negotiate with donor agencies for financial support and requested FAO and the OIE to raise the matter at the GF-TADs meeting which was scheduled to be held in Tokyo, Japan in early March.

**Key person(s) met and subjects of discussion**

Nil

**Conclusions and possible follow-up**

The OIE will continue to provide technical supervision of the Programme and the Scientific and Technical Department will ensure that Drs Verin and Wilai be invited to attend the next meeting of the OIE Ad hoc Group on the application of NSP tests with respect to the diagnosis of FMD.