

SAARC Regional Training program on '**Laboratory Biosafety and Biosecurity for Handling Transboundary Animal Diseases and Zoonotic Emerging Pathogens**, 19-24 August, 2019

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A six days SAARC Regional Training program on 'Laboratory Biosafety and Biosecurity for Handling Transboundary Animal Diseases and Zoonotic Emerging Pathogens' was organized by ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics sponsored by SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh during 19-24 August, 2019. A total of 13 participants were attended the training program representing six countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka).



The training program was inaugurated by Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Director, ICAR-National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology, Bengaluru in presence of Dr. Ashis Kumar Samanta, Senior Program Specialist (Livestock), SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Aniket Sanyal, Joint Director, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bengaluru campus and Dr. Parimal Roy, Director, ICAR-NIVEDI.

The objective of the training program was to impart knowledge among the participants regarding biosafety and biosecurity measures that need to be practiced in biosafety laboratories while handling the infectious agents. In this training course, modules related to Good Laboratory practice (GLP), safety levels and agent classification, International Biosafety Regulations for Formulating National Biosafety Guidelines, National Biosafety Regulations in SAARC Member Countries, Personal Protective Equipment, Signage, Biosafety Cabinets, Laboratory waste management, Biosafety documentation, collection, package and transportation of infectious materials, Laboratory biosecurity program, agent specific biosafety and biosecurity practices for important bacterial, viral and parasitic diseases and risk management were designed along with hands on practical sessions.



The Valedictory function of training program was conducted on 24.08.2019 with chief guest as Dr. Praveen Malik, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, GoI and guest of honour as Dr. Ashok Kumar, Assistant Director General (AH), ICAR. Dr. Ashis Kumar Samanta, Senior program Specialist (Livestock), SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Aniket Sanyal, Joint Director, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bengaluru campus and Dr. Parimal Roy, Director, ICAR-NIVEDI were also present to grace the occasion. All the participants offered feedback as the training was highly informative and improved their capacity in handling infectious agents by strictly adhering to the biosafety and biosecurity measures.