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NAHERC Quarterly: New Courses Available

We are excited to announce that several new courses have been added to the National Animal Health Emergency Response Training Site. The new courses include:

- Foreign Animal Disease Detection in Category I Animals
- Mass Depopulation and Euthanasia
- Vaccination for Contagious Diseases

If you’ve not had the opportunity to visit the site recently, check out the new courses. As always, general courses and Incident Command System courses are available. The site can be accessed at the following: https://naherc.sws.iastate.edu/

APHIS in the News

In an article dated January 15, 2012, written by Greg Cima, the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA) indicated that “Animal-use vaccines will likely become licensed more quickly as a result of changes in Department of Agriculture processes.”

In the same article, Dr. John Clifford, Deputy Administrator and Chief Veterinary Officer, USDA, APHIS, is quoted as saying: “So by significantly shortening the timelines of those processes that APHIS customers use most, APHIS will be providing them with valuable savings, something much needed as companies have been increasingly challenged by today's economy.”

JAVMA indicates APHIS Administrator, Gregory L. Parham sent a letter to stakeholders indicating USDA is committed to reducing the time it takes to license animal use vaccines.

The full article can be read at the following location: http://www.avma.org/ondnews/javma/jan12/120115k.asp
NAHERC at the NAVC

The NAHERC Senior Analyst Daisy M. Witherspoon, attended the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando Florida. The event took place January 15th through the 18th.

During the conference, Ms. Witherspoon had the pleasure of meeting and informing many veterinarians, animal health technicians, practice managers, educators and students about the NAHERC program. This resulted in publicity and increased membership in NAHERC.

According to the NAVC, there were more Veterinarians, Technicians and students at the 2012 conference than any previous year and total attendance up was up 13% from 2011 totals.

The NAVC was the first conference of the year and we are off to a great start. NAHERC Staff would like to thank all who visited the NAHERC booth and welcome new NAHERC members.

The next conference with be in the Nation’s capital. Please join us at National Harbor, Washington DC, for the CVC East. This was a great event last year and is expected to be even better this year.

Convention Update

NAHERC is tentatively scheduled to attend the CVC East, Washington, DC, April 26 - 29, 2012; the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Annual Convention in San Diego, California, August 4 - 7, 2012 (booth number at the AVMA is 2207); the CVC Central in Kansas City, August 25 - 28, 2012. More information will be provided as these dates draw nearer. We hope to see you at one or more of these events.

Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Plan

The Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Plan (FAD PReP) collaboration site is hosted by the USDA, Animal Plant Inspection Service and National Center for Animal Health Emergency Management (NCAHEM). It’s purpose is to provide a single source for critical FAD planning response and analytical documents. It’s mission is to raise awareness, define expectations, and improve capabilities for FAD preparedness and response. The following resources are found on the collaboration website:

- FAD PReP Strategic Plans
- Disease Response Plans
- Continuity of Business Plans
- Industry Manuals
- Critical Activity Standard Operating Procedures
- Outbreak Response Tools
- NAHERC Working Group
- Secure Milk Supply Working Group
- APHIS Emergency Management Docs
- Multimedia, News, Links and Other Resources

NAHERC members are welcome to this informative site at https://fadprep.lmi.org

Click on ‘click here’ to register for an account; access granted within 24 hours
**Frequently Asked Questions**

Over the past couple of years, the NAHERC Coordinator and staff have been asked many questions. We’ve compiled a list of the frequently asked questions. To view these questions and answers, please visit http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/emergency_management/naherc.shtml. If you have a question that isn’t listed there, please e-mail us at NAHERC@aphis.usda.gov.

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