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From the field to the laboratory

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Everything is a risk nowadays...



250 000 Killer- Enten im Anflug



Reihherenten
im Flug:
Bringen uns
diese Zug-
vögel die
Vogelgrippe?



500 km

- Seit Dezember 2003
- Virus nur in Vögeln gefunden
 - Menschen und Tiere am Virus gestorben
 - Ausbrüche seit April 2005

Die liebsten Winterplätze der Enten





Overview

- First responders
- Disease awareness
- Risk aspects





First responder

- Livestock owner



Field veterinarian

- Disease awareness of
 - livestock owner
 - Field vet





Disease awareness

- Depends strongly on the disease present
 - within the country
 - In countries with borders to CH
 - In Europe

	FMD	BT
Farmer	+	++++
Field vet	++	++++
Last case CH	1980	2006-2009

Indicator(s): Suspect cases submitted to IVI
Media Interest
Livestock owners asking questions





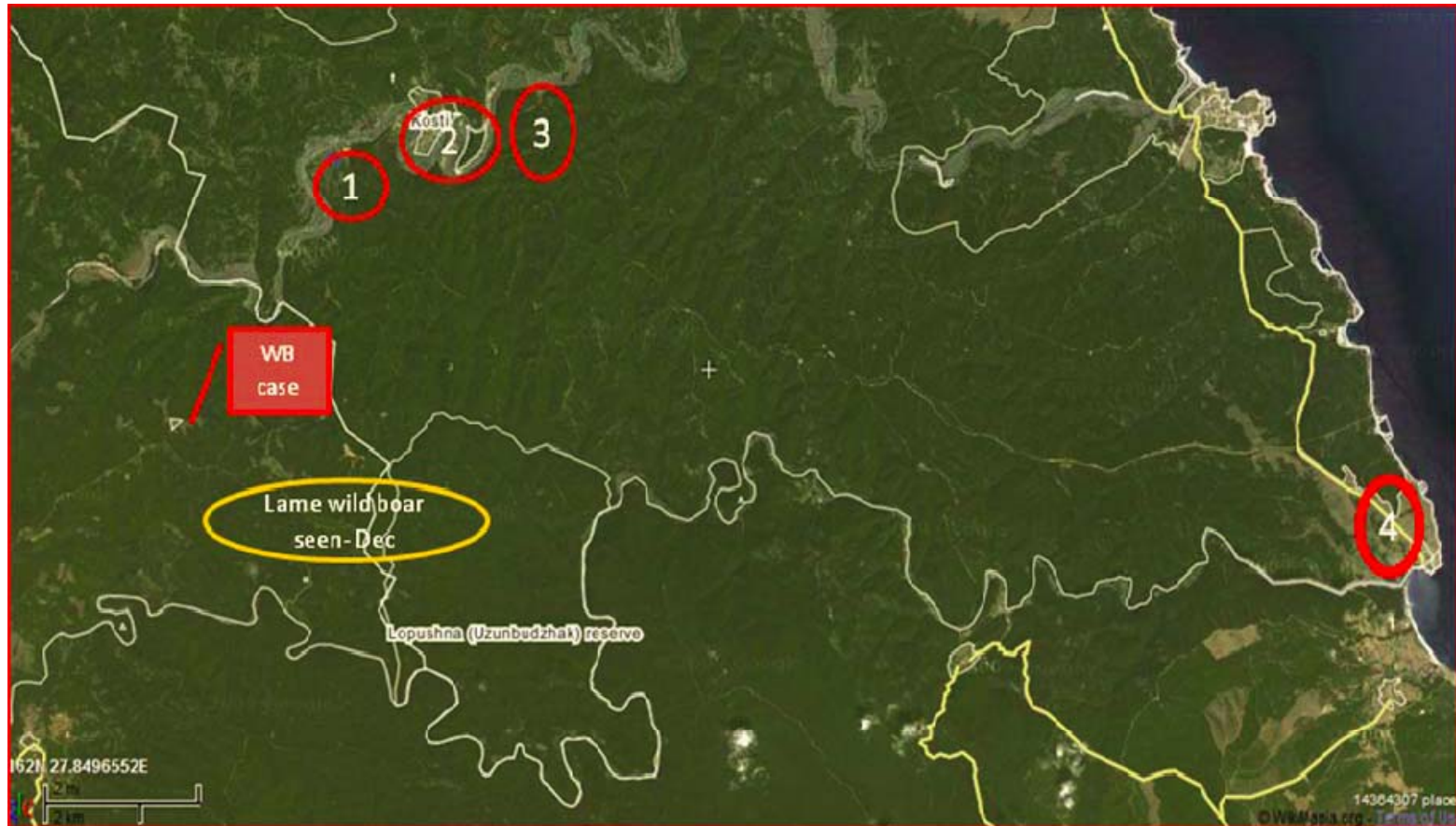
Improvement of disease awareness

- Information leaflets
- Teaching at the 2 vet schools
- Media (eg „farmers weekly“)
- On going: WNF, AHS
 - Effectiveness?





FMD in Bulgaria, January 2011





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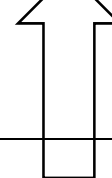
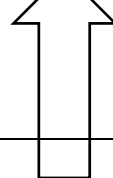
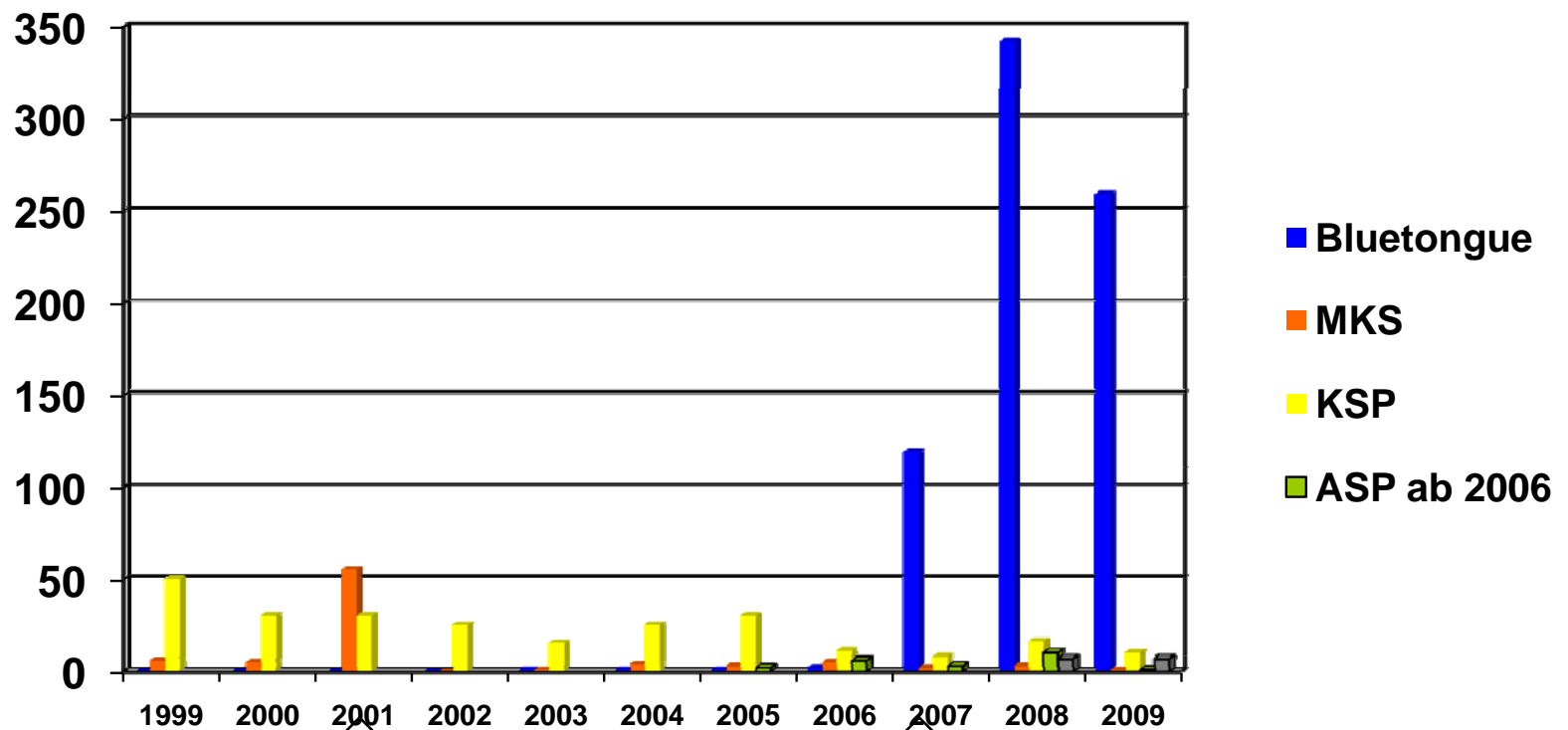


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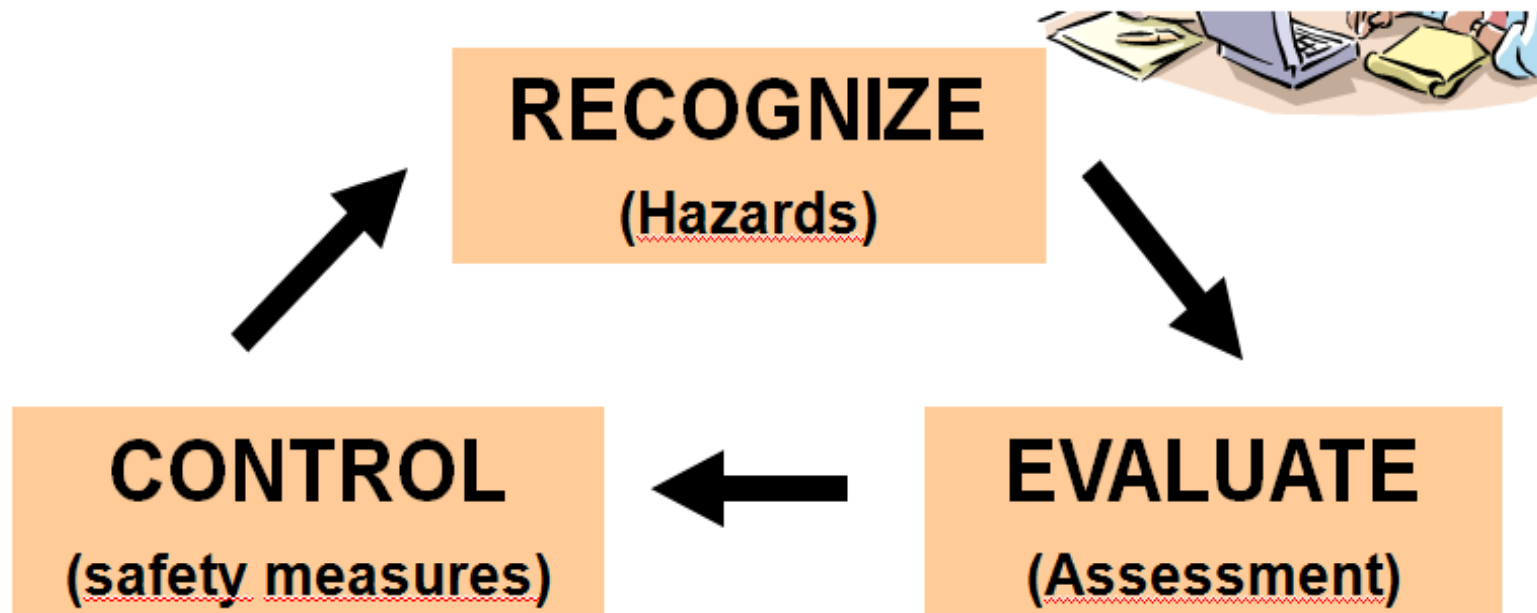


Suspect cases submitted to IVI





Risk



likelihood x consequences



Two risk aspects

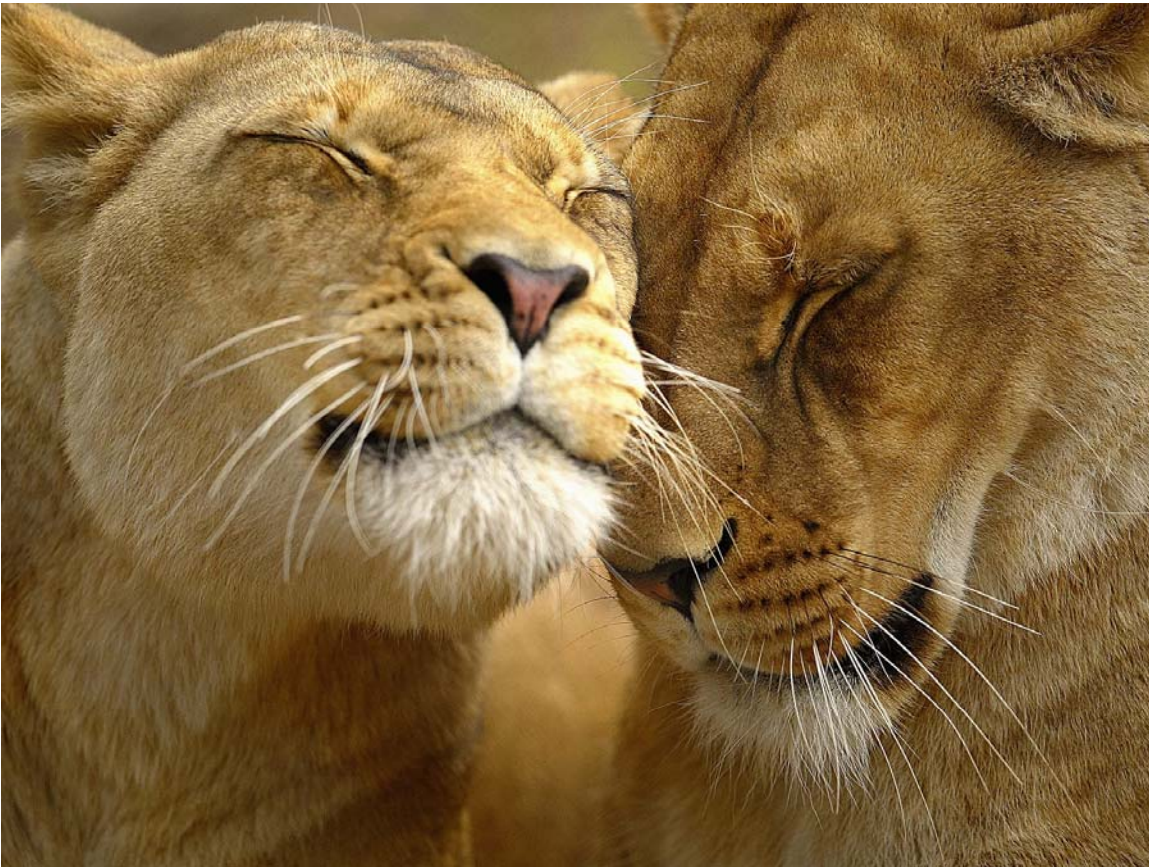
- RA in the field
- RA in the laboratory





A = Assessment

What is a hazard?



Hazard

is a source that has
the **potential** for
causing harm



A = Assessment

What is a risk? Is hazard = risk?



Hazard
is **not a risk** without
a specific
environment or
situation



A =



hood* and the
consequences**
of an undesirable
event related to a
specific hazard



RA in the field

1. Hazard identification

- Examination of the animal (hazards: animals bites, kicks, exposure to infectious agents, noise etc)
 - Use of sharps
 - Use of anesthetics
 - Culling of animals
 - Taking samples
 - Packaging of the samples
 - Transport of the samples
 - Disinfection of premises (chemical hazards)
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- Risk for the people involved, risk for the environment
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B Schildger, Dählhölzli





How are the samples
Arriving in your lab?





RA in the field

2. Assessment of hazards

- What is the likelihood of exposure and what are the consequences?
 - o Infection
 - o Needle stick
 - o Exposure to chemicals etc.
 - o Direct exposure to the pathogen and the infected animal in the field
 - Depending on the animal species and the disease the likelihood of exposure is higher and also the consequences
 - Work with PPE cumbersome and not all PPE used in the laboratory can be used in the field
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Turkey, January 2011



D Hadorn, BVET



RA in the field

Mitigation measures:

- Personal protective equipment
- Proper technical equipment eg. for culling

Training of veterinarians

mandatory courses for district veterinarians
(FMD) Outbreak simulation exercise 2011





Training program since 11/2010

- Entry to the infected premise (how to gown, where to put the material, how to set up the biosafety barriers between contaminated and non-contaminated zones)
 - Exit of the infected premise (how to safely remove PPE, how to bring out samples, how to transfer material and dead animals to the non-contaminated area, disinfection and decontamination etc.)
 - Sampling- packaging– transport
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BVET
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Bundesamt für Veterinärwesen
Ufficio veterinario Nazionale
Ufficio federale di veterinaria
Ufficio federal veterinär

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**Simulation FA 03
MKS Simulation 03**

**Ici se déroule
un exercice du service
vétérinaire suisse**

**Hier findet eine Übung
des schweizerischen
Veterinärdienstes statt**







RA in the laboratory

Here we are all good at!

In the laboratory the following elements need to be considered:

- ⇒ Type of samples (pathogen load, organs, known or unknown pathogen etc.)
 - ⇒ Type of activity (homogenization, use of sharps, use of robots, aerosols etc.)
 - ⇒ Safety measures
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RA in the laboratory

1. Hazard identification

- Unknown samples
- Unpacking of the samples
- Aliquoting of samples
- Transfer – transport of samples within the lab
- Analysis of samples with different methods



RA in the laboratory

2. Assessment of hazards

- What is the likelihood of exposure and what are the consequences?
 - o Infection
 - o Needle stick
 - o Exposure to aerosols due to the methods etc.
 - No direct contact to animals, laboratory equipment, contact to samples.
 - Specific PPE available
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RA in the laboratory

4. Mitigation measures:

- Personal protective equipment
 - Proper technical equipment eg. for culling
 - Training of laboratory staff
 - Exercise
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Likelihood of exposure





Summary

- Open for discussion

