

ASF-STOP Launch Conference “African swine fever - recent research advances and strategies to combat the disease in Europe” and two workshops (Advances in Vaccinology and Researchers link European industrial partners), in Pulawy, Poland, 6th-8th December 2016 “

African Swine Fever can have devastating effects causing massive loss of pigs and high economic impact due to trade restrictions and costly control and eradication programmes. ASF has been present in Russia and neighbouring countries since 2007 and entered the European Union (EU) in 2014, affecting the three Baltic States and Poland. The ASF problem is complex and needs to be solved with integrated input from multiple disciplines, including wild boar ecology, behaviour and management, epidemiology of infection in wild boar and domestic pigs, vaccinology, molecular biology, biosecurity, pig production, surveillance, diagnostics, contingency planning, communications and policy making.

The COST Action ASF-STOP together with the National Veterinary Research Institute of Poland (<http://www.piwet.pulawy.pl/>) organised the conference “African swine fever - recent research advances and strategies to combat the disease in Europe” and two workshops (Advances in Vaccinology and Researchers link European industrial partners), in Pulawy, Poland, 6th-8th december 2016 (<http://www.piwet.pulawy.pl/asf-stop/index-item2.php>).

The main goal of this conference was to provide a platform for exchange of knowledge on ASF and to create or reinforce networking opportunities internationally. The COST Action Understanding and Combating African Swine Fever in Europe (ASF-STOP) (<http://www.asf-stop.com/>) brings together widespread expertise on ASF across Europe and beyond. Very specially, ASF-STOP aims at inclusive collaboration with a good gender balance, wide geographical representation (28 COST countries participate) and creation of opportunities for early career investigators. To join ASF-STOP please email your interest to the chair Dolores Gaviera-Widén (dolores@sva.se).

The Conference brought together about 200 participants, 79 of them were sponsored by ASF-STOP. The programme included the following Scientific Sessions: ASF current situation in Europe, Epidemiology, control and prevention, ASF-virology, vaccinology and diagnostics, ASF in wild boar, ASF in domestic pigs, Early Career Investigators oral presentations, ASF in wild boar and epidemiology and Poster Session. A conclusion from European countries affected by ASF was that control in the wild boar has shown to be extremely difficult, which poses of risk of progressive expansion of infected areas.

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