



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### **Economics and Social Sciences of Animal Health: *Application to animal health surveillance***

**Copenhagen, Denmark, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2020**

Animal health decision-making benefits from knowledge and research on economics and human behaviour. The International Society for Economics and Social Sciences of Animal Health ([ISESSAH](https://www.iseedah.org/)) aims to improve animal health and welfare policies, programmes and projects through application of concepts and tools available in economics and social science disciplines. In this process, it provides opportunities for animal health professionals globally to achieve wider societal benefits from animals. The 4<sup>th</sup> ISESSAH conference will be held on **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 in Copenhagen, Denmark**. The ISESSAH 2020 conference is partnered and aligned with the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Animal Health Surveillance (<https://icahs4.org/>). The session on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon, will be co-organised by ICAHS and the sessions on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> will be organised by ISESSAH. The ISESSAH conference will contain sessions with oral presentations (15 minutes), flash talks (3 minutes) as well as poster sessions. There will be a social function and dinner to provide ample time for the participants to engage in discussion.

#### ***Keynote presentations***

The provisional programme includes keynote presentations from leading thinkers in economics and social sciences, namely:

- *Dr Barbara Haesler, Senior Lecturer in Agrihealth, Veterinary Epidemiology, Economics and Public Health, The Royal Veterinary College, London, UK (joint session ICAHS-ISESSAH) - **CONFIRMED***
- *Dr Amy Hagerman, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University, USA - **INVITED***
- *Dr Luiza Toma, Senior Economist, Policy, Innovation and Behavioural Change, Scotland's Rural College, Edinburgh, UK - **CONFIRMED***

#### ***Call for Abstracts***

Besides these three keynote presentations, ISESSAH invites researchers working in its domain to share their knowledge, experience and research results with the attendees of the ISESSAH conference. We therefore invite you to submit your abstracts for oral and poster presentations. Presenters in the early stage of their career can apply to participate in the competition for the best oral and poster presentations.

#### ***Theme of the conference and the focus of abstracts***

We are welcoming all abstracts in economics and social sciences of animal health, and specially these exploring the theme of the conference: ***"Economics and social sciences applied to animal health"***

**surveillance**". Abstracts may focus on methods and techniques, development of theory, education and/or policy. Applications particularly appreciated include:

- Economics and sociology of animal health surveillance, control and public policies
- Financial mechanisms and compensation policies of animal diseases
- Public-private partnership and cost sharing of surveillance and compensation policies
- Effect of reward and penalty policies on disease reporting and biosecurity measures
- Socio-economic impact assessment of animal disease and control measures
- Role of human behaviour, institutions and market in ecology and epidemiology of diseases
- Sociology or economy at the interface between animals, humans, and the environment

**Abstracts specification and deadline**

- A title of maximum 150 characters (including spaces)
- An interpretative summary of maximum 400 characters (including spaces, highlighting the practical implications and the impact of the work and its link with the theme of the conference)
- An abstract body of maximum 2,000 characters (including spaces) OR an abstract body of maximum 1,500 characters (including spaces) and one graph, table or picture. The body should include the usual items: introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion.

Authors should submit abstracts **by the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2019**, using the following link:

[ISESSAH 2020 Abstract Submission](#)

**Abstract evaluation and scientific committee**

Abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee and will be selected for oral, flash talk and poster or poster presentations. The scientific committee will aim to achieve a balance in terms of geographical representation, gender and level of seniority of presenters. Main evaluation criteria are:

- Relevance of the research to the conference theme
- Scientific quality of the research approach
- Quality of the abstract writing
- Preference will be given to completed research compared to ongoing work

The scientific committee consists of the following persons:

- *Bouda Vosough Ahmadi (lead) FAO*
- *Tove Christensen (deputy lead) University of Copenhagen*
- *Kamina Johnson (deputy lead) USDA*
- *Sigrid Denver (member) University of Copenhagen*
- *Erwin Wauters (member) ILVO*
- *Jarkko Niemi (member) Luke*
- *Wilma Steeneveld (member) Utrecht University*
- *Jaap Sok (member) Wageningen University and Research*
- *Pablo Alarcon (member) Royal Veterinary College*
- *Mette Vaarst (member) Aarhus University*

Authors will be notified of the decision **early February 2020**. Further information regarding the conference and registration will soon become available on the ISESSAH website. If you would like to receive information and news about the 2020 conference as it becomes available, please register.

For questions, please contact [bouda.ahmadi@fao.org](mailto:bouda.ahmadi@fao.org)

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