

# AVIS

## 3. AVIS Associations and Collaborations

AVIS welcomes collaboration and association with complementary projects. Examples to date include:

- **EMPRES: Good Emergency Management Practice (GEMP)**

The objectives of AVIS are also coordinated with the FAO EMPRES action.

**Planning:** In order to prepare well for a possible animal disease outbreak, good planning is essential, to a high level of precision and detail.

**GEMP:** Following on its decision to promote a standard policy for the management of emergency situations, EMPRES has now formulated a code of practice, **Good Emergency Management Practice (GEMP)**. This is recently released in multimedia form, both as CD-ROM and as Website.

For details see the FAO website:

[www.fao.org/AGA/AGAH/EMPRES/GEMP.htm](http://www.fao.org/AGA/AGAH/EMPRES/GEMP.htm)

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- **Molecular Diagnostic Techniques**

A companion series of programs is also being developed on diagnostic techniques derived from molecular biology. The first program, the **Overview**, was released in October 1999. A web-enabled version is also now available.

- **GLP**

An introductory program into Good Laboratory Practice is also now available. Details on request

### The AVIS Consortium

The AVIS Consortium consists of Founders and Associates, working together both to reflect and to meet the needs of all stakeholders..

The **Founders** are:

- ❖ BBSRC Institute for Animal Health, Compton and Pirbright, UK
- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome, Italy
- ❖ L'Office International des Epizooties, Paris, France
- ❖ Telos ALEFF Ltd., London, UK.

Each consortium member reviews and signs off each program before release, and is committed to regular review and update.

**Associates** now include:

- AFSSA, Nancy
- The Veterinary Laboratory Agency, Weybridge, UK
- The United States Department of Agriculture, Washington DC
- TAIEX Office, European Commission, Brussels
- PANVAC, Ethiopia
- The University of Florida, Gainesville.

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