



BETTER TRAINING FOR SAFER FOOD

Training Course on Animal Health and Disease Prevention for Bees and Zoo Animals

Subject: Invitation to participate in training sessions on Animal Health and Disease Prevention for Bees and Zoo Animals

Dear Better Training for Safer Food National Contact point,

The European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Consumers is organising a set of 6 training sessions in the field of **Animal Health and Disease Prevention for Bees and Zoo Animals** as part of the Better Training for Safer Food initiative. The training sessions will be held in Czech Republic, Slovenia and Belgium/The Netherlands in 2014/2015 and the calendar will be as follows:

Session	Type	Dates	Location	Number of Invited Participants for CZECH REPUBLIC
1	Bees	6-9 May 2014	Prague, Czech Republic	
2	Zoo animals	10-13 June 2014	Antwerp, Belgium	2
3	Zoo Animals	16-19 September 2014	Antwerp, Belgium	To be confirmed
4	Zoo Animals	8-13 March 2015	Antwerp, Belgium	To be confirmed
5	Bees	2-5 June 2015	Maribor, Slovenia	To be confirmed
6	Bees	1-4 September 2015	Maribor, Slovenia	To be confirmed

A number of seats has been allocated to each country for each session. Please, find in the table above the number of seats allocated to your country for the two ***first training sessions***. ***Seats***



allocated for other training sessions and general information about the course will be communicated to you later. We would kindly ask you to nominate the participant(s) for the **second training session dedicated to HEALTH AND DISEASE PREVENTION FOR ZOO ANIMALS** to be held in **Antwerp, Belgium, from 10 to 13 June 2014** according to the number of seats allocated to your country for this training session. Please return the completed Training Application Form(s) of the selected participant(s) to us by email **at your earliest convenience but no later than by 14 April 2014**

The programme of the training session is enclosed. Please note that the second training session is considered as a course for **official veterinarians in charge of supervising zoos. These official veterinarians are approved by and under the control of the competent authority.** Participants will be requested to **commit themselves to disseminate the knowledge** received via different dissemination methods¹.

The training course will be conducted in **English**. Please, make sure that each nominated participant has a good working level of English in order to participate actively in each activity.

CHAFEA / DG SANCO will cover the expenses for flights, accommodation, meals and field visits in full. No daily allowance will be paid on top of this. Any other costs are to be paid by the participants. The training course will be organised by an external contractor, JVL Consulting, who will contact the participants for the practical arrangements.

All further information should be channelled through National Contact Points. This is particularly important regarding applications for participation in a training session, as they can only be officially submitted to the contractor through the intermediary of National Contact Points. All candidates must be experts with a professional background highly relevant to the subject of this training session.

Should you have any further queries, please, contact JVL Consulting at 2013.96.02.bees-zoo@jvl-c.com

¹ i.e. informing colleagues about the information received at the training, distributing (photocopying or sending via electronic way) the training materials among their colleagues, preparing informative articles in the professional national or, if possible, in international journals, preparing presentations based on the training materials for the obligatory national Competent authorities' professional trainings or other disseminating methods which could be appropriate to share the information received via the BTSF trainings.

