### Food borne diseases: the focus on Salmonella

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Zoonoses and food borne diseases

### Current trends

Salmonella control

What is possible in the regions?









More than 200 infectious diseases can be transmitted from animals to humans

The last 20 years, 73% of all emerging human infections are zoonotic

Many zoonoses are (potentially) food borne









### **Deaths Due to Selected Infectious Diseases**



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### Non typhoid Salmonella (S. Enteritidis, S. Typhimurium)

- Brucella
- Anthrax











### Campylobacter

### *E. coli* O157

### Norwalk/Noro virus

### Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies

### Antimicrobial resistance









## The good news..... (US)

The 5 major pathogens <1900:</p>

- Brucella
- Clostridium botulinum
- Salmonella Typhi
- Trichinella
- Vibrio cholerae

Account for 0.01% of the cases in 1999









## The bad news....

 Cholera: 111,575 cases with 1894 deaths annually (officially reported in 2003.....)

Shigellosis: 164 million of cases annually with 1.1 million deaths

 Salmonella Typhi: 17 million cases with 600,000 deaths in 2000

Antimicrobial resistance is increasing









## Top 10 of food borne pathogens (US)

1. Norwalk like viruses	9,200,000
2. Campylobacter	1,963,000
3. Salmonella (non-typhoid)	1,342,000
4. Clostridium perfringens	249,000
5. Giardia lamblia	200,000
6. Staphylococcus	185,000
7. Toxoplasma gondii	112,000
8. VTEC (E. coli)	92,000
9. Shigella	90,000
10. Enterotoxigenic E. coli	56,000







### Increase in zoonoses, including Food Borne Infections?

### (emerging infections)









## Changing microbes in a changing world....(1)

- Open borders: trade of food and travelling to exotic regions (vector, immunity)
- Changing consumer lifestyles, habits and demands (ready to eat foods, fresh food, minimal processed food)
- Susceptibility of hosts
  - Immunocompromised (children, elderly people, chronic diseases)











Courtesy A. Reilly, FSAI, Ireland









## Changing microbes in a changing world....(2)

 Animal production systems (focus on animal welfare and extensive farming, organic production)

Improved diagnostics

 Changing microbes (resistance!!!!!, virulence factors, adaptation to new processing techniques)

Climate change (floodings, spread of vectors)

























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# Salmonella













### Worries about Salmonella?

### In humans

- Less prevalent than many other disease
- Usually sub clinical
- Low attack rate
- Low case mortality rate
- Easy to prevent
- Usually easy to treat









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# A national outbreak of *Salmonella* Enteritidis infection from ice cream



#### ice cream concentrate



### non-pasteurised liquid eggs



224,000 with Salmonella gastroenteritis Attack rate 6.6% Ice cream consumed by 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> million people

#### Hennessy et al











## 500,000,000 eggs









### Worries about Salmonella?

In modern food production one day's production in a plant can be consumed by thousands of consumers nationally

.....and internationally.....









The consumer does not want to buy pathogens with his food

Salmonella can cause serious disease in infants, the elderly and those with immunosuppressive diseases









# The fall and rise of reported Salmonella infections in the United States, 1920-2000

CDC, National surveillance data

Typhoid Fever Non-typhoid salmonellosis





Increase of human Salmonellosis at the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

- Intensified poultry production
- In modern food production one source can be consumed by thousands of people
- An increase in dining in restaurants and institutions
- An increase in prepared foods
- Better reporting



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# % of Salmonella isolations from humans in the USA that were S. Enteritidis





FIGURE 4.4 Proportion of salmonella isolations from human sources reported to the CDC that were *Salmonella* Enteritidis, by year, 1972–96.

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Prevention, Detection and Control of Salmonella in Poultry

- Sections of Chapter
  - Introduction
  - Purpose and scope
  - Definitions
  - Surveillance
  - Prevention and control measures
     Prevention of spread from infected flocks









"Salmonella serotypes and prevalence may vary considerably between localities, districts, regions and countries and therefore, surveillance and identification of the prevalent *Salmonella* serotypes in humans and poultry should be carried out in order to develop a control programme for the area"









## Prevention and control measures

 Good Agricultural Practices
 Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)
 Hygiene and Biosecurity Procedures in Poultry Production
 Specific Salmonella practices









### **Specific Salmonella practices**

## Antimicrobials

"Clean" sources of chicks and pullets
Control of Salmonella contamination of feed
Competitive exclusion
Vaccination
Culling









## Salmonella control: practical aspects







### The control should cover several precautions and/or interventions at the same time

May look complicated

### Factors complement or stimulate each other:

### HURDLES









## Hurdle principle











## Conclusions

- Salmonella is one of the most important causes of bacterial food borne disease in humans
- Salmonella is preventable
- In the poultry sector top-down strategy is essential
- Communication within and between production sectors is important
- ad hoc approach (not well structured) does not work
- …and you play an important role!!!





















Figure 1. Observed prevalence of *Salmonella*-positive holdings of laying hens, with 95% confidence intervals, in the EU, 2004-2005



95% confidence interval for the observed holding prevalence









## Global Foodborne Infections Network (GFN)

formerly: WHO Global Salm-Surv (who eas)

Building capacity to detect, control and prevent foodborne and other enteric infections from farm to table



## What is GFN?

A network of professionals working in veterinary, food and public health disciplines committed to enhancing capacity of countries to conduct integrated surveillance of foodborne and other enteric infections











## GFN Vision & Mission (2011-2015)

### <u>Vision</u>

A world where all countries prevent and control foodborne and other enteric infections

### <u>Mission</u>

- To enable countries to detect, control, and prevent foodborne and other enteric infections by:
  - Building capacity for integrated surveillance
  - Fostering collaboration among human health, veterinary, food and other relevant sectors.









## **GFN** main activities

- (Inter)national Training Activities
- External Quality Assurance System (EQAS)
- Country Data Bank (CDB)
- Reference Services
- Focused Regional and National Projects
- Communication















## GFN training activities



19 Active Sites
> 1 600 Members
> 700 Institutions
181 Member States









### 61. Madagascar-Level II-April 2009 62. China-Focussed Wksp-May 2009 GFN Training activities 2000 002011

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- 65. China-Nat. course-Sept 2009
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## Global Foodborne Infections Network

# www.who.int/gfn









## Salmonella eradication 5

### Environment

- Outside facilities: Air inlet
- Air coolers
- Silo area
- Other farm animals (sheep, cattle,
- Pet animals





