

## **Regional Animal Health Centre: Action Plan for the years 2009 - 2010**

### **The most important activities to be performed during this 2 year period are the following:**

- the follow-up of conclusions and recommendations of the RAHC workshop on Rinderpest, hold in Amman in February 2008, to come to official country freedom recognition for all Middle Eastern countries.
- the implementation of a regional project for the control of FMD in line with the recommendations of the 4<sup>th</sup> FMD Round Table hold in Amman under the umbrella of the Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADs. This project should be integrated in the global strategy for the global control of FMD, which will be defined during the OIE-FAO Global Conference on FMD next June in Paraguay.
- the study of a specific RVF predicting model adapted to the region to be able to prevent the apparition of the disease and to implement relevant measures.
- a better understanding of the situation of PPR in the region. Joint programmes with the RAHC for the North Africa from Tunis should be developed considering the involvement of this centre in the control of recent PPR outbreaks affecting Morocco.

The aim of the RAHC to promote the animal health in the Middle East is an important challenge for both organisations.

The continuous collaboration and cooperation established within the RAHC is an important tool to face such challenge by establishing relevant projects and strategies adapted to country needs.

The arrival of Dr George Khoury as Regional Coordinator for the FAO ECTAD Unit for the Middle East, demonstrating the FAO involvement in such matters and the good collaboration with OIE and FAO, will participate to achieve this objective.