



## MEDREONET NEWSLETTER N°2

*Guillaume Gerbier left CIRAD last September for the Veterinary Services in Guadeloupe (Caribbean Island). Thanks to Guillaume for his involvement in the development and implementation of this concerted action.*

### Management

**Eligible costs are depending upon each partner's duties. In your internal financial plan, do not forget the costs for audit and overheads.**

All of you - *except Morocco for provisional administrative reasons* - have received the first budget.

Expenses for field studies - Bulgaria, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Turkey - have to be taken from each country budget.

**The next annual meeting<sup>1</sup> will be held from 12 to 14 December 2007 in Spain:**  
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### WP activities news:

For each WP, minutes of the kick off meeting are available on the MedReoNet website:  
<http://www.medreonet.cirad.fr>

WP1: Analysis of the questionnaire sent by Armando Giovannini will be presented during the next annual meeting.

WP2: D2.1 - Recommendations of the optimal trap design for sampling have been displayed (multicentre assay on *C. imicola* in France, Balears and South Africa). D2.2 - Guide to the identification, including molecular methods, of *Culicoides spp.* vectors and potential vectors present in the Mediterranean basin; ring trial on molecular methods of *Obsoletus* complex will start ASAP.

WP3: --

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<sup>1</sup> Additional meetings: Apart from the meetings needed for the different WP activities, keeping in mind that the objective of the project is to share information and encourage meetings on *Culicoides*-borne diseases, it is possible to organise additional meetings for instance on a regional basis. The following rules apply: (i) Objectives of the meeting have to fulfil Medreonet objectives; (ii) Medreonet coordinator has to be informed about the objectives and the participants of this meeting ;(iii) In order to disseminate the results of this meeting, a short summary of conclusions will be send to the coordinator; (iv) Note that it is additional activities and that the core activities of Medreonet are the priority.



**WP4:** You will find on the MedReoNet website (<http://medreonet.cirad.fr/maps>) the first maps of the MedReoNet GIS project. Inclusion of data from the MedReoNet partners should be discussed during the next annual meeting.

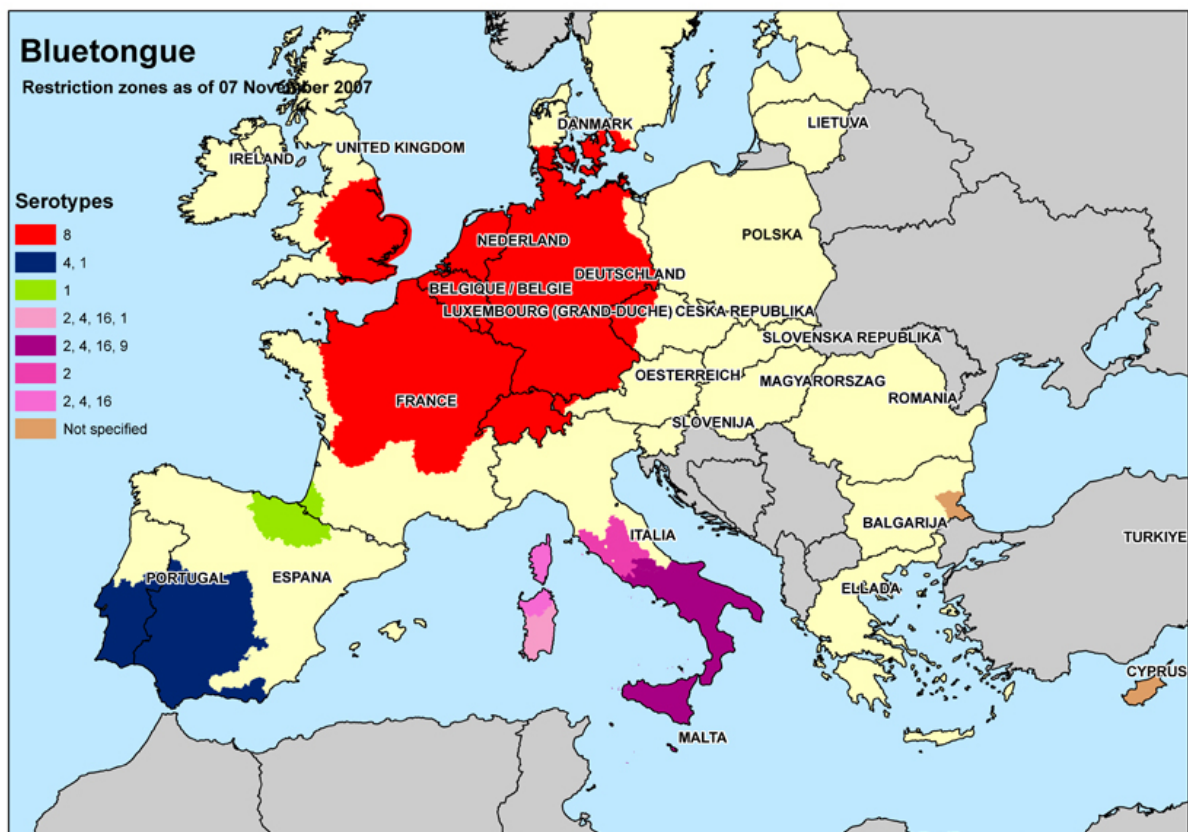
**WP5:** A technical meeting of some of the partners - Algeria, Bulgaria and Turkey – involved in field studies was held in CReSA Barcelona in September. A draft protocol has been sent for feedback. A first pathway for quantitative risk assessment modelling has been displayed to all the WP5 partners. An Expert Opinion Workshop is visualised before and during the next annual meeting.

## Additional information

PROMED-MAIL MAP. Updated continuously from ProMED-mail reports by <http://www.healthmap.org/en>

Restriction zones in Europe:

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/diseases/controlmeasures/BlueTongue\\_RestrictedZones.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/diseases/controlmeasures/BlueTongue_RestrictedZones.jpg)



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DEFRA (UK):

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/diseases/notifiable/bluetongue/index.htm>

VLA (UK):

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/vla/science/science-viral-bluetongue.htm>