

**IV SEMINAR ON HARMONIZATION OF REGISTER AND CONTROL  
OF VETERINARY MEDICINES**

**WORKSHOP ON RB51 VACCINE FOR BRUCELLA ABORTUS**

**Organized by :**

**INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ANIMAL  
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**WEDNESDAY, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1998**

- 8:30-9:00 AM Overview of Brucellosis Control in the Americas  
Dr. José Germán Rodríguez Torres,  
Director, Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center  
(PANAFTOSA), Pan American Health Organization.
- 9:00-9:30 AM Development and Characteristics of the RB51 Strain  
Dr. Gerhardt Schurig. Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Scientist who developed the  
RB51 strain.
- 9:30-10:00 AM Research on the Safety and Efficacy of the RB51 Vaccine  
Dr. Steven Olsen, USDA ARS National Animal Disease Center, USDA scientist  
who conducted research demonstrating the safety and efficacy of the RB51 vaccine.
- 10:00-10:30 AM BREAK
- 10:30-11:00 AM Registration and Post-Marketing Surveillance of the RB51 Vaccine in the US  
Dr. Connic Schmellik-Sandage, USDA APHIS Center for Veterinary Biologics,  
Safety and efficacy testing of the RB51 vaccine and post-marketing surveillance
- 11:00-11:30 AM Mexico's Experience with RB51  
Dr. Héctor David Castell, Mexico Ministry of Agriculture, Director of a laboratory  
which manufactures RB51 in Mexico.
- 11:30-12:00 AM US Experiences with RB51  
Dr. Michael Piontkowski, Colorado Serum Company, Manufacturer of the USDA  
licensed vaccine used in the US
- 12:00-12:30 AM Developing Brucella Eradication Programs  
Dr. Claude Barton, USDA APHIS officer with extensive experience with  
eradication of Brucellosis in the US.
- 12:30 AM-1:00 PM Panel Discussion and Questions from the Audience

**THURSDAY August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1998**

- 8:00-10:00 AM Following Workshop on RB51 Vaccine. Discussion on Developing Eradication  
Programs