

# *Havana Hosts Conference on Animal Health*

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Havana, May 8 (RHC) – Professionals of 38 nations attended in Havana the opening of the 2nd International Conference on Surveillance in Animal Health, held for the first time in Cuba, a territory free of 75% of the diseases registered in the World Organization for Animal Health.

Researchers, executives and risk management experts perceive the purpose of boosting a wider dialogue between science and policies in this field, Dr. Maria Teresa Frias commented to ACN. Dr. Maria Teresa Frias, of the National Center of Agriculture and Livestock Health, one of the promoters of the meeting, along with the Veterinary Medicine Institute, is the president of the local organizing committee.

The meetings of this second conference will run until Friday at Havana's Convention Center, with the presence of Latin American representatives, among them delegates of Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador and Mexico, and of other regions of the world, according to the program.

The Conference included the 9th meeting of the executive committee of the Caribbean Network of Epidemiological Surveillance in Animal Health, which was also held for the first time in Havana. After two days of analyses on the possibilities of minimizing risk of zoonosis, particularly in pigs, the meeting wound up last night at the Palco Hotel.



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