Yet another year is upon us and we hope all of you are off to a good start. There is an exciting year ahead in regards to releasing new information and upcoming training events. Check out “Upcoming Events” for more details. We ask you to continue sending in your presentation report forms to us. We have an electronic version of the Presentation Report Form on our website at: http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Train-TheTrainer/resources.html where you can fill it out and email it in to us. The latest version of our CD Rom is pictured at right and is titled Bioterrorism/Agroterrorism 1.0. If you are an actively reporting trainer, we can send you a copy of the new CD ROM (email cfsph@iastate.edu) or you can download the latest version of the materials off the website at www.cfsph.iastate.edu. We constantly strive to make our website a more valuable resource to you and our entire audience. We can continue to improve, but only through your comments and suggestions!!

IN THE NEWS

**HENDRA VIRUS**

According to a posting on Pro-Med, a horse in Queensland, Australia died of the fatal hendra virus in December 2004 and 10 people were being tested for symptoms. No one was seriously ill at the time of the posting and further information has not yet been released. In November 2004, a veterinarian from Cairns, Queensland recovered from a mild case of hendra virus after performing a necropsy on an affected horse. There is a fact sheet on our website that covers hendra virus in humans and horses. http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Factsheets/pdfs/hendra.pdf

**PATIENT RECOVERS FROM CLINICAL RABIES IN WISCONSIN**

A fifteen year old girl from Wisconsin was the first person to survive clinical rabies infection without pre- or postexposure prophylaxis. Generally the mortality rate is 100% for people in these situations. This is the sixth known occurrence of human recovery after rabies infection, but the first of its kind without prophylaxis. In September 2004, the girl picked up a bat at a church service and was bitten on her left index finger before releasing it. The 5mm wound was cleaned with hydrogen peroxide and no other medical treatment was sought. In October 2004, she complained of fatigue, tingling and numbness of the left hand with signs progressing to blurred vision and partial bilateral sixth-nerve palsy. She was hospitalized with hypersalivation, was intubated, and spent 7 days in a drug-induced coma. Rabies-virus specific antibodies were detected in her serum and CSF. She remained hos-

**WALL CHARTS/EEDA TEXTBOOKS**

In the last few months, we have had orders for wall charts from Erie County Public Health Laboratory in New York and the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture ordered 500 of the Emerging and Exotic Diseases of Animals textbooks to be distributed to veterinarians in the state as an effort to increase awareness and preparedness. Thank you for your orders and interest in educating others in your state!

SURVEY SHOWS HOW TO STOP ANNOYING AUDIENCES WITH BAD POWERPOINT

As CFSPH Trainers, we strive to provide you with high quality material. A lot of thought and planning went into designing our PowerPoint presentations, and a recent survey pointed out that we seem to be on the right track. However, there are some useful pointers that we felt all of our trainers could benefit from. According to Microsoft’s statistics, there are 400 million copies of Microsoft Office installed and 30 million PowerPoint’s are done each day. Wow! That alone is a staggering thought. How many people are presenting effectively though?

A web based survey conducted by Dave Paradi, a PowerPoint expert, had 159 responses and participants were asked to select the top three annoying elements of a PowerPoint presentation:

- The speaker read the slides to us 60.4%
- Text so small I couldn’t read it 50.9%
- Full sentences instead of bullets 47.8%

Other annoying habits included:

- Slides hard to see because of color choice; moving/flying text or graphics; annoying use of sounds; overly complex diagrams or chart.
AAHA (American Animal Hospital Association)—
Wed March 23, 2005, Baltimore, MD
We will be releasing our Veterinary Clinic Biological Risk Management materials in a half day training session to the attendees of AAHA. The training will focus on managing biological risk and infectious disease spread using control measures focused on routes of transmission. Topics will include current infectious disease control standards, how to assess your clinic using risk assessment tools provided, and how to design a customized infectious disease control plan for your clinic. All materials will be provided but pre-registration is requested. If you are planning on attending this year’s AAHA meeting, we encourage you to attend this innovative training. Registration information for AAHA is available at http://www.aahanet.org/Annual_Meeting/Baltimore/Bal_home.htm Email dbweddle@iastate.edu for more information.

AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association)—
July 16, 2005, Minneapolis, MN
Protecting Animal Agriculture: Disease Recognition and Biosecurity
This Saturday session will feature a variety of speakers on topics ranging from agroterrorism preparedness to a systems-based approach for diagnosing emerging and exotic diseases, with attention focused on clinical signs and gross lesions in various species. Additionally, prevention techniques that practicing veterinarians and producers can use everyday will be discussed. For more information, stay tuned to our website and www.AVMA.org website for additional details as they transpire. This will not be a traditional train-the-trainer session.

AABP (American Association of Bovine Practitioners)—
September 21, 2005, Salt Lake City, UT
This pre-conference seminar will focus on Biological Risk Management for Beef and Dairy Operations. Bovine practitioners will spend the day learning a systems-based approach for diagnosing ruminant diseases and look at specific prevention methods based on a route of transmission approach. Materials will be provided and sign up is required separate from the Annual Meeting. Details to follow, so stay tuned to our website and www.AABP.org for more information.

POWERPOINT CON’T

Remember the 6x6x6 rule—no more than 6 bullets per slide; no more than 6 words per bullet; and no more than 6 slides in a row without a graphic. The presentation is designed to enhance your message, not as a substitute for a human delivering the message.

At our trainings, Dr. Amy Slagell talked about preparing ahead. This will allow the PowerPoint to aid your talk, not be the primary focus. The online survey respondents also commented on other presentation distractions: speakers not being prepared, unbalanced text and graphics on slides, and not knowing how to use the technology. We encourage you to know your audience, give yourself time to prepare and practice, and familiarize yourself with the technology. These will help you deliver effective messages and take away some of the fear of presenting.

IN THE NEWS CON’T

Hospitalized in December but was able to walk with assistance, feed herself, solve math puzzles, and was regaining the ability to speak. Full details can be obtained at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5350a1.htm A fact sheet covering animal information can be obtained at http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Factsheets/pdfs/rabies.pdf.

BT/AT AWARENESS EDUCATION UPDATE

January ‘03 – January ‘05

As a CDC Center for Public Health Preparedness, our three year funding will end in July 2005. We hope to continue developing educational training materials and are pursuing other resources to further this endeavor. We will continue to support our trainers in any way possible. Additionally, we are working to develop training material for state veterinary emergency response teams. If you feel our Center could assist your state in their efforts, have your state officials contact us.

• Over 31,280 people have attended bioterrorism/agroterrorism awareness education sessions!!!
• 145 presenters have given 795 presentations to colleagues and clients in 47 states plus Puerto Rico, Mexico, Brazil, Grenada, Singapore, and Switzerland.
• Thank you all for your efforts and keep up the good work!!