

## International Workshop on ‘Surveillance and Diagnosis of Glanders’

8<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, ICAR-NRCE, Hisar

International Workshop on ‘**Surveillance and Diagnosis of Glanders**’ was organized at ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar from 8-17 February 2016. The workshop was organized as per approved objectives of OIE Twinning laboratories project on glanders in association with Friedrich Loeffler Institut, Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, Institute of Bacterial Infections and Zoonoses, Jena, Germany (Parent laboratory).

Seven international participants from Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Iran and eight national participants from different regions of India –Jammu & Kashmir, Uttrakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab participated in the workshop.

Aim of the workshop was to provide hands on training in the area of serological diagnosis of glanders like complement fixation test and indirect ELISA and to build network among glanders endemic countries for surveillance of glanders.



Experts from parent laboratory (Germany) Prof. Heinrich Neubauer, Dr Mandy Elscner and Dr Falk Melzer and from candidate laboratory (NRCE, Hisar) Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Dr S.K. Khurana, Dr. H. Singha and Dr. Praveen Malik has delivered series of lectures and provided hands on training to the participants.

Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Director, CIRB, Hisar inaugurated the workshop and emphasized the need of systemic surveillance of glanders.

During the inaugural session Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Director, NRCE gave an overview of the research and activities of the institute followed by a presentation on global scenario of Glanders by Prof Heinrich Neubauer. A training manual and video documentary on glanders was released during the workshop.

Brig. S. S. Kashyap, Commandant, Equine Breeding Stud, Hisar highlighted the importance of conducting such workshop in view of zoonotic importance and prevalence of disease in Southern Asia and Middle-East.