



# Press information

## Modern Animal Disease Diagnostics in Germany

### 6. Riemser Diagnostiktage in Greifswald

Insel Riems, 19 November 2013. On November 21 and 22, recent developments in the field of animal disease diagnostics will be presented at the "6. Riemser Diagnostiktage" held at the Alfred-Krupp-Wissenschaftskolleg in Greifswald. Scientists and laboratory diagnosticians will report about new methods, current control programs and „exotic“ animal diseases which might occur in Germany over the next years. Furthermore, insights into animal disease diagnostics in Africa and Asia will be provided. The conference is organized jointly every other year by the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI) and the Working Group for Veterinary Infection Diagnostics (Arbeitskreis für veterinärmedizinische Infektionsdiagnostik, AVID) of the German Veterinary Medical Society (DVG). This year, approximately 200 participants are expected.

The steadily increasing registration numbers demonstrate that this conference for diagnosticians from public and private diagnostic laboratories has become a well-established event over the past years. Subjects like so far exotic animal diseases, zoonoses (infectious diseases which can be transmitted between animals and humans) and blood-sucking biting midges become more and more important. The conference agenda and further information (in German language) are provided on the FLI website.

The FLI houses more than 75 national reference laboratories for notifiable and reportable animal diseases such as swine fever, fowl plague or bovine tuberculosis. The reference laboratories clarify suspect cases and develop and improve diagnostic methods, which are then standardized and transferred to the diagnostic agencies of the federal states. To ensure high-quality animal disease diagnostics, the reference laboratories organize ring trials or similar measures and provide advice to the veterinary agencies.