

Rabies in Borneo (RIB 2024)

30th September – 1st October 2024 | Imperial Hotel, Kuching

RIB 2024 aspires to be the leading authority in community rabies prevention and control. This conference will unite global and local experts and practitioners to establish a forum for exchanging and transferring knowledge. The event will feature a roster of invited speakers covering diverse topics aligned with RIB's objectives.

The Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak will actively contribute to the conference preparation process. We anticipate that this collaborative effort will prove advantageous for our local veterinary professionals, fostering knowledge, sharing, and the

implementation of innovative ideas and solutions to eradicate rabies in Sarawak.

The successes of the past two Rabies in Borneo conferences demonstrate their value as platforms for international collaboration. These events allow experts and professionals to share best practices and advancements in rabies control, empowering local practitioners, veterinarians, and other biomedical professionals in their fight against the disease. This knowledge exchange is crucial for Sarawak to achieve its goal of becoming rabies-free by 2030.

Target Audience	: 400 pax (150 international and 250 local)
Exhibition	: 20 exhibitors
Conference Elements	: Keynote Address, Plenaries, Symposiums, Forums and Research Presentations
Social Events	: Welcoming Dinner

Day 1 | 30th September 2024, Monday

Time	Programme
07:00 – 08:00	Registration & Networking Breakfast
08:50	Arrival of VIP & Guest of Honour at Conference Hall
09:00 – 09:10	Welcoming Remarks by Organising Chairperson YBhg. Datu Dr. Adrian Susin Ambud <i>Director of Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak, Malaysia</i>
09:10 – 09:20	Welcoming Address The Honourable Dato Sri Dr. Stephen Rundi Utom <i>Minister of Food Industry, Commodity and Regional Development Sarawak</i>
09:20 – 10:20	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Together Against Rabies: Protecting Animals, Enforcing Laws, Engaging Communities The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg <i>Premier of Sarawak</i>
	Official Launch of Rabies in Borneo 2024 (RIB 2024)
	MoU Exchange Ceremony - <i>Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak x Sarawak Infectious Disease Centre</i> - <i>Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak x Place Borneo Sdn Bhd</i>
10:20 – 11:20	Exhibition Walkabout
	Press Conference
10:30 – 11:00	PLENARY 1 Delivery of the Tripartite Commitment to Eliminate Rabies by 2030: GARC Experience Dr. Terence Scott (Luxembourg) <i>Director of Programmes of Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC), United States of America</i>
11:00 – 11:30	PLENARY 2 ASEAN Rabies Elimination Strategies Dr. Pebi Purwo Suseno (Indonesia) <i>Senior Veterinary Officer of Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia</i>

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11:30 – 12:30	<p>FORUM 1 Community Engagement Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Terence Scott (Luxembourg) <i>Director of Programmes of Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC), United States of America</i> 2. Dr. Melanie Flores Pescadilla (The Philippines) <i>City Veterinarian of Bais City Veterinary Office, The Philippines</i> 3. Dr. Wilaiwan Petsophonsakul (Thailand) <i>Founder of Lanna Dog Welfare, C/C Laboratory for Rabies Vaccine Evaluation of Chiang Mai University, Thailand</i> 4. Kinsi Anak Bilu (Malaysia) <i>Assistant Director of Sarawak Security and Enforcement Unit, Malaysia</i> <p>Moderator: Datin Dona Drury Wee (Malaysia) <i>President of Sarawak Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Malaysia</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 13:35	Energiser
13:35 – 14:05	<p>PLENARY 3 Joint Rabies Enforcement Operation Dr. Ho Ai Chia (Malaysia) <i>Public Health Physician of Sarawak State Health Department, Malaysia</i></p>
14:05 – 15:05	<p>SYMPOSIUM 1 Multisectoral Management in Rabies Elimination Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Veterinary Services Roles in Rabies Management Dr. Shaharul Akmar Bin Talib (Malaysia) <i>Director of Department of Veterinary Services Kedah, Malaysia</i> 2. Ministry of Health Roles in Rabies Management Dr. Ho Ai Chia (Malaysia) <i>Public Health Physician of Sarawak State Health Department, Malaysia</i>

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	<p>3. Trap, Neuter, Release/Rehome (TNR) collaboration between the City Council of Penang Island (MBPP) and Independent Aid for the Protection and Welfare of Animals (IAPWA). Dr. Chin Wee Loon (Malaysia) <i>Deputy Director of Environmental Health Department Penang Island City Council, Malaysia</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Johnny Pangkas (Malaysia) <i>Kuching Divisional Health Officer of Kuching Division Health Office Sarawak, Malaysia</i></p>
15:05 – 15:35	<p>PLENARY 4 Using Dog Bite Surveillance for Targeted Removal of Free-roaming Animals in Sibü Dr. Teh Jo Hun (Malaysia) <i>Sibu Divisional Health Officer of Sibu Division Health Office Sarawak, Malaysia</i></p>
15:35 – 16:05	<p>PLENARY 5 Oral Rabies Vaccine Dr. Gowri Yale (India) <i>Rabies Programme and Technical Manager of Ceva Sante' Animale Liborne, France</i></p>
16:05 – 16:10	Energiser
16:10 – 16:40	<p>PLENARY 6 Collaborative Partnership to STOP Rabies in Sarawak Dr. Nur Indah Ahmad (Malaysia) <i>Senior Lecturer of Universiti Putra Malaysia, Deputy Coordinator Malaysia One Health University Network (MyOHUN), Malaysia</i></p>
16:40 – 17:40	<p>FORUM 2 Rabies Wildlife Surveillance Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sandy Ling (Malaysia) <i>Veterinarian of Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Malaysia</i> Drh. Wendi Prameswari (Indonesia) <i>Senior Programme Officer of One Health & Welfare, IAR Indonesian Foundation, Indonesia</i> Dr. Reuben Sunil Kumar Sharma (Malaysia) <i>Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Universiti Putra Malaysia</i> <p>Moderator: Dr. Chuo Hock Tieng (Malaysia) <i>Head of Regulatory of the Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak, Malaysia</i></p>

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17:40 - 17:45	Concluding Remarks by Deputy Organising Chairperson Dr. Nicholas Jenek (Malaysia) <i>Deputy Director of Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak, Malaysia</i>
17:45 - 18:00	Evening Tea Break
18:30 - 22:30	RIB 2024 Welcoming Dinner <i>*Please refer to the dinner programme</i>

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Day 2 | 1st October 2024, Tuesday

Time	Programme
07:30 - 08:15	Morning Coffee
08:15 - 08:20	Energiser
08:20 - 08:30	Welcoming Remarks by Scientific Chairperson Professor Dr. Rasitasam @ Razitasham Binti Safii <i>Senior Lecturer of Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak</i>
08:30 - 09:30	SYMPOSIUM 2 Good Practices in Rabies Management Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rabies Preparation Approach in Ministry of Health Brunei Darussalam Dr. Martina Kifrawi (Brunei Darussalam) <i>Medical Officer for Disease Control & Prevention of Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam</i> One Health Approach in Rabies Management: Experience from Ketapang Province, Kalimantan Barat Dr. Khairul Bahri Tambunan (Indonesia) <i>Head of Disease Prevention & Control Division, Ketapang District Health Office, West Kalimantan, Indonesia</i> The Potential of Oral Vaccine in Free-roaming YBhg. Dato' Professor Dr. Quaza Nizamuddin (Malaysia) <i>Professor of Taylor's University, Malaysia</i> Moderator: Professor Dr. Rasitasam @ Razitasham Binti Safii (Malaysia) <i>Senior Lecturer of Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia</i>
09:30 - 10:00	PLENARY 7 Current Status and Challenges of Rabies in Kalimantan Dr. Izzuddin Fathoni, Sp.K.O Subsp.APK (K) (Indonesia) <i>Chief of Diseases Prevent and Control Department, West Kalimantan Provincial Health Office Indonesia</i>
10:00 - 10:30	PLENARY 8 The Success of Animal Birth Control (ABC) Method in Chennai Dr. S. Chinny Krishna (India) <i>Co-founder & Chairman of Blue Cross of India, India</i>

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10:30 – 11:30	<p>FORUM 3 Strengthening Collaboration of Rabies Management in Borneo (SOSEK MALINDO) Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Nicholas Jenek (Malaysia) <i>Deputy Director of Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak, Malaysia</i> Dr. Banter Wahyudi (Indonesia) <i>Head Department of Animal Health and Veterinary Public Health, Plantation and Livestock Agency West Kalimantan, Indonesia</i> Dr. Diana Dennis (Brunei Darussalam) <i>Head of Livestock Industry and Veterinary Services Division, Ministry of Agriculture Brunei Darussalam, Brunei Darussalam</i> Dr. Connie Joyce Tann (Malaysia) <i>Chief Assistant Director of Veterinary Health, Department of Veterinary Services Sabah, Malaysia</i> <p>Moderator: Jack Karin (Malaysia) <i>Head Commercialisation & Investment Section, Ministry of Food Industry, Commodity and Regional Development Sarawak, Malaysia (M-FICORD)</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00	<p>PLENARY 9 Insights into Rabies Dynamics: Protection of Reproductive Number in Sarawak Epidemic Model Professor Dr. Jane Labadin (Malaysia) <i>Dean of Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia</i></p>
12:00 – 12:15	<p>RESEARCH PRESENTATION The Rationale Why Communication, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA) On Rabies Must Be Amplified in The Philippines Dr. Sherlyn Subiaga De Lima <i>University of the Philippines Los Banos Open University, The Philippines</i></p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p>RESEARCH PRESENTATION The Effectiveness of Rabies Hunter Game Application on Dog Bite Prevention Among School-Aged Children in Southern Region of Sarawak, Malaysia Dr. Syahrizal Abdul Halim <i>Lanut Matang and Selama District Health Office, Malaysia</i></p>
12:30 – 13:40	Lunch
13:40 – 13:45	Energiser

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13:45 - 14:00	<p>RESEARCH PRESENTATION Application of Protection Motivation Theory to Predict Rabies Protective Behaviour Among Community in Bintulu Dr. Yassimear Anak Ugak <i>Bintulu Divisional Health Office Sarawak, Malaysia</i></p>
14:00 - 14:30	<p>PLENARY 10 Sharing Singapore Experience on Rabies Management Dr. Lin Anhui (Singapore) <i>Director of Community Animal Management, Animal & Veterinary Service National Parks Board Singapore</i></p>
14:30 - 15:00	<p>PLENARY 11 Tips to Increase Community Engagement for Rabies Control Dr. Natasha Lee (Malaysia) <i>Animal Welfare Consultant of Asia Animal Happiness Consultancy, Malaysia</i></p>
15:00 - 16:15	<p>FORUM 4 RIB 2024 Lessons and Recommendations Panellists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Lin Anhui (Singapore) <i>Director of Community Animal Management, Animal & Veterinary Service National Parks Board Singapore</i> 2. Dr. S. Chinny Krishna (India) <i>Co-founder & Chairman of Blue Cross India, India</i> 3. Dr. Andrea Britton (Australia) <i>One Health Advisor of Ultimate Efficacy Consulting Pty. Ltd, Australia</i> 4. Dr. Wilaiwan Petsophonsakul (Thailand) <i>Founder of Lanna Dog Welfare, C/C Laboratory for Rabies Vaccine Evaluation, Chiang Mai University, Thailand</i> Moderator: Dr. Nicholas Jenek (Malaysia) <i>Deputy Director of Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak, Malaysia</i></p>
16:15 - 16:30	<p>Closing Remarks by Conference Convenor Mona Abdul Manap <i>Chief Executive Officer of Place Borneo</i></p>
16:30 - 17:00	<p>Evening Tea Break End of Day 2</p>

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