Call for Abstracts - A Book on 'Rabies Control and Prevention in Asia'

We are a multidisciplinary group of scholars working on rabies elimination issues and we want to put together a book that gathers – from **all sectors and disciplines**, inside and outside academia – the observations, experiences, challenges, solutions, opportunities, perspectives, and success stories of **'Rabies Control and Prevention in Asia'**. The objectives of this editorial project are to share important knowledge and to boost interest in this zoonotic disease, especially in the next generation of scholars, public health experts, and professionals working at the human and animal health frontline. The next decade will be key for eliminating human deaths due to dog-mediated rabies, and we see this book as a contribution to the WHO/OIE/FAO tripartite goal.

As we aim to reach and motivate as many people as possible, we want this e-book to be an **open access** publication to ensure it is accessible to everyone at no cost. Based in Cambridge and currently the biggest independent open-access academic publisher in the UK, **Open Book Publishers** have already expressed their interest in this book.

The **topics of interest** could include, but are not limited to: canine rabies; dog-mediated rabies in humans, livestock, and wildlife; surveillance; One Health and integrated health approaches; national, regional, and international strategic partnerships; vaccine research; dog vaccination strategies; dog population control; dog welfare and responsible dog ownership; dog bites; human post-exposure vaccinations; wound management; diagnostics; rabies awareness; local knowledge and understandings of rabies; traditional medicine; socio-cultural context and determinants of health; waste management; science-policy interface; mass media support for rabies control; informed education and communication for rabies; policymaking; economic burden of rabies, etc. Chapters do not need to present new data.

Should you be interested in joining us on this project – we hope you will! – please send the following information to Dr Waqas Ahmad (**waqas.hussain@uvas.edu.pk**) by no later than **May 31, 2021**: name(s) and academic affiliation(s) of the author(s), chapter title, and a 300-word abstract for preliminary review. The selected authors will be asked to prepare a chapter in the range of approx. 4,000-6,000 words, plus 10-20 references and 3-4 figures or tables. All the chapters will be peer reviewed by the editorial board and the publisher.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in contributing to this book, please send their contact information to Dr Waqas Ahmad, or forward this message to them. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Dr Waqas Ahmad. Thank you very much for considering this invitation.

Yours faithfully,

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KEY DATES

31 May 2021: Abstract submission
15 June 2021: Notification of proposal acceptance
30 September 2021: Chapter submission
31 December 2021: Review result returned
31 January 2022: Revised chapter submission
31 March 2022: Book submission to the publisher
Autumn-Winter 2022: Book publication