







The French surveillance network of equine mortality causes: a new way of monitoring major diseases



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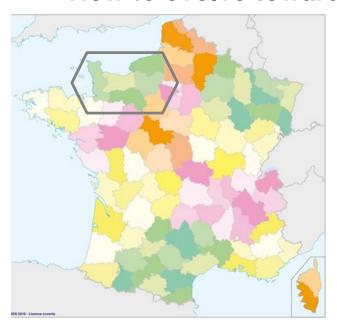
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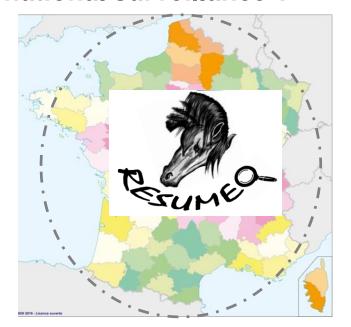
Autopsy is recognized as one of the activities that can effectively contribute to the surveillance of major diseases in animal populations

Anses - Laboratory for equine diseases, located in Normandy

Regional surveillance of the major equine diseases since 1986 Several thousands post-mortem examinations

How to evolve towards a national surveillance?





Creation of a national network of necropsy centers (Resumeq) in 2015

Purpose = qualitative surveillance of equine mortality through the centralization of autopsy data in a national database and their overall epidemiological analysis



Objectives

The French surveillance network of equine mortality causes (Resumeq)

- Qualification of the causes of equine deaths (natural or from euthanasia)
 - Ranking of the causes of deaths
- Monitoring of their evolution over time and space
- Main warning objective = early detection of emerging diseases (diseases with high mortality rate)

Its ambition today

to collect all autopsy results produced in France
In order to
obtain a complete and accurate picture of equine mortality



Institutional organization



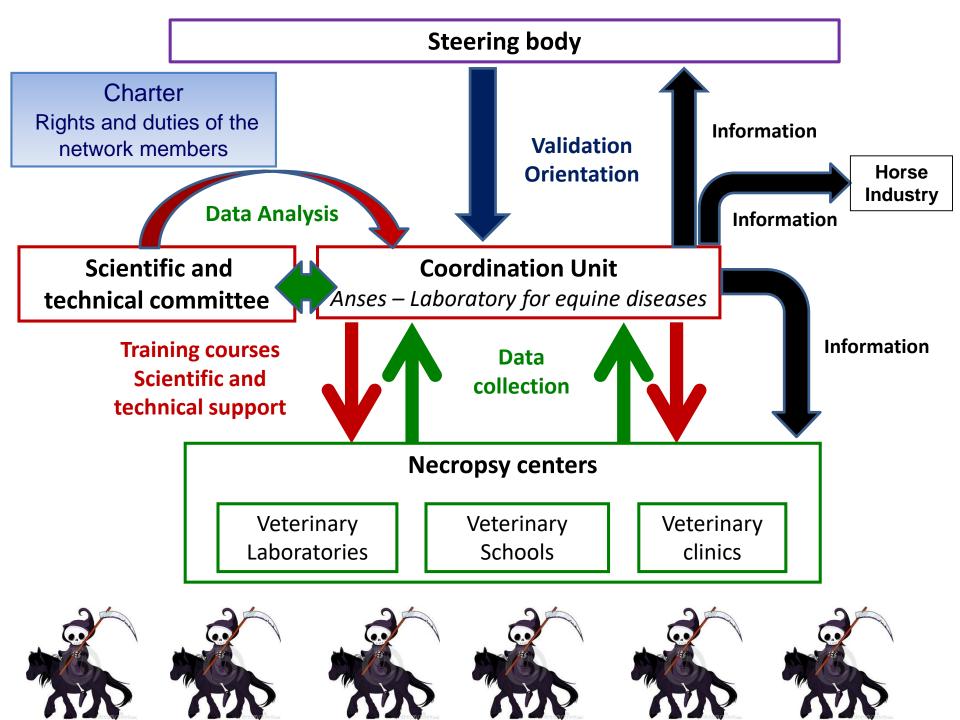
Event-based surveillance system

Diversity of participants and structures involved



Institutional organization





Specific tools to guarantee the quality of the data

Standardized autopsy protocols

Complete protocols

Simplified protocols

- ✓ National veterinary schools
 - ✓ Veterinary laboratories

√ Veterinary clinics



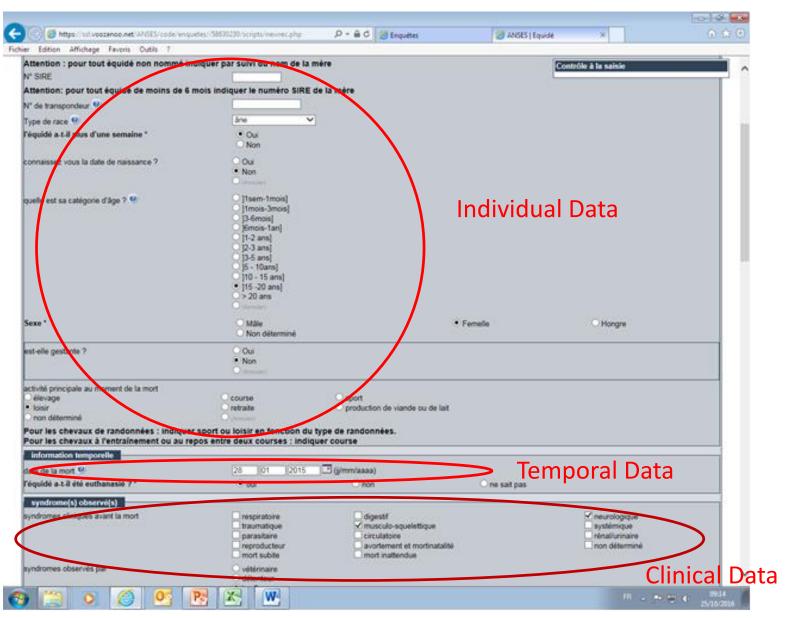
Data Standardization - Quality data that can be valued

Thesaurus for the anatomo-pathological terms
A single word for one lesion

Thesaurus for the causes of deaths
A single word for one cause of death



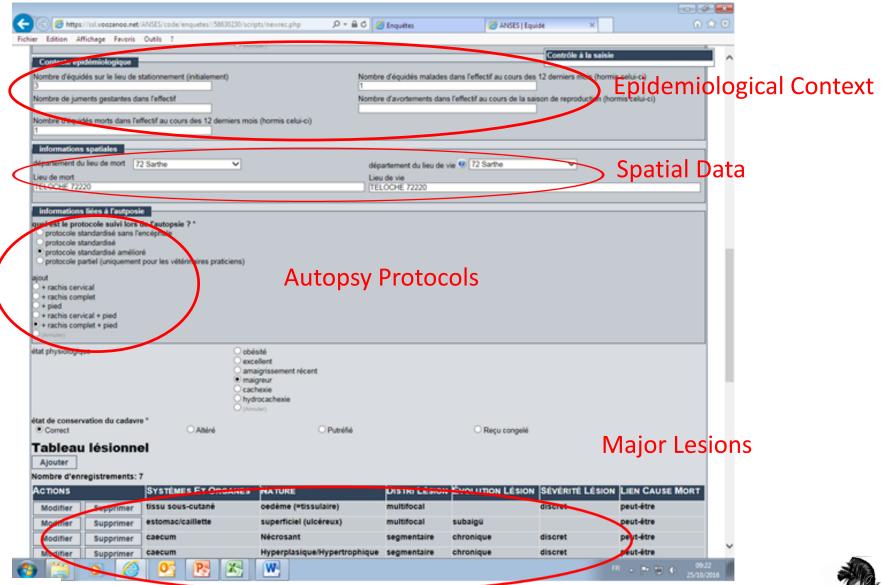
Centralization of data – Web interface for data entry





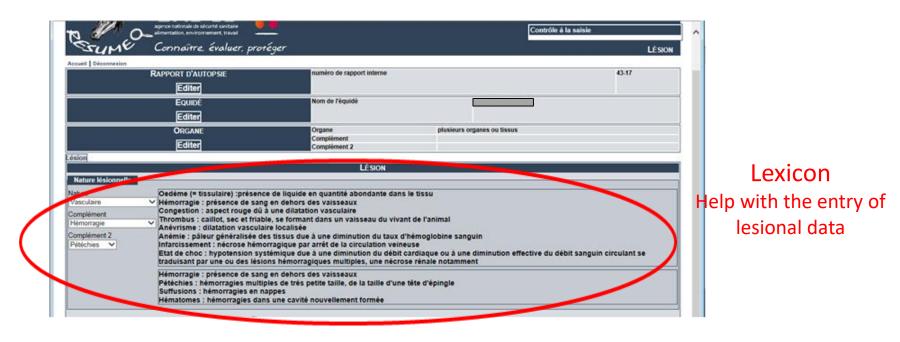


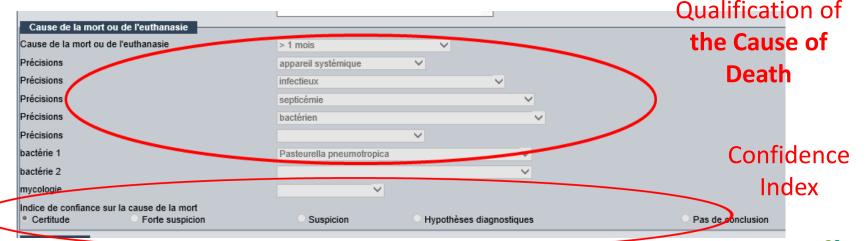
Centralization of standardized data – Web application





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First Results



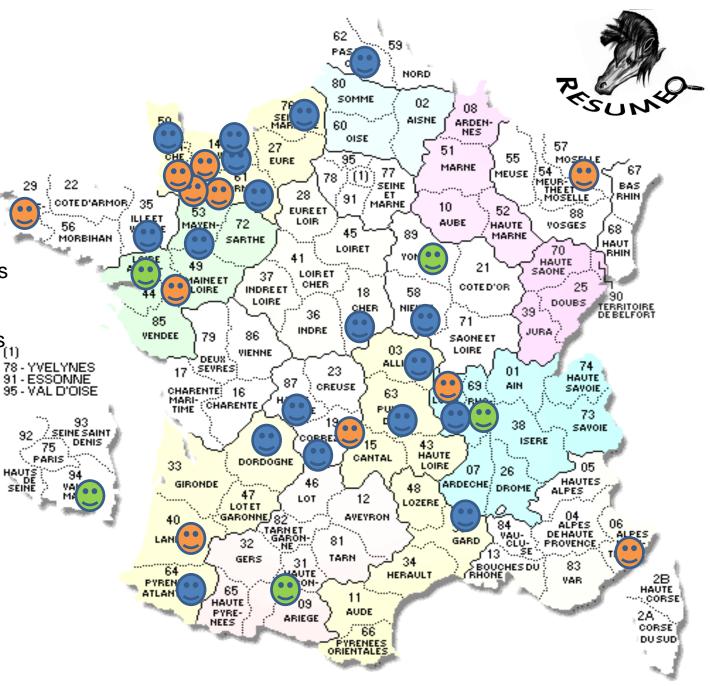


2018 34 members

- 18 Laboratories
- 4 Veterinary Schools (5 locations)
- 11 Veterinary Clinics,

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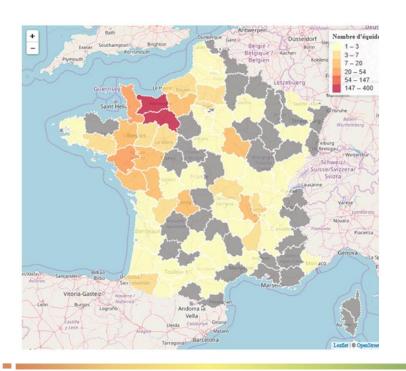
Valuation of data and communication

Interactive web application - R shiny

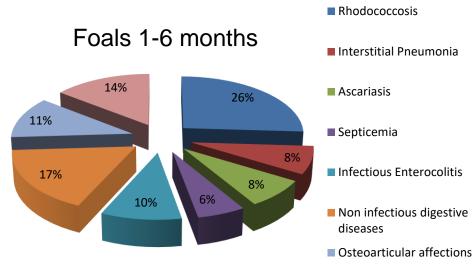
→ Visualization of data analysis results by the network contributors

Spatial distribution of the cases of equine autopsy

> 1000 cases mainly located in the north west



Ranking of the causes of death



Miscellaneous

Valuation of data and communication

Identification of threatening causes of death

✓ Local level

ex: Rhodococcosis, Abortion





✓ National level

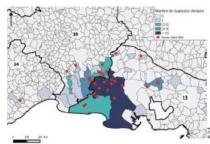
ex: West Nile Virus

✓ Regional level

ex: Acorn poisoning









First results -> Interest of this surveillance at a national level

Main limit = Geographical coverage / representativeness

→ To be improved at a national level

Future

Joint valuation of autopsy data from different countries

→ Surveillance of equine mortality causes at a European level



Development of an International/European network

Advantages

Monitoring of equine mortality at a higher level

Vision of the variations of the main equine diseases between countries

Ability to warn of dangers at an international level

Exchanges between pathologists / epidemiologists on equine diseases

That can be extended to exchanges in other disciplines (virology, parasitology, etc) between institutions / organizations



Development of an International/European network

Difficulties /constraints

Willingness of countries to share their data

Determination of the conditions of data collection, of data sharing and of data valuation data property, data access, data confidentiality, etc

Need to adopt a common/similar standardization Data, autopsy protocols, thesaurus

Need to adopt a common language



Development of an International/European network

To be considered and built on the long term

But collaboration can be initiated right now with immediate benefits

independently the feasibility of building a European network

We are open to share the experience of our young network with others

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Thank you for your attention

