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International researchers come to AVC for advanced training

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(Charlottetown, PE): Researchers from around the world have come to the Atlantic Veterinary College at UPEI to take part in the College's internationally recognized program in population health research. From August 16 to 27, forty epidemiologists from as far as Japan, Australia and Sweden have participated in two substantial short courses and a day long work shop on methods and advanced procedures for analyzing health data in Epi on the Island.

"The expertise of our faculty and credibility of our population health research program here at AVC has resulted in the College earning an international reputation as a world leader for this area of research," explains Dr. Henrik Stryhn of AVC's Department of Health Management.

"We take great pride in being asked to share our knowledge on epidemiological research with professionals from around the world who are working in areas ranging from human and animal health to criminology."

Epidemiological research relies heavily on advanced statistical techniques to sort out the complex relationships that exist between risk factors and diseases. Over the two week session lead by Drs. Henrik Stryhn, Javier Sanchez and Ian Dohoo of AVC, and Dr. Wes Johnston of the University of California, international delegates have received advanced training on sophisticated analysis of health data (known as Bayesian methods), and powerful analyzing techniques for multilevel models.

"This year's Epi on the Island session quickly sold out," says Dr.Stryhn. "This strongly suggests that AVC's expertise in epidemiological research is well recognized in scientific communities around the world."

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