

## **Juan Lubroth**

### **Head of the Emergency Prevention System (EMPRES) Animal Health Component at FAO**

Juan Lubroth is currently is Senior Officer, Head of the Emergency Prevention System (EMPRES) animal health component at FAO, Rome, and will become Chief Veterinary Officer on 1 October, 2009. Under his responsibility is the United Nations' response to epidemic animal diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease, African and classical swine fevers, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest and peste des petits ruminants, highly pathogenic avian influenza, among others. Focus is on strengthening animal health systems, improving surveillance, contingency planning, good farming practices, with the overall mission of poverty reduction and improved food security.

Prior to his appointment with FAO in early 2002, Dr Lubroth was head the Diagnostic Section at Plum Island (United States Department of Agriculture). His numerous assignments have taken him to Latin America, Caribbean, Asia and Africa for extended periods.

Dr Lubroth obtained his veterinary degree from University of Georgia, where he also received a master's degree (Medical Microbiology). His second Master's (arbovirology) and Ph.D. are from Yale University, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health.