Wildlife diseases include diseases such as avian influenza, bovine tuberculosis, anthrax and rabies. They can have negative consequences for biodiversity, human and livestock health, animal welfare and the economy. At present UK wildlife disease surveillance is poorly co-ordinated and there is a consensus on the need for a unified strategy. We will hear from speakers with experience in the scientific and practical aspects of wildlife disease. This seminar will look at the impacts of wildlife diseases, the current status of surveillance in the UK and the options to strengthen policies, including the upcoming Wildlife Health Strategy.

Programme

16.00  Welcome by Chair; the Duke of Montrose
16.05  Dr Andrew Cunningham, Institute of Zoology
16.15  Vic Simpson, Wildlife Veterinary Investigation Centre
16.25  Matthew Hartley, DEFRA
16.35  Chair’s remarks and a chance for discussion

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