

DHS University Network Summit
Chem-Bio Panel

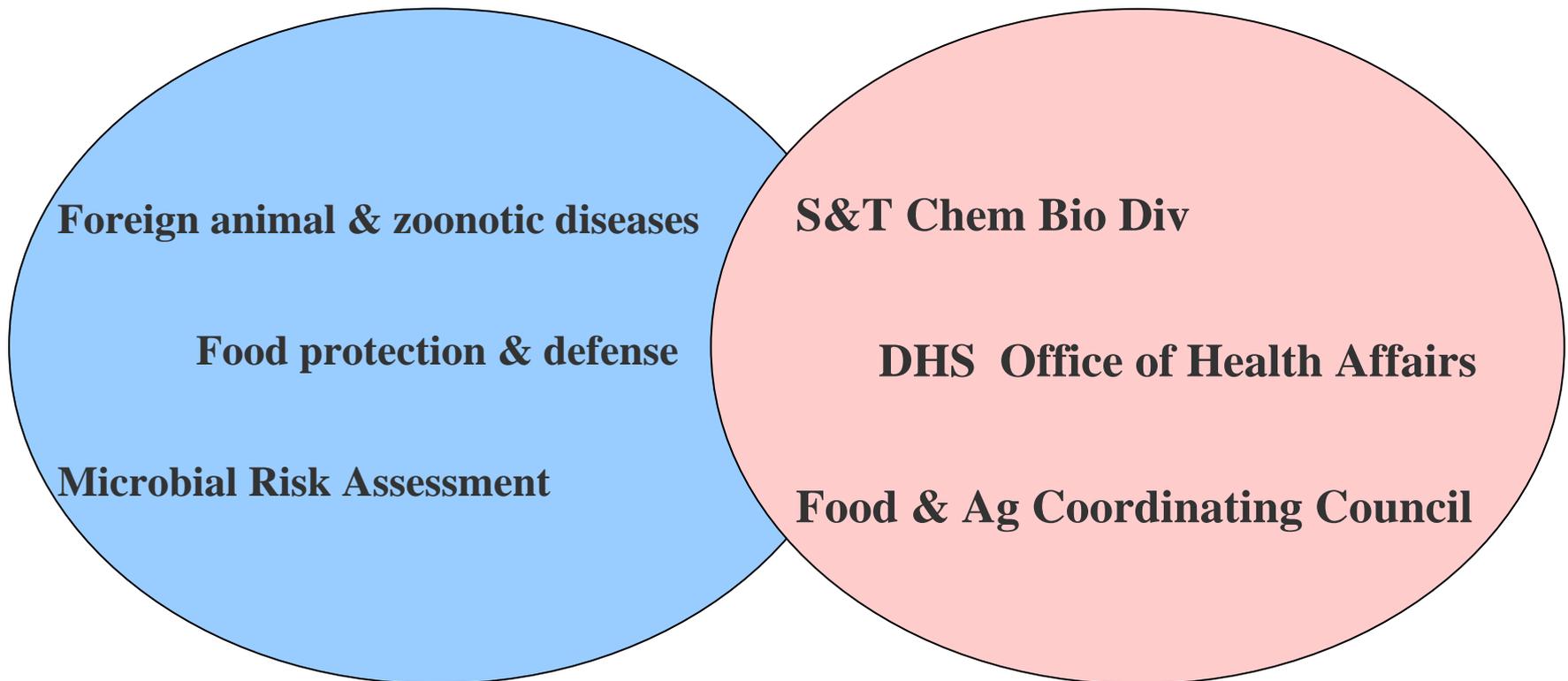
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(Moderator)



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Today's panel brings together 3 COEs and their 'DHS customers'



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DHS has major responsibilities in the areas represented by these COEs

- DHS operates the Plum Island Animal Disease Center – the only place where foreign animal diseases can be handled
- HSPD-9, *Defense of United States Agriculture and Food*, gives DHS a major role in this area
- The President's *Biodefense for the 21st Century* calls for periodic formal risk assessments. These include:
 - Microbial risk data
 - Risks to the agricultural and food systems



The COEs play a key part in meeting these needs

- Basic Research
- Applied Research
- Training the homeland security professionals of the future

Beginning in FY07, the Under Secretary for S&T has asked that the Centers of Excellence be more closely aligned with their corresponding Divisions

Today's speakers

- Neville Clark (FAZD)
- Francis Busta (NCFPD)
- Joan Rose (CAMRA)
- Clay Detlefsen (Food and Ag Sector Coordinating Council)
- Tom McGinn (DHS Office of Health Affairs)



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