

SELF-EVALUATION EXERCISE 2: Build up the model SEIPDB

The student will try to construct the SIPDB model. It can be build up from the SIPD model. In this model, susceptible animals S can get infected by three processes: contact with infected animals I , contact with dead infected animals D , and contact with free-living pathogens P . Thus, the model needs to incorporate a transmission rate for each one of these processes.

The model should consider other two processes in addition to those described in the SIPD model:

- (1) Immigration of S through recruitment of individuals at a given recruitment rate.
- (2) Natural or background mortality of S animals

To finish the exercise some diagnostic plots need can be obtained such as (1) dynamics of S , I , D , P , (2) per day infections due to each of the transmission process, and (3) other latervative diagnostic plots as prevalence of infection, cumulative mortality, etc.