Background: Approximately one-third of the world population of saiga antelope recently died over a period of a few weeks, in a remote area of Kazakhstan - approximately 150,000 carcasses were officially counted. Wendy is in the final year of her PhD studies on brucellosis in wildlife, livestock and people in Kazakhstan, and joined a recent expedition to the Kazakh steppe, as part of the ongoing investigation. She will describe the unique features of the saiga antelope, Kazakh steppe and epidemic, and will propose some ideas for discussion.