



IMS Animal welfare workshop Programme – April 12 & 13, 2007, Paris

Thursday April 12

- 09:00 – 09:15 **Introduction by Patrick Moore, Irish Bord Bia, IMS President**
- 09:15 – 12:15 **Man/animal relationships – the place of animals in our societies**
Chair: Guillaume Roué, INAPORC
- 09:15 – 10:15 **Keynote speakers**
- Representations of the animals: historical perspective, contemporary ideological challenges (Jacques Servière, INRA Research Director, Professor of Animal Sciences at the Paris Agronomic Institute)
 - The role of non-governmental organisations (David Wilkins, International Coalition for Farm Animal Welfare – ICFAW, International Coalition for Farm Animal Welfare)
- 10:15 – 10:35 **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Dealing with AW organisations**
- Animal Welfare is only one of the constraints weighing on meat and livestock production systems (Jean-Louis Bignon – Interbev, French Meat & Livestock Association)
 - QMS-Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals joint farm inspection scheme (Andy Mc Gowan – QMS, Quality Meat Scotland)
 - Improving our knowledge of AW organisations across the world (Nils Beaumont – Interbev)
- 12:00 – 12:15 **Discussion**
- 12:15 – 13:50 **Lunch**
- 13:50 – 18:00 **Research in animal welfare**
Chair: David Lister, IMS
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Measurable "welfare outcomes" for the 3 essential phases for the industry: farming, transport (land and sea) and slaughtering**
- Evaluating and auditing animal welfare at slaughterhouse level (Temple Grandin – Colorado State University, presentation by telephone)
 - MLA's research in objective welfare measures (Danielle Marotti – MLA, Meat & Livestock Australia)
 - Current and future use of welfare outcomes in UK certification schemes (David Main – Bristol University Animal Welfare Foundation/MLC, Meat & Livestock Commission)
 - The EU Welfare Quality programme (Thierry Chillaud – French Livestock Production Office)
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**
- 16:00 – 17:30 **A review of the present research programmes on animal welfare: in farming, during transport and at the slaughterhouse**
- Research on cattle transport from Ireland (Bernadette Earley – Teagasc/Bord Bia)
 - MLA's R&D investments in animal welfare, including on farm, road and sea transport and feedlot investments (Danielle Marotti – MLA)
 - A review of the US swine welfare research (Paul Sundberg – US National Pork Board)
 - Research on pig welfare in transport (Patrick Chevillon – INAPORC/IFIP, French pig industry technical institute)
 - On farm welfare assessment: a way to improve animal welfare (Valérie Courboulay – INAPORC/IFIP)
- 17:30 – 18:00 **Future research programmes: discussion on what and how?**
- 19:30 – 23:00 **Gala dinner and show at the Lido**

Friday April 13

09:00 – 12:30 **Present animal welfare regulations and standards**
Chair: Patrick Moore, Irish Bord Bia, IMS President

09:00 – 10:30 National and multinational regulations

- A review of regulation levels in various areas
 - EU (Frans van Dongen – PVE, Dutch Meat Board)
 - New Zealand (Anne Berryman – Meat & Wool New Zealand)
 - United States (Janet Riley – American Meat Institute)
- OIE guidelines for land and sea transport, slaughtering for human consumption and sanitary culling; the process and its limits. IMS/OIE collaboration (Leopoldo Stuardo – OIE, the World Animal Health Organisation)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 Impact of AW standards and pressures on the industry

- Potential impact of EU legislation on intra-EU store cattle trade (Hugues Beyler – FFCB, French Livestock Trader Federation)
- Phasing out individual sow gestation stalls: major North American companies anticipate changes (Catherine Scovil – Canadian Pork Council, & Paul Sundberg – US National Pork Board)
- EU orientation on welfare labelling (Arjan van Dijk – PVE, Dutch Meat Board)

12:00 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 17:30 **Communication and action plan**

Chair: Phil Seng, USMEF, IMS AW Committee Chairman

14:00 – 15:30 Industry led initiatives

- Best practice guidelines
 - U.S. perspective on best practice guidelines (Paul Sundberg – US National Pork Board)
 - Animal Welfare Improvements in the U.S. Meat Packing Industry: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach (Janet Riley – American Meat Institute)
 - Canada's voluntary approach to farm animal care: codes of practice and producer education (Ian McKillop – Canadian Cattlemen's Association)
- A self evaluation form for farmers in Austria (Andreas Herrmann – Agramarkt Austria Marketing GesmbH)
- The French experience and strategy of communication in relation to animal welfare (Servanne Roze – CIV, French Meat Information Centre)
- A major challenge: translating the professionals knowledge and experience into resources available for and used by the scientific community (Jacques Capdeville – IE, French Livestock Husbandry Institute)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 IMS AW Committee work:

- History of the Committee, role and working methods (Phil Seng or Nils Beaumont)
- Future work programme for the Committee: discussion among Committee members
 - AWC functioning
 - Practical work to undertake
 - Reaching other AW actors
 - Communication
 - Lobbying (presentation of the PR operation planned during the OIE general session (Nils Beaumont – Interbev.)