



## "One Health: Healthy Animals = Healthy People"

Monday, November 10, 2008

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

*(Venue: AUTOWORLD, Parc du Cinquantaire, Brussels)*

*The purpose of this conference is to illustrate how high standards of animal health have a positive impact on human health and consumer wellbeing. It also marks the launch of the EU-wide "Veterinary week" communication campaign, which promotes the "One health" concept, where "healthy animals = healthy people". Through exchange of information and views between the various stakeholders, both the campaign and the conference aim at increasing the awareness and implementation of biosecurity measures, as a way to improve animal and public health in the EU.*

### Morning Session

**9.30 – 10.00:** Registration and welcome coffee

**10.00 – 10:10: Welcome and introduction of speakers**

*by [Bernard Van Goethem](#), Director for animal health and welfare, DG Health and consumers, European Commission*

**10:10 – 10:30: The new Animal Health Strategy for the EU, where Prevention is better than cure**

*by [Robert Madelin](#), Director-General for Health and Consumers, European Commission*

**10.30 – 12.30: Keynote speeches**

- **Improving animal and public health by a continuous upgrade of veterinary services worldwide**

*by [Bernard Vallat](#), Director General of the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE)*

- **Would there be healthy people without healthy animals?**

*by [Marc Sprenger](#), Chairman of the management board of the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)*

- **EU Veterinarians as key actors for "One health" in their various tasks and missions**

*by [Walter Winding](#), President of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)*

- **Which challenges for EU farmers and animal health, now and in the future?**

By [Elisabeth Jeggle](#), *Member of the European Parliament*

- **The European Veterinary Week 2008**

by [Paola Testori Coggi](#), *Deputy Director General, DG Health and consumers, European Commission*

**12.45 - 14.30: Lunch**

## Afternoon session

**14.30 to 16.00: Parallel panel discussions**

- **On-farm Biosecurity: "Every action counts"**
  - Neil Parish (*Member of the European Parliament*) - Chair
  - P. Buisson (*Union of European Veterinary Practitioners*)
  - P. Olsen (*COPA – COGECA*)
  - D. Delmotte (*European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security*)
  - P. Vesseur (*Association of poultry producers and poultry trade in the EU countries*)
  - M. Courat (*Eurogroup for animals*)
- **Border biosecurity and import controls: "Diseases don't respect borders"**
  - M. Eloit (*Chief Veterinary Officer, France*) - Chair
  - J. Karlsson (*Custom Administration, Sweden*)
  - J. Pulford (*DG TAXUD, European Commission*)
  - R. Missen (*DG TREN, European Commission*)
  - D. Brydges (*European Livestock and Meat Trading Union and International Meat Association*)
- **One Health: "Healthy animals = healthy people"**
  - R. Coutinho (*Center of infection and immunology, Amsterdam*) – Chair
  - Colm Gaynor *DG SANCO, European Commission*
  - R.L. Maijala (*European Food Safety Authority*)
  - R. Lesuis (*Union of European Veterinary Hygienists*)

– D. O'Brien (*International Federation for Animal Health - Europe*)

**16.00 to 16.30: Coffee break**

**16.30 to 17.00: Feedback** (by the chairs of the parallel sessions)

**17.00 to 17.30: Conclusions and closing speech**

by [A. Vassiliou](#), *Commissioner for Health, European Commission*

**17.30 to 19.00: Cocktail**

**19.30: Dinner at AUTOWORLD museum**