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PROGRAMME

FIRST WORKSHOP FOR VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS

Improving animal welfare : a practical approach

DG SANCO

organised in co-operation with Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE),
the Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development, Hungarian Veterinary Chamber (HVC)

BUDAPEST VETERINARY SCHOOL

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Directorate-General for
Health & Consumers



DAY I : MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2011

SECTION 1 – WHY SHOULD WE CARE MORE ABOUT ANIMAL WELFARE ?

Chair : *President HVC (dr. Gábor GÖNCZI)*

10.00	Participants registration and welcome coffee
10.30	Opening of conference by chairman : <i>President dr. Gábor GÖNCZI</i>
10.35	Opening presentations by : <i>Endre KARDEVÁN</i> - Hungarian Chief Veterinary Officer <i>Andrea GAVINELLI</i> - Head of Unit, Animal Welfare, DG SANCO <i>Hans-Joachim GÖTZ</i> - Vice-President FVE <i>Maciej KLOCKIEWICZ</i> - Warsaw Faculty Poland
10.50	Importance of Animal Welfare in Hungary and the role of veterinarians <i>Lajos BOGNÁR</i> - deputy CVO Hungary
11.05	Promotion of Animal Welfare by the Hungarian Veterinary Chamber <i>Zsolt PINTÉR</i> - President Budapest Regional Chamber, HVC
11.20	The future European Union Animal Welfare Strategy : towards a new model of governance <i>Andrea GAVINELLI</i> - Head of Unit, Animal Welfare, DG Sanco
11.40	Welfare on farm : beyond the five freedoms <i>Christopher WATHES</i> - Professor of Animal Welfare, Royal Veterinary College, Chair FAWC
12.00	Auditing welfare of farmed animals <i>Ákos VÉGH</i> - Head of Animal Welfare Unit, Government Office for Fejér County, Directorate of Food Chain Safety and Animal Health
12.20	Does higher welfare pays off? Economic and other incentives/constraints to making animal welfare improvements. <i>Kees DE ROEST</i> - Centro Ricerche Produzioni Animali - C.R.P.A. S.p.A - partner in the Econwelfare programme
12.40	Discussion
12.50	FVE/ Conclusions and House keeping messages <i>László FODOR</i> - Dean Budapest Veterinary Faculty and President of EAEVE <i>Nancy DE BRIYNE</i> - Deputy Executive Director, FVE
13.00	Lunch

SECTION 2 – SPECIES SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS : LEGISLATION, ANIMAL WELFARE ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND PRACTICALITIES SESSION

All participants will be divided in 4 groups of maximum 40 participants per group. The 4 groups will be :

- a working group on poultry
- a working group on cattle
- a working group on pigs
- a working group on Wild animals in Captivity

MONDAY AFTERNOON : THEORETICAL SESSION FROM 14:30 – 18.00 (in veterinary faculty)

POULTRY SESSION

Chairs :

Viktória FORGÓ – Head of Animal Health Unit Government Office for Budapest Directorate of Food Chain Safety and Animal Health

Stefan GUNNARSSON - Researcher, Swedish University of Agriculture Sciences

Knut NIEBUHR - Assistant Professor, Institute of animal husbandry and animal welfare, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria

14.30	Poultry welfare Legislation : Introduction and current challenges Krisztián HARSÁNYI - animal welfare referent, Ministry of Rural Development, Food Chain Safety Department
15.00	Discussion critical welfare issues and possible solutions in <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broiler chickens : microclimate, litter quality, stocking density, ...• Laying hens : e.g. housing systems, beak trimming, ...
16.15	Assessment of welfare in poultry flocks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to assessment on farm• practical demonstration and video examples• creating a 'checklist'
17.00	Practical preparation of site visits (aspects for examinations, forming of groups, etc.)

CATTLE SESSION

Chairs :

János LEHOCZKY – Honorary reader, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Szent István University

Christophe WINCKLER – Professor, Division of Livestock Sciences, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Giulio COZZI – Professor Dairy and beef cattle management, nutrition and welfare, Department of Animal Science, University of Padova, Italy

14.30	Cattle Legislation : Introduction and current challenges
15.00	Critical Animal Welfare Issues with Cattle : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall cattle welfare issues : feeding, housing, ...• Dairy cows : housing (space, ventilation, feed/water), feeding, lameness, dehorning, mastitis, ...• Fattening bulls : housing, castration, ...• Veal Calves : housing, feeding/watering
16.15	Assessment of welfare in cattle <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to assessment on farm• practical demonstration and video examples• creating a 'checklist'
17.00	Practical preparation of site visits (aspects for examinations, forming of groups, etc.)

PIG SESSION

Chairs:

Ákos VÉGH - Head of Animal Welfare Unit, Government Office for Fejér County, Directorate of Food Chain Safety and Animal Health

Antoni DALMAU - Researcher on animal welfare, Institut de Recerca i Tecnologia Agroalimentàries, Spain

Christine LEEB - Division of Livestock sciences, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria

14.30	Pig Legislation: Introduction and current challenges
15.00	Critical Animal Welfare Issues with Pigs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sows and Piglets: housing, weaning, microclimate, ... • Fattening pigs: housing, castration, tail biting, microclimate, ...
16.15	Assessment of welfare in pig farms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to assessment on farm • practical demonstration and video examples • creating a 'checklist'
17.00	Practical preparation of site visits (aspects for examinations, forming of groups, etc.)

WILD ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY SESSION

Session organised in collaboration with:

- Budapest Zoo & Federation of Hungarian Zoos
- Born Free Foundation & Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education, University of Edinburgh
- European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians (EAZVV)
- FVE and the European Commission (DG Sanco, DG ENV)

Chairs:

Endre SÓS - Chief Veterinarian, Budapest Zoo, Hungary

Heather BACON - Royal School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

14.30	EU Legislation: Introduction and current challenges Jorge SAVIO - European Commission, DG Environment
14.50	Keeping wild animals in captivity: Are conditions meeting EC legislative requirements? Daniel TURNER - Programmes Manager - Global animal welfare, Born Free Foundation
15.10	Captive wildlife - why welfare matters according to EAZA Miklós PERSÁNYI - director general Budapest Zoo and Secretary of EAZA Executive Council
15.30	Providing a suitable captive environment How EAZA Standards encourage best practice in animal care Endre SÓS - Budapest Zoo & European Association Zoo and Aquariums
15.50	Increasing animal welfare through environmental enrichment to secure genetically healthy populations Róbert VEPRİK – President, Federation of Hungarian Zoos
16.10	Interactive discussion on some critical issues
16.30	Assessment of the welfare of wild animals kept in captivity Heather BACON - Royal School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom
17.10	Practical preparation of site visits (aspects for examinations, forming of groups, etc.)

18.00

Reception at Vet Faculty **for all participants** offered by Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development and the Hungarian Veterinary Chamber

DAY II: TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2011

CONTINUATION OF SECTION 2 – PRACTICAL ASPECT OF THE SPECIES

SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS: LEGISLATION, ANIMAL WELFARE ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND PRACTICALITIES SESSION

Tuesday 8.30 – 16.00

Practical Sessions in Poultry Farm, Cattle Farm, Pig Farm and Zoo.
Groups maximum size is 40 persons!

The second day morning session will take place at the location where the practical sessions will be given.

Group assessment activity (small groups work together to carry out assessment activity in the animal house).
Group present their assessment findings – and group feedback the relevance of animal assessment to use in local farms and local situation.

CONCLUDING SESSION

18.00	Network reception With 4*15 min presentation of findings/results by each working group
19.00	Dinner



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