



BEVA/FVE Forum

on

“Improving the welfare of horses during transport: the importance of enforcement”

Date: Monday 29 November (9.00 to 17.30)

VMA 3 (2nd floor, rue Van Maerlant 2, 1040 Brussels, Belgium)

8.30	REGISTRATION
<u>Overall Chair:</u> Walter Winding, FVE President	
OPENING SESSION	
9.00	<p>Welcome by EESC representative</p> <p><i>Openings by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Madeleine Campbell BEVA President</i> - <i>Mrs Anna-Maria Darmanin, EESC</i> - <i>Rudi De Keyser, NGROD</i> <p>Introduction and outline aim of the conference</p> <p><i>By Walter Winding, Forum Chair</i></p>
9:20	<p><i>Opening word by DG Sanco</i></p> <p>“The view from the Commission” by <i>Bernard Van Goethem</i></p> <p>Followed by outline of the rules governing horse transport</p> <p><i>Andrea Gavinelli, DG Sanco Animal Welfare Unit</i></p>
10:00	<p>Horse transport: number of horses transported, reasons, horse import and export</p> <p><i>Willy Baltussen, Head of Section at LEI/Wageningen, NL</i></p>
10:30	COFFEE
SESSION I	
<p>Implementation and enforcement of rules regarding the transport of horses</p> <p>“The view from the ground”</p>	
10:50	<p>Food and Veterinary Office (EC): General outcomes of FVO missions carried out to evaluate controls of animal welfare during transport of equidae</p> <p><i>Terence Cassidy, Food and Veterinary Office (EC)</i></p>

11:10	<p>Animal Welfare NGO's:</p> <p><i>Joanne White, Director of Campaigns and Communications, World Horse Welfare</i></p> <p><i>Christa Blanke, CEO and founder of Animals' Angels</i></p>
11:40	<p>FEI: World governing body of the equestrian sport</p> <p><i>Graeme Cooke, Veterinary Director, FEI</i></p>
12:10	<p>Veterinary Inspectors:</p> <p><i>Alexander Rabitsch, Veterinary Inspector Austria</i></p> <p><i>Mario Sapino, Veterinary Inspector Piemonte, Italy.</i></p>
12:50	<p>Questions and Answer</p> <p>View from the audience</p>
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH
<p>SESSION II</p> <p>Consequences of non -compliance</p>	
14:00	<p>Disease risks of transporting horses</p> <p><i>Dave Marlin, visiting professor equine science, UK</i></p>
14:20	<p>Practical considerations and welfare considerations when transporting horses</p> <p><i>Gianluigi Giovagnoli, DVM, specialist in Sanità Animale, Allevamento e Produzioni Zootecniche</i></p>
14:40	<p>Relationship between horse transport and horse identification and the presence of horse slaughterhouses</p> <p><i>Josh Slater, FEEVA President</i></p>
<p>MOVE TO PARALLEL SESSIONS</p> <p>PANEL 1 will be in VMA 3 (same room as plenary)</p> <p>PANEL 2 will be held in Rue De Treves 74 7th floor - TRE7701</p>	

SESSION III

Improving the welfare of horses:

Who is responsible and how?

15.10 -16.30

2 PARALLEL PANEL DISCUSSION

PANEL 1 "Transport of horses going for slaughter"

Moderator: Colm Gaynor

"Each panel member to give its 3 main points for improvement"

Panel members:

- Fabio **Gaudenzi** UECBV – European Livestock and Meat Trading Union
- Padraig **Kenny**, FVE Working Group Transport of animals
- Jo **White**, World Horse Welfare
- Claudiu **Stroe** , National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety County Directorate- Brasov, Romania
- Representative IRU – international Road Union

PANEL 2 "Transport of horses for shows, breeding, etc"

Moderator: Madeleine Campbell, BEVA President

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Panel members:

- Mr. Richard **Adams**, NAT I member, EESC
- Michel **Courat**, Eurogroup for Animals
- Graeme **Cooke**, Veterinary Director, FEI
- Des **Leadon**, European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders' Associations (EFTBA)
- Josh **Slater**, Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations (FEEVA)

	COFFEE
17:00	Concluding remarks by Belgian CVO Pierre Naassens
17.20	Take home messages by Chair