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HONORARY SPEAKER



DR JANE GOODALL

Dr Jane Goodall, DBE, is an ethologist and environmentalist, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and a United Nations Messenger of Peace. In July 1960, at the age of 26, she travelled from England to what is now Tanzania and ventured into the little-known world of the wild chimpanzees living in Gombe. There, she immersed herself in their habitat as a neighbour rather than a distant observer. Her discovery in 1960 that chimpanzees make and use tools rocked the scientific world and redefined the relationship between humans and animals.

In 1977, she established the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) to advance her work and vision around the world for generations to come. Today there are 30 Jane Goodall Institutes, including the Jane Goodall Institute Belgium that support JGI's core programmes. The organisation implements community conservation programs in Africa and

other countries, it continues research on chimpanzees and maintains and supports sanctuaries for orphaned and rescued chimpanzees. In 1991, Dr Jane Goodall founded Roots & Shoots—a program to inspire youth of all ages to act as the informed conservation leaders that the world so urgently needs.

Today, Dr. Goodall travels the world, in person or virtually, speaking about the threats facing chimpanzees and other animals, environmental crises, and her reasons for hope.

Dr. Goodall has received countless awards and honorary degrees for her ground-breaking work, authored books for adults and children and featured in many documentaries and films. She was recently appointed advocate for COP26 and is a UN Messenger of Peace and Dame Commander of the British Empire.

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JOŽE PODGORŠEK

Jože Podgoršek was born on 17 March 1974 as the fourth child in a traditional farming family and grew up on the family farm. Having an innate understanding of agriculture and working with the soil, he began his education at the Grm Secondary School of Agriculture and continued his studies at the Biotechnical Faculty, where he obtained his doctoral degree in agricultural economics.

He began his professional career in the economic sector, where he became well acquainted with vegetable production and the vegetable cultivation sector in Slovenia. While working at the company Zeleni hit d.o.o. from 1997 to 2004, he developed, together with his colleagues, the production of vegetables and introduced new technological solutions to Slovenian vegetable growing farms.

From 2004 to 2018 he was employed at Grm Novo Mesto – Centre for Biotechnics and Tourism (the former Grm School of Agriculture), where he became familiar with the functioning of the public sector. During his time at the school he headed a group for the reform of educational programmes in agriculture, helped establish and subsequently became head of the Grm

Inter-Company Educational Centre, helped establish the Grm Research and Development Institute and was head of this Institute until September 2018, headed a working group for the preparation of starting points for the establishment of the Grm Landscape Governance College in Novo Mesto, where he served as the first Dean with full powers until his appointment as State Secretary.

In March 2015 he was appointed the first Food Supply Chain Relationships Ombudsman. His main tasks included monitoring actions by stakeholders in the food supply chain, raising awareness among purchasers of food in the food supply chain with regard to the legislative provisions and moral principles that apply to the purchase of food, raising awareness among producers and processors as intermediaries in the food supply chain with regard to the legislative frameworks for the sale and purchase of food and the rights of food sellers. In September 2018 he was appointed State Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. He held the office until October 2020 when he was named Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.

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STELLA KYRIAKIDES

Stella Kyriakides is the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety.

She has been leading the Commission's work to coordinate the EU's health response to COVID19.

She is responsible for the establishment of a strong European Health Union and Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. She is leading the new Farm to Fork strategy for sustainable food. Her responsibilities include enforcing EU food, animal welfare, and animal and

plant health laws.

Previously, she was a clinical psychologist for the Cyprus Ministry of Health. In 2006-2019, she served in the Cyprus Parliament for the Democratic Rally party. She was appointed Head of the Cyprus Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). In 2017, she was elected President of the PACE.



JANUSZ WOJCIECHOWSKI

Janusz Wojciechowski is the European Commissioner for Agriculture.

Member of the European Commission since 1 December 2019, responsible for Agriculture. Lawyer; Attorney.

Commissioner Wojciechowski grew up on a farm in Rawa Mazowiecka, a rural community in the Łódzkie region in central Poland. He holds a Master's degree in law, having graduated from the University of Łódź Department of Law and Administration. His professional career as a judge spanned different levels up to membership of the Supreme Court of Poland. From 1995 to 2001, he held the important post of President of the Polish Supreme Audit Office.

From 2001 to 2004, he represented the Łódzkie constituency as a Member

and Vice-Marshal of the Parliament of the Republic of Poland – the Sejm. From June 2004 until May 2016, he served three terms as a Member of the European Parliament. He sat as a Member of the European Parliament's Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals from his first term and from 2014 to 2016, he was President of the Intergroup.

From May 2016 to November 2019, he was a Member of the European Court of Auditors.

Commissioner Wojciechowski has been the author and co-author of five comments on the Polish Penal Code, as well as the author of more than 100 articles and publications on criminal law in various Polish legal magazines. He also writes on socio-legal issues.

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ANJA HAZEKAMP

Anja Hazekamp, Member of European Parliament (Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health & Food Safety, Vice-Chair of the Inquiry Committee on Animal Transport, Member of the Committee on Fisheries, Member of the Committee on Agriculture & Rural Development, President of the parliamentary Intergroup on Welfare and Conservation of Animals).

Anja Hazekamp is a biologist and an animal advocate. She has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2014, where she is representing the Dutch Party for the Animals, a political party focusing on the entire planet and all its inhabitants instead of on the short term interests of humans. Before her election in 2014, she worked as a researcher at the Department for Lab Animal Issues at the university of Leiden and Utrecht, studying the health and welfare of genetically engineered animals. She also worked as a senior

policy advisor for several animal welfare NGO's and animal rescue centres, such as the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals, the Seal Rehabilitation and Rescue Centre and AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection.

For over 30 years, she has been campaigning to end cages and to stop animal transport. She visited several exit ports, harbours and airports to investigate the animal transport process. The start of her political career dates from 2007, when she was elected in the Dutch Provincial Council. In 2012 Anja also served as a Member of the Dutch Parliament.

Since 2014 she is a Member of the European Parliament. In 2018 she was one of the initiators of the special committee on Pesticides and in 2019 she initiated the recently established Inquiry Committee on Animal Transport. In 2020 Anja was appointed as the ENVI-rapporteur for the EU Farm to Fork Strategy.



NORBERT LINS

Norbert Lins, MEP, has been the Chair of the Committee on Agricultural and Rural Development (AGRI) since his second mandate in the European Parliament in 2019. He was first elected as a member of European Parliament in 2014, where he was a member of the AGRI Committee and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI Committee). Lins grew up on a family's farm in Danketsweiler, hence he can relate well to the situation of farmers. Prior to that, Lins was a consultant for promotion of broadband from 2011 to

2014 and also worked as a personal assistant to the Minister of Agriculture Rudolf Köberle in the Ministry of Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection in Baden-Württemberg (2010 -2011).

Previously, he was employed in the regional council in Tübingen, Germany (2009-2010) and was head of the office for MEP Andreas Schwab from 2004 until 2009.

Lins holds a Master degree in "European Administrative Management" from the University of Applied Sciences in Ludwisburg and Kehl, Germany.

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TILLY METZ

Tilly Metz is a Green MEP from Luxembourg with a passion for animals and a keen interest in health. She represents the Greens/EFA Group in the Committees on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Transport and Tourism, and Agriculture and Rural Development. Until December 2021, she chairs the Committee of Inquiry related to animal welfare during transport and the Delegation for Relations with Central American Countries.

Protecting the most vulnerable in our society has always been an important goal of Tilly Metz' work as an MEP. In

2019, she received the "EU for animals" award for her commitment to animal rights and welfare. She is also Vice-President of the Intergroup on Animal Welfare.

Tilly Metz was born and raised in Luxembourg's capital, where she still lives. She studied psychology, education and psychomotricity and has been involved with the Luxembourg Greens, déi Gréng, since 2001. Before joining the European Parliament in 2018, I taught at the Lycée Technique pour Professions Educatives et Sociales, where she was also deputy head teacher.



CLAIRE BURY

Claire Bury is currently Deputy Director-General in DG Health and Food Safety with responsibility for food safety and sustainability. She is also a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges.

She was previously Deputy Director-General for the Digital Single Market in DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology and Director of Modernisation of the Single Market in Directorate General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs.

Before that, she was Head of Unit for Company Law, Corporate Governance and Financial Crime in Directorate General Internal Market and Services, and Deputy Head of Cabinet to Internal Market Commissioners Charlie McCreevy and Frits Bolkestein.

An English barrister by training, she worked in the Commission's Legal Service and, before coming to Brussels, in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MICHAEL SCANNELL

Michael Scannell is Deputy Director General in DG AGRI with responsibility for markets, audits and legal and institutional issues. He has held a wide range of posts over a thirty-year career in the European Commission, specializing in food safety and animal health, agriculture, trade, audit and international issues. This included seven years in the cabinet of the Commissioners for Employment and for Health and Food Safety before

joining DG SANTE as a Head of Unit in 2002.

He went on to serve in DG SANTE as Director for Audits and Inspections from 2010 to 2016 and subsequently for International Relations until 2018. He then joined DG AGRI as Director for Markets before taking up his current position in 2020.

Mr Scannell is Irish and a graduate in Politics and Economics from University College Dublin.



NATHALIE CHAZE

Nathalie Chaze is Director for Food sustainability, international relations' in the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission. From 2014 to 2019, she was Deputy Head of the Cabinet of the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis. She has

worked previously in the Directorate General for TRADE and was posted in the European delegation to the WTO in Geneva before joining the Directorate General for Health, Food Safety and Consumers to become Head of Unit for Health Systems. She is a lawyer by training.



BERNARD VAN GOETHEM

Bernard Van Goethem is the Director of Directorate G - Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants, in the European Commission's DG Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE). Dr Van Goethem joined the European Commission in 1987, first working in DG Agriculture before moving to DG SANCO in 1999. DG SANCO became DG SANTE in 2015. He is in charge of animal and plant health, biosafety and

hygiene of food, animal welfare and alert systems for the European Union. Van Goethem studied veterinary medicine at the University of Liège, graduating in 1984 before going on to take a Diploma of Tropical Veterinary Medicine and Animal Husbandry at the Prince Leopold Institute, Antwerp and obtaining a degree in agricultural engineering at the Catholic University of Louvain-La-Neuve in 1988.

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ANDREA GAVINELLI

Andrea Gavinelli is Head of Unit SANTE G5: Animal welfare and Antimicrobial Resistance.

Veterinarian graduated in Milan and policy official at the European Commission since February 1999.

In his career Andrea has been dealing with several strategic and policy initiatives in the area of animal health and welfare first at the Ministry of Health in Rome than at the EU Commission. For a five years period until September 2020, he also supervised the Unit in charge of the eradication of animal diseases, and he

has coordinated the implementation of the Regulation on official controls in the food, and feed area.

Since 2020, Andrea is responsible for the Unit Animal Welfare and Anti-Microbial resistance in DG Health and Food Safety. The Unit is currently dedicated to the reform of the EU legislation on animal welfare and coordinates the different policies related to the fight to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) including the management of the One Health Network to fight AMR.

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TIM CULLINAN

Tim Cullinan was elected President of the Irish Farmers' Association (IFA) in December 2019 by the 73,900 Membership of the Association. He is from Toomevara, Co. Tipperary where he runs a pig enterprise, alongside a

feed mill operation in conjunction with the pig farm. He is married to Margaret and has two sons, Brian and Stephen. Tim has been heavily involved in the Irish Farmers' Association over the past 15 years holding various positions.



THOMAS DUFFY

Thomas Duffy manages together with his parents their 60-hectare farm in North-East Ireland milking 105 dairy cows in a grass-based system. He returned to farming after studying agriculture for 4 years in 'Sustainable Agriculture' degree programme before returning to education to complete an MA in environmental management with a focus on climate change and

the livestock sector. Thomas served on the Board of Macra na Feirme, the Irish rural youth organisation, for 3 years prior to running for election as President, and 2 years as Agriculture Policy Vice-Chair. He served a term from 2019 to 2021 as President of Macra na Feirme.



NICK DYMOND

Nick Dymond is the New Zealand Counsellor of Veterinary, Sanitary and Phytosanitary affairs at the New Zealand Embassy and Mission to the European Union in Brussels.

Nick graduated from Massey University, New Zealand, with degrees in Science (Physiology) and Veterinary Science before working in private veterinary clinical practice. In 2009 Nick joined the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (later the Ministry for Primary Industries) as a frontline Veterinary Technical Supervisor

responsible for food safety, sanitary matters, animal health and welfare associated with New Zealand meat export establishments.

He has held various technical roles within the Ministry for Primary Industries including Market Access Counsellor responsible for The People's Republic of China (meat and animal by-product market access) and more recently responsibility for the veterinary and SPS relationship between New Zealand and the European Union.

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TAMÁS ÉDER

Tamás Éder graduated at the University of Agricultural Sciences Gödöllő, Hungary (MSC, 1989). In 1993 as a Fulbright scholar he studied at Oklahoma State University as a non degree graduate student. He received an MBA from Webster University – Szent István University in 2008. Following the graduation (MSC) he worked for 7 years as faculty member at the Agricultural Policy Department of the University of Agricultural Sciences in Gödöllő. Between 1996

and 2002 he worked for the Hungarian government at several positions. At the end of this period he was the administrative state secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture in Budapest. Since that he works for the agricultural and food processing companies which today form the Bonafarm Group, the biggest vertically integrated agrifood group in the country. Today he is the Public Affairs Director of Bonafarm Group.



HELENA ELOFSSON

Helena Elofsson, Head of Animal Welfare at the Swedish Board of Agriculture, Sweden. Helena has worked with national and international animal welfare legislation

since 2004.

She is currently Head of Animal Welfare with a strategic responsibility for all animal welfare issues at the Swedish Board of Agriculture.



SUSANA ISABEL FERREIRA GUEDES POMBO

Susana Isabel Ferreira Guedes Pombo has a Master's degree in Veterinary Medicine, from UTAD, under the theme "Risk Communication - Case Study: risk analysis of dioxins in poultry products", completed in December 2014.

Degree in Veterinary Medicine by UTAD, completed in July 1998.

Postgraduate degree in Public Management - Advanced Studies Course by the National Institute of Administration, completed in July 2003. Susana has held the position of Director General of Food and Veterinary Sciences since August 2020.

Held the position of head of department, of the Directorate of Food and Veterinary Services of the Lisbon and Tagus Valley Region, of the Directorate

General of Food and Veterinary from November 2012 to October 2019;

Held the position of Director General of the Directorate General of Veterinary Sciences (DGV) in the period 2010 and 2011;

Held the post of Head of Division of Animal Identification, Registration and Licensing of Holdings, of the DGV, in 2008 and 2009;

Held the post of Head of Division of Veterinary Intervention of Ribatejo, of the Directorate of Veterinary Services, of the Regional Direction of Agriculture of Ribatejo e Oeste (DRARO) in 2006 and 2007;

Held the post of Supervisor of the Agrarian Zones of the Interior Zone of DRARO from 2004 to 2006.

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FRÉDÉRIC FREUND

A lawyer by training, **Frédéric Freund** is a former ATER in private law from the Universities of Nancy and Besançon, law Faculties.

Responsible for legal affairs in several animal protection NGOs in France from 2001 to 2006, he joined the association OABA, specialized in farm animals, which he has been managing since 2006.

Latest publications:

- French legislation and the protection of animals at the time of their killing in "L'Homme roi des Animaux?" Society for Comparative Legislation. Colloquia Series, Volume 43, October 2020.

- The role of NGOs in promoting animal welfare: European Union Review, No. 651, September 2021, page 469.



JACOPO GORACCI

Jacopo Goracci is an Italian zoo technician.

He graduated in Animal Science at the University of Pisa in 2002 where he obtained his PhD in Animal Production in 2007.

Since 2005, he has been the technical manager of the agro-zoo technical organic farm Tenuta di Paganico, where they raise pigs and cattle in pasture-based system in a short supply chain

production system.

Jacopo is the coordinator of Slow Food Maremmana Cattle Presidium and he collaborates with Slow Food as a consultant, working with the global movement in the development of projects related to livestock in the Slow Meat campaign. He is also a Visiting Professor at various Universities and teacher at different levels on animal science topics.



REINEKE HAMELEERS

Reineke Hameleers is the CEO of Eurogroup for Animals, the leading pan European animal protection organisation convening more than eighty members in the EU and beyond. She is passionate about driving long lasting, positive change for animals by improving corporate practices and legislation, whilst ensuring optimal enforcement.

Reineke holds a Master's degree in Arts and Science Studies from Maastricht University for which she specialised

in the human-animal relationship. She has been active in animal protection since 2003 and worked before as Regional Director of the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals.

Reineke is also a Vice-President of the World Federation for Animals and a member of the Netherlands Committee for the Protection of Animals used for Scientific Purposes.

Last but not least, Reineke is happily living together with four rescue hens and three rescue cats.

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JULIA HAVENSTEIN

Graduated in law in 1998, **Julia Havenstein** passed the second state law examination in Germany in 2001. While working as a lawyer, she started volunteering in animal welfare and in 2003 decided to make her passion for the animals her profession. Since then, she works for the internationally operating organization Animals' Angels specialized in the protection of 'farm' animals during transport. Currently, she is leading the organization. Julia holds a Master in 'Animal Law & Society' of the Autonomous University in Barcelona. Apart from the longstanding practical experience in the field in the EU and in non-EU

countries such Morocco, Turkey, Egypt, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, in 2008, she attended a training course "Animal Welfare Officer Processing" of Bristol University (UK), in 2011 she completed a training course "Poultry Animal Welfare Officer, Processing" by the UK based company Animal Welfare Training Ltd. and in 2018 a course on animal welfare at the time of slaughter also by Animal Welfare Training Ltd.. Apart from the protection of animals during transport in the EU, the focus of her work is on camel welfare in the Middle East.



LAURENS HOEDEMAKER

Laurens Hoedemaker (DVM) is the president of the Associations for the meat industry and the meat processors in the Netherlands. He is a veterinarian by training; a lobbyist, advocate, association manager and board member by profession; and a hunter by choice. He started his career in 1998 in veterinary practice. From 2007 to 2014 he was the Secretary to

the Animal Welfare Advisory Council in the Netherlands and Chairman of the European Forum for Animal Welfare Councils (EuroFAWC).

From 2014 until May 2021, he was CEO at the Royal Dutch Hunters' association. During that period, he was also a Vice President and Treasurer General in the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE).



ALEXANDRA JOOS

Alexandra Joos is a farm animal welfare Senior Expert at FOUR PAWS International with over 10 years of experience in farm animal welfare standards. She was responsible for the revision and implementation of the (FOUR PAWS) "Tierschutz-kontrolliert" animal welfare standard guidelines. Prior to FOUR PAWS, Alexandra worked as an animal welfare officer for a meat

processing company of the German retailer EDEKA, and was in charge of the development and implementation of private and industrial farm animal standards throughout the whole supply chain. Alexandra graduated from the Georg-August University of Göttingen and obtained a Master's degree in International Agriculture and a PhD in Ecology.

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OLGA KIKOU

Olga Kikou is Head of the EU office of Compassion in World Farming, an international organisation with offices and representatives in many European countries, the US, China and South Africa, dedicated to improving farm animal welfare, ending industrial animal agriculture and achieving sustainable food and farming. Olga has worked in international organisations in the non-profit sector, as well as research and planning, raising awareness of the importance of citizen participation.

She has a long-time involvement in animal advocacy and is currently

informing the EU Institutions on key EU interests concerning the interlinked areas of farmed animal welfare, food and farming, and raising the profile of these issues on the policy-making agenda. She also engages with civil society organisations and other stakeholders, exploring synergies and developing joint strategies to influence policy in the interest of citizens in the above areas. Olga is substitute representative of the Citizens' Committee for the End the Cage Age European Citizens' Initiative.



KATHARINA KLUGE

Katharina Kluge is the head of the animal welfare unit at the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture in Germany. Initially working on veterinary medicinal products she changed roles to work in the field of animal welfare in 2008. The Ministry is responsible for the entire sector of animal welfare;

starting from welfare on the farm, welfare during transport, welfare during slaughter up to the protection of animals used in scientific procedures and animals kept as private pets. Katharina studied veterinary medicine at the Free University of Berlin and her PhD is from the University of Leipzig.



NIKOLAUS KRIZ

Nikolaus Kriz graduated as a veterinary surgeon in 1993. He has 28 years of professional experience on 4 continents both in general practice, specialised clinics, academia and regulatory bodies such as the European Medicines Agency where he worked on veterinary vaccines and availability of veterinary medicines and collaborated with the FAO on Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

He joined EFSA as Head of Unit for animal and plant health in January

2017 and has since led the work on infectious diseases such as African Swine Fever, Avian Influenza and Lumpy Skin Disease, the welfare of rabbits and the welfare of animals during slaughter, as well as pest surveillance and pest risk assessments in plant health and the risk assessment of serious plant diseases such as *Xylella fastidiosa*.

He is currently serving as Head of Unit for animal health and welfare and plant health at EFSA.

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CHRISTINA M. NYGAARD

From early in my career, I have worked with animal welfare challenges and issues professionally and politically. Since 2018, I have been a scientific officer at the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA). Here I am the project manager in the work with the Danish governmental animal welfare label and involved in the official administration of the animal welfare legislation for pigs, cattle and poultry. Prior DVFA, I worked for almost two decades as a senior adviser on animal welfare issues at The Danish Agriculture & Food Council, which represents farmers and the food industry in Denmark.

Over the years, I have participated in various working groups and committees nationally and in the EU, such as a member of the labeling subgroup of the EU platform on animal welfare.

My career started at the department of organic farming in the Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture & Fisheries, where I worked for 3 years with governance regarding organic livestock production. My academic background is MSc in Animal Science from the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Copenhagen.



HEINZ OSTERLOH

Heinz Osterloh, Vice-President of the European Livestock and Meat Trading Union (UECBV) and Chairman of UECBV's Livestock Section. Heinz Osterloh was born in 1952 in North Germany. Livestock trade company in second generation with main focus on bovine and horses also working in the Im- and Export sector. Farm specialized on breeding and

grazing suckler cows and breeding and training of sport horses.

Since 2002 President of the German Livestock- and Meat Trade Association DVFB.

Member of the board of UECBV (European Livestock and Meat Trades Union)

Since a number of years chairman of UECBV Livestock Section and Vice – President of UECBV.

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EMMANUELLE SOUBEYRAN

Emmanuelle Soubeyran (DVM) has been appointed deputy director general for food, CVO and OIE Delegate for France as of June 21.

Since 2016, she has been the dean of VetAgro Sup, an institution that brings together the National Veterinary School of Lyon, the School of Agronomy of Clermont-Ferrand and the National School of Veterinary Services (FVI-ENSV). She took up her position on July 1, 2016. Emmanuelle Soubeyran is a veterinarian who graduated in 1990. She obtained a doctorate in veterinary medicine from the School of Medicine of Toulouse in 1993. She began her career in 1998 as a veterinary inspector at the departmental direction of veterinary services in Essonne, then Hauts-de-Seine, from 2001 to 2003. She then joined the General Directorate for Food, where she was successively deputy (2002-2003), then office manager (2003-2007). She was technical advisor to the office of Michel Barnier, Minister of Agriculture, from 2007 to 2009. In 2009, she was deputy director of quality and plant protection, then head of the department of health measures in primary production and COPHS, from 2010 to 2015 and head of the food department at the General Directorate for Food from 2015 to 2016.

Emmanuelle Soubeyran (DVM) est nommée directrice générale adjointe de l'alimentation, CVO et Déléguée de la France à l'OIE à compter du 21 juin. Depuis 2016, elle était directrice générale de VetAgro Sup, établissement regroupant l'école nationale vétérinaire de Lyon, l'école d'agronomie de Clermont-Ferrand et l'école nationale des services vétérinaires (FVI-ENSV). Elle a pris ses fonctions le 1er juillet 2016. Emmanuelle Soubeyran est vétérinaire, diplômée en 1990. Elle obtient une thèse de doctorat vétérinaire de la faculté de médecine de Toulouse en 1993. Elle commence sa carrière en 1998, comme inspectrice vétérinaire à la direction départementale des services vétérinaires de l'Essonne, puis des Hauts-de-Seine, de 2001 à 2003. Elle entre alors à la direction générale de l'alimentation, pour y être successivement adjointe (2002-2003), puis cheffe de bureau (2003-2007) Elle est conseillère technique au cabinet de Michel Barnier, ministre de l'Agriculture, de 2007 à 2009. En 2009, elle est sous-directrice de la qualité et de la protection des végétaux puis cheffe de service des actions sanitaires en production primaire et COPHS, de 2010 à 2015 et cheffe du service de l'alimentation à la direction générale de l'alimentation de 2015 à 2016.

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BIRTHE STEENBERG

Birthe Steenberg has been Secretary General AVEC, the Voice of Europe's Poultry Meat Sector since the start of 2017. The 19 members of AVEC are national poultry meat associations in 17 different European countries and AVEC covers 95% of the poultry meat produced in Europe. Previously she worked as Director of the Danish Poultry Meat Association.

Through work at the Danish Agriculture and Food Council, the Danish Meat Research Institute and the Danish Food and Veterinary Administration Birthe Steenberg has significant experience in animal welfare, food safety, microbiology, quality assurance and project management Birthe Steenberg holds a master's degree in veterinary science from Copenhagen University, Denmark.



LEOPOLDO H. STUARDO ESCOBAR

Leopoldo H. Stuardo Escobar graduated from the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Chile and obtained his master's degree in Environmental Science and Management from the Catholic University of Louvain (LLN) in Belgium. Leopoldo has broad experience working at the national and international levels dealing with sanitary negotiations related to trade and in developing international standards and national regulations on animal welfare. Leopoldo has been developed

these activities at the Agriculture and Livestock Service (SAG) from the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture, at the Chilean Mission to the European Union in Brussels and at the Headquarters of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in Paris. Currently, Leopoldo is working at the Standards Department of the OIE, in charge of the animal welfare activities related to the OIE Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal Health Code.

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DAVID TRUS

David Trus grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, in northern Ontario, Canada. He and his wife currently reside in Ottawa and have two grown sons. His early years on a small hobby farm and later working on a larger beef farm, led him to pursue a degree in agriculture at the University of Guelph.

David obtained his B.Sc. in Animal Science in 1983. Following completion of an M.Sc. in Animal Breeding in 1987, he took on several contract positions with the Centre for Genetic Improvement of Livestock (CGIL) at the University of Guelph, then one year in Rome with the Associazione Italiana Allevatori.

In 1991, he joined the federal Department of Agriculture as the Swine Improvement Standards Officer. Following privatization of the federal role in genetic programs in 1996, David took on the position of Animal Registration Officer, responsible for the Animal Pedigree Act, a position, which he continues to hold.

As attention to animal welfare increased in Canada in the 1990s,

David began taking on additional responsibilities, assuming the position as Chair of an internal Animal Welfare Coordinating Committee in 2001. Following establishment of the National Farm Animal Care Council in 2005, David was designated to represent the federal government on the Board and Executive.

Under the terms of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), a Regulatory Cooperation Forum on Animal Welfare was established. David represents Canada's interests to that forum and is pleased to work with the European Commission to advance our common interests and understanding regarding animal welfare.

David also provides secretariat support for two federal-provincial-territorial animal welfare committees, represents the Minister's interests on the Board of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, and represents the federal government to the National Companion Animal Coalition.

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ANTONIO VELARDE

Antonio Velarde holds a Veterinarian Sciences degree, PhD in Animal Production, and Master in Science and Welfare of Laboratory Animals. He is European Veterinary Specialist in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law by the European College of Animal Welfare and Behaviour Medicine. Currently, he is head of the Animal Welfare Program in IRTA (Institute for Food and Agricultural Research and Technology-Spain) and member member of the Animal Health and Animal Welfare Panel of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). He is deputy coordinator of the European Reference Centre for the Welfare of Poultry and other small farmed animals.

Since 2017, Dr. Velarde is member of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare as independent expert. He has been member of the of the animal transport sub-group

and coordinator of the “Unweaned animals” group. He participated also in the DG Sante funded projects on “Guides to Good and Best Practice” (<http://www.animaltransportguides.eu/>), “High quality control posts” and “Animal transport certification” (<http://www.controlpost.eu/controlpost/index.php/en/>).

Research topics include animal welfare on farm, transport and slaughter, risk assessment on animal welfare and sustainability in animal production. He has published 90 peer review papers in international journals and co-edited three books: ‘On farm monitoring of pig welfare’ (Wageningen Academic Publishers), ‘Animal welfare at slaughter’ (5m Publishing, Sheffield, UK) and ‘Bienestar Animal. Una vision global en Iberoamerica’ (Elsevier).



GEMMA WILLEMSSEN

Gemma Willemsen started as a business consultant at Deloitte, then moved to the Dutch Food and Product Safety Authority, before working as at the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals.

She has fulfilled management positions along the wide scope of animal protection work, including developing of the Beter Leven label, and currently works as a corporate strategic advisor for the DSPA in the Hague.

MODERATORS



AMINDA LEIGH

Aminda Leigh is a Rome-based British-Italian journalist and moderator specialising in environmental issues including climate change, sustainable transport, the circular economy and chemicals management as well as research, innovation and technology. Her professional experience as a moderator and master of ceremonies spans more than a decade, including several conferences on various aspects of animal welfare.

Aminda has moderated at flagship European events, from EU Green Week to the EU Agriculture Outlook conference, the High Level Conference on EU Chemicals Policy 2030 to the

Eighth Forest Europe Ministerial Conference and the Translating Europe Forum, to name but a few.

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