THURSDAY 5 MAY 2011 (first Conference day)  
(Registrations open at 09.00 – welcome coffee)

10.00 OPENING Petras Auštrevičius, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

WELCOME Kazys Starkevičius, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania  
Marlene Wartenberg, Director, European Policy Office, VIER PFOTEN/FOUR PAWS, Brussels, Belgium  
Barbara Alessandrini, Head of Training Unit, Istituto G. Caporale Teramo, Italy

11.00 PART I HUMAN-ANIMAL RELATIONSHIP

Chair: Adolfo Sansolini, Journalist, Animal Welfare Consultant

PRESENTATION Human–Animal Relationship in Europe  
Eva Waiblinger on behalf of Dennis C. Turner BS, ScD, Director, Institute for Applied Ethology and Animal Psychology, Institute of Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit Animal Welfare DG SANCO, EU Commission

PRESENTATION The role of Veterinarians promoting responsible ownership in Europe  
Walter Winding, President of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)

Discussion

12.30 LUNCH
14.00 PART II THE SITUATION OF COMPANION ANIMALS – NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Adolfo Sansolini, Journalist, Animal Welfare Consultant

PRESENTATION Belgian Programme for a national Companion Animal Action Plan
Eric van Tilburgh, Head of the Animal Welfare division of the Federal Services of Public Health of Belgium

PRESENTATIONS Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania)
- Estonia Evelyn Valtin
- Latvia Solvita Viba
- Lithuania Vaidotas Kiudulas, Ina Sokolska

Discussion

15.30 COFFEE BREAK

PRESENTATIONS Baltic Region (Belarus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Poland, Russia, Sweden)
- Belarus Sviatlana Kharevitch, Ella Lassoncyk
- Denmark Sanne Rosbøg
- Finland Tiina Pullola, Maria Blomster
- Germany Madeleine Martin
- Russia Tatiana Sheina
- Sweden Lillemor Wodmar

Discussion

18.00 END OF DAY 1

19.30h EVENING RECEPTION
by His Excellency Helmut Bernhard Koller and his spouse Mrs. Gudrun Koller,
Embassy of the Republic of Austria in Lithuania

Due to the large number of participants to the Conference, the reception will be by invitation only

FRIDAY 6 MAY 2011 (second Conference day)

09.00 PART III SHARING INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE (WORKSHOPS)

Chair: Petras Auštrevičius, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

PLENARY SESSION I

PRESENTATION Canine and Feline Overpopulation and Public Health – unwanted animals and scientific programmes / projects for solution strategies
Paolo Dalla Villa, Head of Unit Animal Welfare Research Laboratory, Istituto G. Caporale Teramo, Italy
09.15 **PRESENTATION** The role of the European Convention for the protection of Pet Animals in responsible pet ownership

David G. Pritchard, Consultant in Animal Welfare Science and Practice. Director, University Federation for Animal Welfare, UK

09.30 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

1 Birth Control Policies, Controlled release and Shelter Management
   (Ioana Dungler, Anca Tomescu, Susanne Haselhorst)

2 Identification and Registration of dogs
   (Walter Winding, Torben Elmedal)

3 Education of the public and particularly children, Training of professionals
   (Veronica Tulpan, Barbara Alessandrini)

10.30 – 10.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.30 **PART IV CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE**

Chair: Adolfo Sansolini, Journalist, Animal Welfare Consultant

PLENARY SESSION II

Reports of the Working Groups by the chairpersons

Final discussion

Presentation of the Conclusions: Petras Auštreivičius, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Closing remarks: Mindaugas Kuklierius, Vice-Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania; Marlene Wartenberg, Director, European Policy Office VIER PFOTEN, Brussels, Belgium

12.30 **PRESS CONFERENCE**

12.30 **BUFFET LUNCH**

14.30 **EXCURSION** by invitation of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania “Beautiful Lithuania”

Due to the large number of participants to the Conference, the excursion will be by invitation only

Simultaneous translation will be provided during the Conference in Lithuanian, English, Russian

Additional Information:

Registrations are now closed. Over 200 registrations received from 23 countries.

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