ANIMAL WELFARE CONGRESS:
NEW HORIZONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
CURRENT EXPERIENCE AND FUTURE OBJECTIVES
An international and regional perspective

24/25 April 2007
Montevideo – Uruguay

PROGRAMME

Conference Place: Radisson Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay
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April 24th
8:00 – 8:20 Registration.
8:20 - 8:30 General presentation and welcome. Chairman
8:30 – 9:00 Official Conference Opening.
   a) Mr. José Mujica, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. (MGAP, Uruguay)
   b) Dr. Francisco Muzio, General Director of Animal Health Department (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. MGAP, Uruguay)
   c) Amb. William Hanna, Head, European Commission Delegation for Uruguay and Paraguay
   d) Ing. Agr. PhD. Pablo Chilibroste, President, National Institute of Agricultural Research, (INIA) - Uruguay
   e) Dr. Alfredo Fratti, President, National Institute of Meat (INAC) - Uruguay

Session 1: Animal Welfare: Challenges, Opportunities and Perspectives

Chairman

9:00 – 9:30 The role of the OIE, as standard setting organization in promoting animal welfare.
   Dr. Bernard Vallat, OIE President

9:30 – 10:00 European policies on animal welfare and their effects on global trade.
   Dr. Andrea Gavinelli, Directorate-General Health and Consumer Protection, European Commission

10:00 – 10:30 The role of animal protection organizations (NGOs).
   Dr. David Wilkins, WSPA

10:30 – 11:00 Discussion Period

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00 Animal welfare between profit and protection: a socio-economic perspective.
   Thom Achterbosch, University of Wageningen

12:00 – 12:30 Animal Welfare: the Uruguayan Meat Industry point of view.
   Dr. Marcelo Secco
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12:30 - 13:00 Discussion Period
13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH

Session 2 A: Applying Science and Education in Animal Welfare

Chairman

14:30 - 15:00 Science, education and implementation. How to manage the interface
Dr. Jaana Husu Kallio. Director General of the Finnish Food Safety Authority

15:00 - 15:30 International Cooperation: the Welfare Quality Project
Dr. Harry Blokhuis. WQP Coordinator

15:30 - 16:00 The Welfare Quality Project in Latino America and Uruguay.
Dra. Stella Maris Huertas, Facultad de Veterinaria (Uruguay)

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30 Animal Welfare indicators
Dr. Xavier Manteca University of Barcelona

17:30 - 18:00 Discussion Period
18:15 Cocktail and Traditional show

April 25th

Session 2 B: Applying Science and Education in Animal Welfare

Chairman

08:30 – 09:00 OIE animal welfare working groups; present and future challenges
Dr. Leopoldo Stuardo

09:00 – 9:30 The role of the OIE Collaborating Centre on animal welfare and training
Barbara Alessandrini Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise “G. Caporale”

09:30 – 10:00 Successful Education Programs for animal welfare in the meat industry
Martin Von Wenzlawowicz, Germany

10:00 – 10.30 Animal welfare in the Veterinarian academic curriculum
Dr. Roberto Kremer - Dean of Uruguayan Veterinary College
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10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Session 3: Animal Welfare in Latin America: Challenges, Opportunities and Perspectives

11:00 – 11:45 Uruguayan approach to Animal Welfare

- Current situation of animal welfare in Uruguay
  (Coordinator of Uruguayan National Animal Welfare Committee)
- Production systems and opportunities for animal welfare in Uruguay
  (INIA)
- Animal welfare in Uruguay: from farm to packing plant
  (INAC)

11:45 - 12.15 Consumers’ attitude and behaviour in developed countries. Perspective for Latin America
Dr. Claus Kobrich, University of Chile

12.15 - 13:00 a- Influence of transportation on animal welfare and meat quality. b- Latin-American countries response to the global animal welfare issues.
Dr Carmen Gallo (Chile)

13:00 – 13.15 Discussion Period

13.15 – 14.30 LUNCH

Chairman

14:30 – 15:45 A Latin American perspective of animal welfare.
South Cone Permanent Veterinary Committee (PVC): Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay

15:45 - 16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:00 Discussion Panel (addressing of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to implementing animal welfare in Latin America)

17:00 - 17:30 Discussion Period

17:30 – 18:00 Closing Ceremony

18:15 Cocktail