

VPHA and AGV Autumn Conference 2015 – ‘Vets and Industry - a profitable partnership’

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The Date: Saturday 7 November 2015

The Venue: The Met Hotel, King Street, Leeds West Yorkshire LS1 2HQ

09.30 - 10.00 Registration and tea/coffee

10.00 - 10.30 Vets Adding Value

Currently with responsibility for international trade, Dr McNamee outlines how state vets in Northern Ireland add value to ensure industry market access targets are facilitated. In the context of developing countries, vets make an important contribution to a country's sustainable economic development and ultimately their ability to trade internationally.

Dr. Perpetua McNamee MVB, DipG, PhD, MRCVS, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

11.00 - 11.30 Veterinary Public Health adding value to Environmental Management

Veterinary Public Health is made up of four pillars or component parts; these include Food Safety, Animal Health, Animal Welfare and the Environment. Vets can add value in an advisory capacity or regulatory capacity by enabling the delivering on a smart integrated management approach for industry. The new challenges for industry in the area of Environment include carbon footprint reduction, waste management, nutrient management and legal compliance (IPPC license, Nitrates Directive, Water Framework Directive Objectives etc).

Seán Ó Laoide, MVB MRCVS MA MBA CertEnv, County Veterinary Officer, Westmeath County Council

11.30 - 12.00 Tea/coffee

12.00 - 12.30 Sheep vets in practice - how veterinary input is changing

Sheep vets are changing the way in which professional services can be used to challenge flock performance to ultimately improve sheep health and profitability. This presentation will give an example of how this has been approached in a practice in the South West of England.

Phillipa Page BVSc BSc MRCVS Farm Animal Veterinary Surgeon Wood Vet Group, Quedgeley, Gloucester. Committee member of the Sheep Veterinary Society

12.30 - 13.00 Could we improve on human well-being and animal welfare by embracing mutualism?

In an age when specialisation has been encouraged in an effort to improve efficiency, could a more three dimensional approach to Veterinary care benefit animal welfare and the well-being of Farmers and Vets?

Charles Smith, The Farming Community Network



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13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.30 Vets in Aquaculture

Aquaculture is the fastest growing animal food-producing sector globally and in 2014, Scottish salmon became the UK's biggest food export. Fish Vet Group are the world's largest dedicated aquaculture health provider. Historically, the involvement of Vets in the provision of healthcare for fish has been limited. This presentation will outline the role of Veterinarians in the aquaculture industry today.

Angela Ashby, Fish Vet Group

14.30 - 15.00 The many roles of the poultry veterinarian

Vets working in the poultry sector boost profitability through improved consumer protection and better productivity by the provision of expert advice driving innovation and helping industry adapt to change.

Paul F.McMullin MVB MSc DPMP RCVS Spec.PMP DiplECPVS MRCVS, Poultry Health Services

15.00 - 15.30 Tea/coffee

15.30 - 17.30 ‘Vet Futures’ session

Some areas that will be considered during this session will include:

- * Role of the CVO UK / DCVO [and other CVOs]
- * What veterinary leadership looks like in veterinary public health
- * Career opportunities in veterinary public health
- * Definition of One-Health
- * Learning and development

Facilitator: John Blackwell, BVA President

19.30 Drinks reception followed by Dinner, dress code: lounge suit



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