



Conference on *Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus*

Tuesday 8 April 2008: 9.30 am – 17.00 pm
International Auditorium
Boulevard du Roi Albert II, No 5
B-1210 Brussels

Programme

Chair: Prof Dr Johanna Fink-Gremmels

9.00 Registration of participants

9.30 Opening and Welcome address

Dr Walter Winding, FVE President

Dr Vida Cadonic-Spelic, Chief Veterinary Officer, Slovenia

Dr Olga Zorko, EU Commission, DG Enlargement, TAIEX



Session I : MRSA, what are we talking about?

9.45 MRSA: an introduction

Prof Dr Jaap Wagenaar, Veterinary Faculty, Utrecht University

10.05 MRSA in relation to Food Safety

Dr Stef Bronzwaer, European Food Safety Authority

10.25 Ongoing and potential future EU Commission's initiatives on monitoring and control of MRSA in the food chain

Dr Kris De Smet, European Commission, DG SANCO

10.45 Title "Antimicrobials for veterinary use - regulatory aspects"

Dr Karolina Törneke, Chairperson of the CVMP Scientific Advisory Group on Antimicrobials (SAGAM)

11.05 Discussion

Coffee Break

Session II : MRSA, a societal concern

- 11.45** **Title**
Dr Michael Wilks, CPME President (Standing Committee of European Doctors)
- 12.05** **Epidemiology of human MRSA in Europe and public health importance of animal strains**
Dr Carl Suetens, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- 12.25** **Title**
Ms Avril Doyle, Member of the European Parliament
- 12.45** **Discussion**

Sandwich Lunch

Session III: MRSA and animals

- 14.00** **MRSA in Food Producing Animals**
Dr Concepción Porrero Calonge, Laboratorio de Vigilancia Sanitaria (VISAVET) Facultad de Veterinaria, Universidad Complutense, Madrid
- 14.20** **MRSA in Companion Animals**
Dr Nola Leonard, University College Dublin
- 14.40** **MRSA in Horses**
Dr Nicola J Williams, National Centre for Zoonosis Research, University of Liverpool
- 15.00** **Discussion**

Tea Break

Session IV: MRSA, working in partnership

- 15.45** **Title**
Mr Neil Cutler, COPA COGECA.
- 16.00** **Title**
Dr Olivier Espeisse International Federation of Animal Health (IFAH-Europe)
- 16.20** **Panel Discussion**
- 16.45** **Summary and Final Conclusions**
Dr Walter Winding, FVE President
- 17.00** **End of the conference**
Cocktails

