



## Import & keeping of exotic animals in Europe

*Existing concerns and risks – Current challenges to meet*

**Brussels, 4-5 October 2012**

**International Auditorium**

Boulevard Roi Albert II 5, Brussels, Belgium

### AGENDA

**Thursday, 4 October 2012**

#### **14.00** *Opening and welcome*

Welcome by Christophe Buhot, President FVE

Welcome by Thomas Jemmi, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer Swiss Federal Veterinary Office

Welcome by Bernard Van Goethem, Director of DG SANCO Directorate G, Veterinary & International affairs

Official Opening by Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU

#### ***Session I: Current situation and gaps in EU legislation***

*Chair of Session I: Christophe Buhot*

14.30 **“Benefits and risks related to the import and keeping of exotic animals”**

**Christodoulos Pipis**, Veterinary Counsellor, Cyprus' Permanent Representation to the EU

14:50 **“Overview of current EU wildlife trade legislation”**

**Hélène Perier**, Scientific Officer, Unit for Multilateral Environmental Agreements, processes and trade issues  
DG Environment - European Commission

15:10 **“Keeping of exotic animals: are all animal species suitable for companion animals?”**

**Paul Koene**, Department of Animal Husbandry/Applied Ethology, Wageningen Agricultural University, the Netherlands

15:30 **Discussion**

16:00 *Tea / coffee Break*

#### ***Session II: Animal health and welfare risks related to import and keeping of exotic species(part 1)***

*Chair of Session II: Christodoulos Pipis*

16.00 **“Health risks associated with the import of exotic animals”**

**Neil Forbes**, BVetMed Dip ECZM(avian) FRCVS, RCVS and EU Recognised Specialist in Avian Medicine

16.20 **“Keeping of exotic animals: welfare concerns”**

**Staci McLennan**, Eurogroup for animals Policy Officer Wildlife

16.40 **Discussion**

17.00 *End of the first day*

**18.00** **Reception**

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***Session III: Animal health and welfare risks related to import and keeping of exotic species(part 2)***

***Chair of Session III: Daniel Turner***

- 9.00      **“How to transport exotic species properly”**  
            **Raymond Tilburg**, Board member of ATA - Animal Transportation Association
- 9.20      **“Need for global animal welfare standards for reptiles”**  
            **Matthias Lörtscher**, Swiss Federal Veterinary Office
- 9.40      **Discussion**

***Session IV: Exotic animals & Public health risks***

***Chair of Session VI: Thomas Jemmi***

- 10.00     **“Public Health risks related to keeping of exotic animals”**  
            **Mike Jessop**, BVetMed MRCVS Ash Veterinary Group
- 10.20     **“Common zoonosis of birds”**  
            **M.-E. Krautwald-Junghanns**, Member of the Academy of sciences, Leopoldina , Dip ECZM(avian), EU Recognised Specialist in Avian Medicine
- 10.40     **Discussion**
- 11.00     **Tea/ Coffee break**

***Session V: Implementation & Enforcement of EU, National & International Legislation***

***Chair of Session V: Pierangelo Bernorio***

- 11.30     **“Belgian experience with a “positive list” for keeping companion animals”**  
            **Els Vanautryve**, Animal welfare division of the Belgium Federal Services of Public Health
- 11.50     **“Joint veterinary/CITES border controls: an effective way of controlling trade of exotic species- The Swiss experience”**  
            **Thomas Jemmi**, Deputy Director General / Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Swiss Federal Veterinary Office
- 12.10     **“FVE position”**  
            **Christophe Buhot**, FVE President
- 12.30     **Lunch**

***Session VI: Final discussion & Conclusion***

***Coordinator of the discussion: Mike Jessop***

- 14.00     Round table discussion
- 15.15     Conclusions
- 15.30     Closing of the event