

AHAW Network meeting 3-4 June 2015

Draft agenda – topics and confirmed speakers for introductory presentations

Animal Welfare topics (3 June) Outdoor access for farm animals: Biological needs, outdoors access provided by different production systems. <i>The majority of farm animals live, most of or all, of their lives indoors. Which biological needs may there be for different species, and is there a possibility to better cater for these needs in common production? Is there an intrinsic value to animal welfare regarding outdoor access?</i> Confirmed speakers: SE
Animal transport: Data assessments and analysis for risk assessment in different MS. <i>How are data from the transporters' "navigation systems" collected according to Reg. (EC) No.1/2005 and the outcomes of animal welfare assessments during road side checks, in lairages of slaughterhouses, in control posts or at border inspection posts used for a risk based planning of transports by operators or by competent authorities to enforce the animal welfare requirements in a risk based way?</i> Confirmed speakers: DE, PL
Animal killing: welfare impact of the different killing or culling ("stamping out") methods used for disease control (at individual and farm level) in the EU <i>Culling of animals for disease control: 2. Reg. (EC) No 1099/2009 includes some derogations of the rules laid down in case of emergency killing or depopulation actions. However, the circumstances of using the culling methods are very different and this may have an impact on animal welfare. Is there a need to develop a Guideline for Risk Assessment on the different killing or culling ("stamping out") methods used for disease control (at individual and farm level) in the EU? In this context, also the epidemiological risks for further spreading of diseases by applying the procedures should also be taken into account.</i> Confirmed speakers: DE
Animal based measures for turkeys: review of the current state of scientific knowledge, current turkey welfare assessment protocols, current data collection <i>Turkey production is increasing in Spain (from 13.734.000 to 18.986.000 animals in 3 years) and also in other MS (1.909.000 Tm of production in 2013). What are the current welfare assessment protocols using ABM for turkey, what data collection activities are completed, ongoing, planned?</i> Confirmed speakers: NO, DE
Welfare of dogs and cats involved in commercial practices: <i>Available scientific evidence/data, recent/ongoing/planned (risk assessment) activities in MS</i> Confirmed speakers: ES

Light access / access to daylight for farm animals: What are the needs / importance of light and daylight for a positive impact of the welfare of the different species of farm animals, and how is this satisfied in current production systems?

Animal vision functions in different ways and different species use their vision to different degrees in their everyday lives. Which access to light/daylight do the different husbandry systems provide to animals. How is animal welfare affected if there is never a dark period during a 24 hour period (e.g. such as in some robotic milking systems for dairy cows)?

Confirmed speakers: SE

Welfare of farmed fish related to density, water quality, accumulation on sediments and ice:

Available scientific evidence/data, recent/ongoing/planned (risk assessment) activities in MS

Confirmed speakers: NO

Welfare in small scale farming of dairy cows

Update from EFSA and from MS

Confirmed speakers: EFSA

Animal Health topics (4 June)

Avian influenza H5 and H7: exchange on the risk of avian influenza outbreaks of subtypes H5 and H7, on LPAI H7, including the potential role of wild birds.

There is a need to exchange the views of the MS on the risk of avian influenza outbreaks of subtypes H5 and H7 after outbreaks of HPAI H5N8 and H5N1 as well as LPAI H7. The potential role of wild birds may have to be taken into account. The new EFSA mandate on AI will be presented.

Confirmed speakers: DE and EFSA

Harmonisation of epidemiological outbreak investigations: comparison of the procedures and protocols in MS for epidemiological investigations in the case of animal disease outbreaks.

It is proposed to compare the procedure of epidemiological investigations of MS in the case of animal disease outbreaks and assess the potential to harmonise protocols to allow for a better supranational analysis of the results.

Confirmed speakers: DE

African swine fever in the EU

Update on the situation in the Baltic states, adjacent countries and in Italy (Sardinia) and the potential risk of introduction into other MS

Confirmed speakers: LV, PL, EE, DE, IT

Bluetongue in the EU

Update on current situation from MS, recent/ongoing/planned (risk assessment) activities in MS

Confirmed speakers: IT

Bovine Tuberculosis

Varying quality of tuberculin, proposed changes in meat inspection and introduction of exotic species – what implications does this have on tuberculosis surveillance and control

Confirmed speakers: NO, SE

EFSA's projects on *Echinococcus multilocularis* and collaboration with MS in this context

Confirmed speakers: EFSA and DE

EFSA's bee projects and collaboration with MS in this context

Confirmed speakers: EFSA

Uncontrolled / illegal movements of animals: Follow up of the AHAW Network meeting Nov 2014

Confirmed speakers: EFSA