

NFAHW Council update – September 2017

Teleconferences July 13 and August 10, 2017

The Council met twice over the summer by teleconference, July 13 and August 10, to maintain momentum on working group activities and to involve Council in discussions on the Plant and Animal Health Strategy (PAHS) and the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS).

Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 (FAHW2020)

The working group continues the development of a national report on stakeholder activities which influence the strategic outcomes and priorities of FAHW2020 with the help of Dr. Jeffrey Spooner. Using the input from the industry groups which participated in interviews with Jeffrey, a draft report of industry stakeholder activities which influence one strategic outcome and one priority will be developed. The industry organizations providing input will have an opportunity to provide input on the draft report. An update will be provided at Forum 2017.

Emerging Issues

The Emerging Issues working group continues to work on a potential project which will identify barriers for processors during an emerging disease outbreak. Since the same processors are involved in the response to a market interruption crisis, the WG is interested in partnering with the Livestock Market Interruption Strategy (LMIS) WG which plans to further study the issues and costs associated with accessing slaughter facilities for humane destruction and disposal due to a significant market disruption. Further information will be provided at Forum 2017.

AMU/AMR

The WG continues to monitor the progress of the AMR Framework and the AMR Action Plan, as well as other AMR related activities that are progressing under the direction of stakeholders. The Council is a sponsor of the Canadian Academy of Health Science (CAHS) forum being held in Ottawa on September 14, 2017. The theme of the forum is "Strategies to control the antimicrobial resistance tsunami: Is Canada doing its part?" and addresses both human and animal initiatives. Members of the Council's AMU/AMR WG will participate in the Forum. Dr. John Prescott will report on the work of the CAHS at Forum 2017.

One Welfare

The working group has identified some active programs addressing the issue of One Welfare in the agriculture community. One of those programs which operates in QC through the UPA will be presented at Forum 2017 by Pierre-Nicolas Girard.

Animal Welfare

The working group is monitoring the implementation of recommendations included in [The Management of Cull Dairy Cows in Canada](#).

Other items discussed

Plant and Animal Health Strategy (PAHS)

The Council has been proposed as the implementation coordination body for the animal side of the PAHS. The Council is considering the implications of this role particularly in the areas of impact on the original intent of the Council, as well as the human and financial resource requirements.

Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS)

The Council proposed the formation of CAHSS at Forum 2015 and has maintained an active interest in the development of this important component of Canada's animal health and welfare system. The Council is considering an enhanced leadership role with CAHSS.

Council also received updates on the impact of the BC fires on animal agriculture in the province from Dr. Jane Pritchard and an update on the MB PED outbreak from Dr. Megan Bergman.

Updates on all Council activities will be reported at Forum 2017.

Upcoming meetings

- Canadian Academy of Health Sciences 2017 Forum - "Strategies to Control the Antimicrobial Resistance Tsunami: Is Canada doing its part?" – September 14, 2017
- NFAHW Council meeting September 28 and 29, Ottawa
- Forum 2017 – November 28 & 29, Ottawa

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- The Council meeting schedule is posted under *meetings*.
- Public documents are posted under *documents*

Would your board like an update from the Council?

Member organizations are invited to request a presentation from Council at board or committee meetings. These can be done in person or electronically. nfahwcouncil@animalhealth.ca