

October 14, 2014

## **NFAHW Council teleconference notes**

Council has met seven times by teleconference since the beginning of 2014. The working groups have been actively working and briefed the Council on the teleconferences.

### **Teleconference October 9, 2014**

#### **FPT Regulatory ADM of Agriculture Committee**

The presentation by the co-chairs to the FPT Regulatory ADM of agriculture committee took place at the same time as the Council call. The co-chairs were reporting on the renewal of the NFAHW Strategy and seeking support of the committee. The renewed strategy called “Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 – a strategy for animal agriculture in Canada” will provide strategic direction until 2020. The text of the original strategy will remain valid with the renewed strategy focusing on the priorities, strategic outcomes and the reporting and management processes required to demonstrate progress.

In upcoming meetings of the FPT Regulatory ADM of Agriculture Committee, the Council will present the recommendations in “Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance – a strategy for animal agriculture”; the report of the animal welfare research capacity study; governance of animal health surveillance; and emerging issues.

#### **Status of advisory statements**

The Council was updated on the status of the AMU/AMR advisory statement and the animal welfare research capacity study report. Both documents are in final stages of translation and formatting prior to public release this month. The documents will be released to the FPT Regulatory ADM committee and other stakeholders and will be posted on the Council website. The advisory statements will also be discussed at Forum 2014.

#### **Governance of Surveillance**

The Governance working group of Council reported on the successful Governance of Surveillance Workshop held on September 23-24, 2014. The governance working group will meet in Ottawa on October 20, 2014 to finalize a governance model for presentation to the Council for consideration prior to inclusion in Forum 2014.

#### **Forum 2014**

Registration is open for Forum 2014, which is taking place on Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25, in Ottawa. Invitations have been sent to past participants and stakeholder organizations with a draft agenda. The agenda will include an update of Council activities and reports from other stakeholders on their activities which contribute to progress on the strategic outcomes of the NFAHW Strategy.