

**Equine Identification
Subcommittee Report**

2007 NIAA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2007



The Equine ID Subcommittee met on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 from 1:30 to 5:00 pm PDT, during the NIAA 2007 Annual Meeting in Sacramento, California with approximately 50 people present. J Amelita Facchiano served as the Chair and Dr. Mary Giddens served as the Vice Chair.

The committee session focused on *The role of Individual Equine ID in Animal Health*. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to *Practical Applications – Disease Control*.

J Amelita Facchiano, Chair

NIAA Equine ID Subcommittee history / background goals / objectives
NAIS Equine Species Working Group August 2006 Recommendation
APHIS endorsement of ISO compliant RFID, AQHA on EVA and AAEP March 2007 info to practitioners and horse owners

LeeAnn Thomas, USDA / APHIS / VS - Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) Program Update

Kent Fowler, California Department of Food and Agriculture – Equine Herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1) & Equine Piroplasmiasis (EP)

Dave E. Fly, New Mexico Livestock Board – Equine ID and New Mexico Projects & Equine Viral Arteritis

Leonard Eldridge, Washington State Department of Agriculture - Washington State Disease and ID Issues

Josie Traub-Dargatz, Colorado State University and USDA, APHIS, VS, CEAH - Colorado State University Preliminary Study with RFID

John Evans, California Department of Food and Agriculture - California Equine ID Project

Josie Traub-Dargatz, Colorado State University and USDA, APHIS, VS, CEAH - NAHMS 2005 Equine Study

Rick Stott, Agri Beef Company - NYPP Pilot Project and Data Base Issues

Ron Miller, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture & Penn State College of Agriculture – Equine ID Project Overview.

Mary Giddens, DVM - Update on the Current Status of Equine ID in Various Countries and Jurisdictions and the Issues Under Discussion

Old Business:

Reviewed and affirmed 2006 Resolution 21.

New Business:

Kent Fowler, DVM presented for discussion a resolution requiring mandatory identification of horses entering or leaving the US.

General Discussion:

1. Committee members in attendance supported the resolution but felt that the Equine Health committee was the more appropriate sponsor of the resolution, but that if the resolution was not supported in that committee it should be re-presented to the Animal Identification and Information Systems committee. Resolution tabled.
2. Committee members in attendance support a resolution asking NIAA to help the equine industry with educational outreach. An existing resolution (20) exists related to NAIS. It was recommended that this concept should be brought forth in the parent Animal ID and Info Systems committee the following day.

Committee Business Session adjourned at 5:45pm PDT.