

**Emerging Diseases
Council Report**

2012 NIAA Annual Conference

Wednesday, March 28, 2012



The Emerging Diseases Council met on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am during the 2012 NIAA Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado with about 37 people present. Dr. Lanny Pace & Dr. Hailu Kinde served as Co-Chairs.

The committee session focused on issues affecting the egg industry in particular the proposed legislation affecting laying hen houses; and the FDA Rule for SE monitoring and its impact on the industry; NVSL activities on emerging diseases; Update on Influenza; proposed NHHLN's restructuring.

Gene Gregory, President, United Egg Producers, presented "United Egg Producers (UEP) and Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) Jointly Seeking Federal Legislation for National Hen Housing Standards."

Mr. Gregory stated the position of UEP and the industry's interactions with the HSUS about the development of the proposed legislation for National Hen Housing Standards. This legislation will establish transitions from the existing housing styles to an enriched colony housing with a time line for full implementation to occur in the next 15-18 years.

Dr. Paul Hauer, USDA/APHIS/NVSL, presented "National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) Update."

Dr. Hauer gave an update of NVSL activities of the last year on new test development, interactions with the Federal Republic of Germany on the development of new assay for the Schmallenberg Disease; Q-fever outbreak in goats in WA and Montana; and influenza.

Dr. Susan Trock, CDC, NCIRD, Influenza Division, presented "Pandemic Possibilities and the Animal-Human Interface."

Dr. Torok gave CDC updates on the pandemic influenza and the detection of a new influenza virus(H17) in bats in Guatemala.

Dr. Eric Gingerich, Poultry Technical Services Specialist, Diamond V, presented "Industry Perspective of the FDA Rule for *Salmonella* enteritidis (SE) Monitoring."

Dr. Gingerich gave an update on the FDA SE Rule and its impact on the egg industry; He gave prevalence data comparisons of the European and the US egg industries.

Dr. Lanny Pace, Executive Director, Mississippi State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, presented "The Proposed Restructuring of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN)."

Dr. Pace gave a summary of the activities of the NAHLN coordinating council over the past year and development of a proposed restructuring of the NAHLN. Information presented included results of a survey sent to stakeholders seeking inputs on four possible models of NAHLN structure.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Resolution 29 USDA/NIFA Emerging Disease appropriation-----Reaffirmed
- Resolution 39 Porcine Circovirus associated Disease (PCVAD) Research Need---Removed.
- Consensus Points for NIAA White Paper Development
 - 1) NIAA should develop or enhance outreach efforts toward state associations and industry groups to increase membership in NIAA.
 - 2) Emerging Diseases Council should continue providing forum to discuss emerging issues affecting all animal agriculture species.

General Discussion: None

Committee Session adjourned at 11:45 AM.