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### **Dr. Richard Meiring Elected to NIAA Board of Directors**

BOWLING GREEN, KY— Dr. Richard Meiring, a clinical professor of Veterinary Pathobiology and Population Medicine, Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine, was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture. Dr. Meiring was elected during NIAA's annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., April 1-3.

NIAA's Board of Directors guides the organization's 232 members from the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, equine and poultry industries. Membership includes national and state livestock, poultry and equine organizations as well as veterinarians, government regulatory personnel, academia, researchers, extension specialists, producers and allied industry businesses and organizations.

"Dr. Meiring's strong interest in animal well-being initiatives, infectious diseases and emerging disease threats coupled with his industry leadership experience makes him an ideal fit as an NIAA board member," states Dr. Leonard Bull, the newly elected chairman of the NIAA board. "We are honored to have a person of his caliber and with his expertise on the board."

Dr. Meiring is past president of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, formerly chaired the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Veterinary Services and is a former member of the AVMA's Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee. He serves as a representative of the AABP within the Food Supply Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association's Agriculture Issues Committee and Mastitis Committee. In addition, Ohio's Director of Agriculture has selected Dr. Meiring to serve on the Ohio Dairy Industry Labeling Committee.

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) mission is to provide forums for building consensus and advancing solutions for animal agriculture and to provide continuing education and communication linkages to animal agriculture professionals. NIAA is dedicated to programs that work towards the eradication of animal diseases that pose risk to the health of animals, wildlife and humans; promote a safe and wholesome food supply for our nation and abroad; and promote best practices in environmental stewardship, animal health and well being. NIAA members represent producers, veterinarians, scientists, state and federal officials, and business executives. More information is available at [www.animalagriculture.org](http://www.animalagriculture.org).

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