

Antibiotics Council Report

2012 NIAA Annual Conference

Tuesday, March 27, 2012



The Antibiotics Council met on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm during the 2012 NIAA Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado with about 50 people present. Dr. Jennifer Koeman & Dr. Leah Dorman served as Co-Chairs.

The committee session focused on antibiotic stewardship and the following speakers presented relevant information.

Dr. Jennifer Koeman, presented "History of Antibiotics Council"

Dr. Christine Hoang, American Veterinary Medical Association, presented "Veterinarian's Oversight of Antimicrobials." She discussed the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD), veterinary-client-patient-relationship, and the recent FDA lawsuit regarding banning tetracycline and penicillin use in feed.

The following speakers presented information about their respective species industry programming regarding antibiotic stewardship. A robust question and answer session with the panelists followed the presentations.

Poultry: Dr. Hector Cervantes, Senior Manager for Poultry Technical Services, Phibro Animal Health

Beef: Dr. Gatz Riddell, American Association of Bovine Practitioners

Dairy: Dr. Karen Jordan, Dairy Farmers of America

Sheep: Dr. Gregory S. Lewis, Location Coordinator & Research Leader, USDA/ARS/U.S. Sheep Experiment Station

Swine: Dr. Butch Baker, Swine Senior Clinician, Iowa State University

Old Business:

- The general consensus was to hold a routine, bimonthly antibiotic council conference call at consistent date and time. This could be used as a forum for information sharing among members and presentations from speakers on emerging issues.

New Business:

- The antibiotic council is in need of a new co-chair as Dr. Leah Dorman will move on to the NIAA board of directors. The council agreed to send Jennifer or Leah any recommendations via email.
- Since this was the first antibiotic council annual meeting, there were no resolutions to review. Two new resolutions were discussed and approved.
- Consensus Points for NIAA White Paper Development:
 - Livestock and poultry industries have judicious antibiotic use programming with good producer participation/certification. Industry efforts continue to focus on educating all producers on best practices for antibiotic use.
 - Open conversation surrounding antibiotic use in human and animal medicine needs to engage multiple stakeholders including agriculture industry, public health, academia/researchers, farmers, consumers, regulators, policy makers, communicators, etc.

- Agriculture should be proactive in communicating their judicious antibiotic use practices to consumers. This message is often well received when communicated by a farmer.

General Discussion:

- During the business session the 2012 Antibiotic Symposium was discussed. Topics discussed by the group included the audience, the deliverables and the location. The discussion will be continued on the next committee conference call. A smaller planning group will be identified to assist the committee chairs with organizing the forum.

Committee Session adjourned at 4:58 pm.