FEEVA
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British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA)

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Activities and issues

• membership
• continuing professional development
• horse passports and identification
• medicines availability and use
• transport welfare
• equine dental technicians and welfare standards
• importation of equine biologicals
• disease surveillance and preparedness
Activities and issues

• Membership
  – attracting and retaining members
  – member benefits
  – effects of recession
  – information delivery
  – formulary
  – evidence based medicine (EBM) projects
    • colic, laminitis, worming
Activities and issues

• Continuing professional development
  – 35 hr CPD/year (voluntary – RCVS)
  – competition from veterinary schools and commercial CPD providers
  – integration into post graduate study programmes and qualifications?
  – new graduate versus specialist
Activities and issues

• Passports and identification
  – alternative methods of identification
  – linkage between passport and medicines use

• Medicines availability
  – Essentials List
  – phenylbutazone
  – responsible use of antimicrobials
  – medicines database EMEA
  – eudrapharm.eu/eudrapharm/welcome.do
Activities and issues

- Transport welfare and slaughter horses
  - ‘registered’ horses
  - Tripartite Agreement

- Equine dental technicians
  - boundaries, derogations and partnerships

- Equine biologicals importation
  - semen and plasma
Activities and issues

• Disease surveillance
  – exotic disease preparedness
  – AHS, WNV, EIA
  – endemic disease surveillance
  – infectious disease surveillance scheme
    • influenza text alert (AHT & Merial)
  – endemic disease census days
    • BEVA and Blue Cross
Revised timings

14.35 – 15.05  Peter Clegg MRSA
15.05 – 15.15  Discussion
15.15 – 16.00  FEEVA updates
16.00 – 16.15  Coffee
16.15 – 16.30  Work plans
16.30 – 17.30  FEEVA AGM
18.45          Taxis leave from Hotel Lycium
Medicines: Essentials List

• 1950/2006/EC
  – list of substances essential for treatment of Equidae intended for slaughter
  – *positive* list not a *negative* list
  – withdrawal period not less than 6 months

• 470/2009/EC
  – amends 2001/82/EC
  – allows substances that bring *added clinical benefit* to be added to the list
Terms of reference used by CVMP

Substances considered must bring added clinical benefit through:

• having different mode of action
• different pharmacokinetic or pharmaco-dynamic profiles
• different length of treatment
• different routes of administration
FEEVA/FVE list
(approved by CVMP December 2009)

- Flumazenil
- Triamcinolone acetonide
- Flumethasone
- Pentoxyphylline
- Polymyxin B
- Amiodarone
- Flecaainide
- Adrenaline
- Allopurinol
- Sucralfate
- Ranitidine
- Phenoxybenzamine
- Codeine
- Loperamide
- Budesonide
- Fluticasone
- Clarithromycin
- Ponazuril
- Radiopharmaceutical Tc99
- Gabapentine
- Carbamazepine
- Cyproheptadine
Not approved by CVMP

- Phenylbutazone
  - ‘carcinogenic and teratogenic potential of PBZ did not support an inclusion in the list’
- Halothane
  - ‘well published user safety concerns were not outweighed by any potential added clinical benefit’
Current position

- CVMP-approved list is awaiting public consultation and a decision from the Commission
Other issues

• availability of medicines in different countries – ‘pan European’ licensing versus national licensing
• difficulties importing medicines under the Cascade from other European countries
• discrepancies between national marketing authorisations and European regulations
Identification of horses

• 504/2008/EC
• FEEVA identification survey
FEEVA identification survey

• 13 responses from 11 countries
• Austria (x2), Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Netherlands (x2), Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom
• www.surveymonkey.com
Has the Identification of Equidae Regulation (Commission Regulation 504/2008) been implemented in your country? If not, is there a planned date for its implementation?

• Yes: 12
• No: 1
Are ‘suitable alternative identification methods’ other than microchipping authorized in your country or when the regulation is implemented, will other identification methods be authorized?

• Yes: 6
• No: 7
If yes to Question 3: which methods are/will be authorized and for which horses: all horses or certain types/groups of horse (please specify), and who is/will be authorized to use these methods?

• Hot branding: 3
• Freeze branding: 2
Who will be authorized to identify horses in your country under this Regulation?

- Veterinary surgeons: 12
- Government officials: 2
- Studbook personnel: 4
- Trained lay people: 7
What type(s) of information will be held on the microchip?

• UELN only: 9
• UELN cross referenced to a database: 3
Does your country have a central database for all registered horses?

- Yes: 5
- No: 2
- No, but separate databases: 4
- No, but linked separate databases: 2
In your country, which horses are seen as ‘registered horses’ according to Council Regulation 90/426/EC?

- All horses identified and registered = 11
- Only certain stud books = 1
In your country, do your passport regulations make provision for the suspension of the passport in an outbreak of notifiable/reportable disease?

• Yes: 6
• No: 7
Summary

• 504/2008/EC mostly implemented
• some countries allow other methods of ID
• some countries allow non-vets to insert chips
• minority of countries have national databases
• registered horses has broad interpretation?
• 50% of countries have provision for suspension of passport if disease outbreak
Common themes – work plans?

- national databases: importance, linkage of horse to location, removal of dead horses from database
- national licensing and availability of medicines
- protecting human health – responsible use of medicines, illegal supply, AMR, horse identification
- disposal and unwanted horses: need for slaughter
- enforcement of transport regulations
- disease surveillance and preparedness
- clinical practice: gender and generational changes, quality of new graduates and training, defining best practice
- lay practitioners: dental technicians
Dinner tonight

- taxies leave at 6.45pm
- Palma Etterem (Palm Tree Restaurant)
- Simonyi ut44