Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations – Update

- 17 States as members, including Norway and Switzerland. Keen to recruit more.
- Recent (February) General Assembly hosted by AVEF in Paris.
- Current issues:
  - Equine ID, new regulation
  - Horsemeat and medicines
- FVE projects: Callisto (zoonoses), VetCee
- FEEVA projects: Disease Surveillance, Pre-Purchase Examination, Equine Horse Network, Horse Transport
Current Issues

- **Equine ID Regulations.**
  Recent proposal of new regulation, hoping for improvements, e.g. retrospective microchipping, single passport issuing authority in each country, Central Database to record medicine status with real time updates. No vote in European parliament at the beginning of this month. New Term, new opportunity. Meeting in Brussels next few weeks, FEEVA attending.

- **Antimicrobial Resistance**
  Recent FEEVA Survey. Client influence (29%) on choice, Choice order: Penicillin, TMPS, Gentamicin, cetifur, cephalxin (all licensed). Then the Fluoroquinolones. 61% vets use Ams for cough, 52% say “never” for diarrhoea.
Current Issues: Medicines

- Availability of Medicines essential to Equine Welfare
- Defend the Cascade system and Essentials List
- Effective Identification and Database is key
- Phenylbutazone in Horsemeat. Irony of EU import of horsemeat from Mexico, Argentina and Canada (no medicine status)
- Unwanted horses (Sports and Companion) entering human food chain essential for Equine Welfare (bottom line value)
Current Issues: continued

- Horsemeat and Medicines in the human food chain. Presentation to follow

- Recent (May 2014) EQUINE WELFARE EXPERT MEETING convened by SANCO in Brussels. Open to ideas on ID, food chain issues, transport, welfare.

- Recognition of need for horses to enter the food chain to give value and improve welfare. Need for transport guidelines and Eurogroup for Animals to produce a “state of industry” document for SANCO by Nov 2014.
FVE Projects: Callisto

- No equine specific zoonoses
- No one can recall a case of Salmonella
- Ringworm
- Horse often dead end host, e.g. Rabies, WNF (both fatal to horses and humans)
- EIV: Influenza
- Hendra Virus in Australia
- Equine Owner, mental health: a ‘new’ zoonosis
FVE Projects: VetCEE

- Attempt to standardise/recognise European post graduate qualifications
- FEEVA need to catch up!
- President proposing new expanded working group
- AVEF advising on French system of Certified Equine Vet
- Each country proud of their own system
Disease Surveillance Survey on Economic Compensation after Compulsory Slaughter for notifiable disease

Equine exotic and endemic disease surveillance.

Defining equine infectious diseases to include in secondary legislation for the new Animal Health Law.

Pushing member Associations to set up National Equine Surveillance Systems.

Listing private laboratories doing equine infectious testing throughout Europe.

Sharing information between already established systems, e.g. RESPE, Animal Health Trust

Looking for Sponsors??
To “Vet” something is very different to “doctor” something

Complex relationships between vet/seller/buyer

Variations in process, but above all understanding between Member States, increasingly international trade leading to confusion

Cross border practising: illegal. No indemnity insurance. Variation in requirements. FEEVA to host information

European PPE Conference to be hosted in Scotland, Dec 2014 (TBC)
European Horse Network

Projects

- Equine Vets important part of the Horse Industry
- Approx 11 million horses in EU
- Important part of household, e.g. in Romania
- 9 billion Euro industry in UK (farming 12 billion Euro). Excludes betting (horse race betting is a 15 billion Euro industry)
- EHN important lobbying group in Brussels
- Cost to FEEVA
- EHN organising an Equine Industry Conference after World Equestrian Games in Caen 01/09/14
Concern for serious welfare compromise on long distance transport of live horses for slaughter for human consumption

From Eastern Europe (Romania/Poland to southern Italy)

Lack of compliance/enforcement with EU Transport Reg 1/2005

Need for Guidelines for Transporters and Enforcers

Led by World Horse Welfare, an equine charity
FEEVA activities, especially Equine Horse Network, meeting expenses etc. depleting reserves

- Only reserves for another 2 years
- Increase subs to 3 Euros/member of each Member Association. Capped at 3000 Euros (e.g. BEVA). Awaiting response from Member Associations. Will require further increase
- Updated Statutes. All VPs!
FEEVA General Assembly: Roissy

32 delegates, all 17 member states represented and Romanians welcomed.

Presentations by OIE. Follow up meeting this month. Also by FIE, equine sports' ruling body. FEEVA are firm supporters of their clean sport campaign and recent join up with racing globally in the regulation of medicines in sport.

Presentations on Vettings (PPE), Transport, Horsemeat, FEEVA AMR survey.

Discussion on New Grad equine competency and Vetcee.