**AGENDA**

**Thursday, 4 October 2012**

**14.00** *Opening and welcome*
Welcome by Christophe Buhot, President FVE
Welcome by Thomas Jemmi, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer Swiss Federal Veterinary Office
Welcome by Bernard Van Goethem, Director of DG SANCO Directorate G, Veterinary & International affairs
Official Opening by Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU

**Session I: Current situation and gaps in EU legislation**
*Chair of Session I: Christophe Buhot*

**14.30** “Benefits and risks related to the import and keeping of exotic animals”
Christodoulos Pipis, Veterinary Counsellor, Cyprus’ Permanent Representation to the EU

**14:50** “Overview of current EU wildlife trade legislation”
Hélène Perier, Scientific Officer, Unit for Multilateral Environmental Agreements, processes and trade issues DG Environment - European Commission

**15:10** “Keeping of exotic animals: are all animal species suitable for companion animals?”
Paul Koene, Department of Animal Husbandry/Applied Ethology, Wageningen Agricultural University, the Netherlands

**15:30** Discussion

**16:00** Tea / coffee Break

**Session II: Animal health and welfare risks related to import and keeping of exotic species (part 1)**
*Chair of Session II: Christodoulos Pipis*

**16.00** “Health risks associated with the import of exotic animals”
Neil Forbes, BVetMed Dip ECZM(avian) FRCVS, RCVS and EU Recognised Specialist in Avian Medicine

**16.20** “Keeping of exotic animals: welfare concerns”
Staci McLennan, Eurogroup for animals Policy Officer Wildlife

**16.40** Discussion

**17.00** End of the first day

**18.00** Reception
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**Session III: Animal health and welfare risks related to import and keeping of exotic species (part 2)**

*Chair of Session III: Daniel Turner*

9.00  “How to transport exotic species properly”
Raymond Tilburg, Board member of ATA - Animal Transportation Association

9.20  “Need for global animal welfare standards for reptiles”
Matthias Lörtscher, Swiss Federal Veterinary Office

9.40  Discussion

**Session IV: Exotic animals & Public health risks**

*Chair of Session VI: Thomas Jemmi*

10.00  “Public Health risks related to keeping of exotic animals”
Mike Jessop, BVetMed MRCVS Ash Veterinary Group

10.20  “Common zoonosis of birds”
M.-E. Krautwald-Junghanns, Member of the Academy of sciences, Leopoldina, Dip ECZM(avian), EU Recognised Specialist in Avian Medicine

10.40  Discussion

11.00  Tea/ Coffee break

**Session V: Implementation & Enforcement of EU, National & International Legislation**

*Chair of Session V: Pierangelo Bernorio*

11.30  “Belgian experience with a “positive list” for keeping companion animals”
Els Vanautryve, Animal welfare division of the Belgium Federal Services of Public Health

11.50  “Joint veterinary/CITES border controls: an effective way of controlling trade of exotic species- The Swiss experience”
Thomas Jemmi, Deputy Director General / Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Swiss Federal Veterinary Office

12.10  “FVE position”
Christophe Buhot, FVE President

12.30  Lunch

**Session VI: Final discussion & Conclusion**

*Coordinator of the discussion: Mike Jessop*

14.00  Round table discussion

15.15  Conclusions

15.30  Closing of the event