Seminar on the *Brucella* vaccine competition & the challenges with global equine welfare

Extended Lunch seminar 2018-04-19 in Ratatosk 2, VHC, Ulls väg 26, SLU at 12.15 – 13.00 (sandwiches from 12.00)

The speaker:

*Professor Brian Perry is a world-leading expert in applied veterinary epidemiology who has published over 250 peer-reviewed scientific articles in his field. Through his entire working life, he has been active internationally and has made outstanding contributions to animal welfare and animal health in developing countries, thereby improving the financial conditions for animal husbandry in these countries.*

The AgResults Brucellosis vaccine prize: an incentive for innovation in animal health

AgResults, a $122m multi-donor, multi-lateral initiative, is creating incentives for / rewarding high-impact agricultural innovations that promote global food security, health and nutrition. These are pull mechanism projects rather than grant funding or aid, and were introduced at the 2010 G20 Summit as a commitment to exploring innovative, results-based methods of leveraging private sector innovation in developing countries. The largest of these initiatives is the Prize for the development of a new vaccine for *Brucella melitensis* infection in small ruminants, and US$ 30 million has been allocated to this initiative. This presentation will present the results to date after the first year of opening the competition, and review the structure of the competition and the three milestones.

Understanding markets for equine commodities: an opportunity to bring equine welfare into the international development agenda?

For those living in Sweden, the knowledge that horses, donkeys and mules are exploited in various ways all around the world may come as a shock. After all, the Swedish mindset towards equids centres on a concept of these animals being loyal companions. Not so in many low and middle income countries (LMICs), where the value of horses, donkeys and mules is inextricably linked to their contributions to livelihoods. Welfare can therefore often have a much lower priority than would be accepted elsewhere. Improving market access for livestock commodities has been exploited all over the world as a poverty reduction tool. This presentation will review global equid commodity uses and explore the market opportunities for different equid derived products to raise smallholder income, improve product standards, and influence the role of welfare in determining product quality.

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