



Dr Richard Laven is the Chairperson for the 16th Symposium and 8th Conference on Lameness in Ruminants to be held in Rotorua, New Zealand 28th February-3rd March 2011.

Richard was very pleased to announce recently that ZINPRO have come on-board as the sole Platinum Sponsor for this prestigious international conference.

“ZINPRO have been a major sponsor of this biennial event for many years. Lameness in ruminants is the most important welfare problem of ruminants worldwide – ZINPRO’s consistent support has helped to build increasing awareness and knowledge for animal health professionals and research scientists across the globe.”

The conference will embrace lameness in all farmed species and cover all aspects from molecular genetics to the development and monitoring of intervention programmes, all with a unique New Zealand perspective.

A wide range of papers will be presented with particular focus on the following topics:

- Behaviour and Lameness
- Lameness in Pasture-Based Systems : what are the problems, are they really the same?
- Getting Cows to Milking: tracks, collecting yards, parlour flow, milking once-a-day
- Extension Programmes: what levels are acceptable, how do we get there, how do 'low-lameness' farmers manage?
- Breeding the Ideal Cow: are our current cows designed for our system?
- Lameness in Sheep: do we know enough to have an impact?
- Footrot: New Technology – New Solutions
- Ruminant Lameness – General topics

The aim of the conference is to bring researchers and veterinarians together and to fuse the practical and the scientific into workable solutions for lameness, particularly for cows on pasture-based systems.