



Details Emerge about International Lameness Conference

Laven announced as chair, Zinpro the lead sponsor

ROTORUA, New Zealand – August 31, 2010 – The appointment of Dr. Richard Laven as the official chairperson for the 16th Symposium and 8th Conference on Lameness in Ruminants recently led a number of announcements about the event to be held February 28 – March 3, 2011, in Rotorua, New Zealand.

Following his appointment as chair, Laven announced that Zinpro Corporation would be the sole platinum sponsor for the prestigious international conference. “Zinpro has been a major sponsor of this biennial event for many years,” Laven stated. “Lameness in ruminants is one of the most challenging problems experienced worldwide. Zinpro’s consistent support has helped to build increasing awareness and knowledge for animal health professionals and research scientists across the globe.”

Zinpro, the global leader in performance mineral nutrition, is committed to preventing lameness in commercial livestock operations.

It also was announced that papers covering the following topics will be presented at the event:

- 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 and new solutions.
- Ruminant lameness: general topics.

The goal of the 16th Symposium and 8th Conference on Lameness in Ruminants is to bring researchers and veterinarians together to fuse the practical and the scientific into workable solutions for lameness, particularly for dairy cows. The 2011 conference will embrace lameness in all farmed species and cover all aspects of lameness, from molecular genetics to the development and monitoring of intervention programmes – all with a unique New Zealand perspective. Conference registration opens October 1, 2010.

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