



Vlaamse Vereniging voor Veterinaire
Epidemiologie en Economie



Joint Meeting VEE-VEEC-AESA

“Fewer livestock: healthier animals, healthier environment?”

Thursday 20 October 2022

Omnia Building, Hoge Steeg 2, 6708 PB Wageningen, the Netherlands

The three veterinary epidemiology and economics societies of the Low Countries join forces to discuss this theme. Come and listen to 3 renowned speakers in the field and join the discussion!

Morning program

- 8:30 9:00 Registration and coffee
- 9:00 9:15 Opening of the symposium by S. Ribbens (VEE), C. Saegerman (AES A) and E. Fischer (VEEC)
- 9:15 10:00 Keynote lecture: “Perspectives of intensive livestock farming in Western Europe”
Dr. Piet Vanthemsche | *Ombudsman for the Flemish Government*
- 10:00 10:45 Keynote lecture: “Error = Bias + Noise”
Prof. dr. Ynte Schukken | *Royal GD| Wageningen University | Utrecht University*
- 10:45 11:15 *Coffee break / poster viewing*
- 11:15 12:00 Keynote lecture: “On the need for a more holistic approach to livestock farming”
Prof. dr. Thijs Kuiken | *Erasmus MC*
- 12:00 13:30 *Lunch break / poster viewing / General Annual meeting VEEC (members-only)*

Afternoon program: selected abstract presentations

- 13:30 14:45
- Combining phylogeographic analyses and epidemiological contact tracing to characterize the dispersal dynamic of an atypical outbreak: Avian Influenza H3N1, Belgium 2019 (*G. Boseret*)
 - Associated decision and management factors on cattle tick level of infestation in two tropical areas of Ecuador (*C. Saegerman*)
 - Dutch dairy farmers’ perspectives on culling reasons and strategies (*P. Kulkarni*)
 - Counting cows, and parasites: will lower stocking density reduce levels of nematode infection? (*T. Wang*)
 - First expert elicitation of knowledge on drivers of emergence of bovine Besnoitiosis in Europe (*C. Saegerman*)
- 14:45 15:15 *Coffee break / poster viewing*
- 15:15 16:15
- Biosecurity quantification tools for indoor and free-range poultry production (*A. Amalraj*)
 - Biosecurity and antimicrobial use in broiler farms across nine European countries: towards identifying farm-specific options for reducing antimicrobial usage (*P. Mallioris*)
 - Farm biosecurity measures associated with delivering hepatitis E virus negative batches of pigs to slaughter – a case-control study (*M. Meester*)
 - Identifying the gaps in cleaning and disinfection measures on pig farms in eight EU countries (*I. Makovska*)
- 16:15 17:30 Closing of the symposium followed by reception



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Participants are invited to bring their research poster (please indicate this at registration).

(Note also the VEE workshop the day before!)

Location

Wageningen University and Research, Wageningen, the Netherlands

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