

**Animal Health and International Trade
Committee Report**

2008 NIAA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2008



The Animal Health and International Trade met on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am EST, during the 2008 NIAA Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana with 48 people present. David Harlan served as the Vice Chair, and Dr. Eldon Uhlenhopp served as the Chair; however, Dr. Uhlenhopp was unable to attend this year's meeting.

The committee session focused on animal welfare research and various standards on animal welfare. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to animal welfare.

Dave Harlan, Cargill, presented the "OIE Animal Welfare Perspective," discussing background on OIE and entry into development of international animal welfare standards.

Dr. Ed Pajor, Purdue University, presented "Animal Welfare Research and Policies in Europe: Potential implications for animal agriculture in the USA," discussing background on European perspective on scientific approach to animal welfare contrasted to North American approach with background on private and OIE standards. Suggestions were made for US agriculture to better manage animal welfare in the future.

Dr. Suzanne Millman, Iowa State University, presented "Animal Welfare and the Scientific Method," providing a detailed overview of scientific methods used in animal welfare research with emphasis on animal response and behavior. Both US and European approaches to animal welfare research were reviewed.

Phil Bradshaw, United Soybean Board, presented "Update on FMD Eradication Efforts in the Americas," giving a 15 minute update on Mr. Bradshaw's activities as Chairman of the GIEFA program.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- One new resolution accepted on animal welfare research.
- Resolution 14, Addressing the Impact of Emerging Diseases in International Trade, is needing additional information per the NIAA Board of Directors before it can be approved.

Committee Session adjourned at 11:27 am EST.