

## Equine Committee Report

2010 NIAA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2010



The Equine Committee met on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm during the 2010 NIAA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri with 33 people present. Ms. Barbara Linke served as Chair and Dr. Robert Stout as Vice Chair

The committee session focused on One Health as it relates to equine health issues, particularly equine disease and control. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to Equine Piroplasmiasis, Contagious Equine Metritis and the Unwanted Horse issue:

A panel discussion was focused on Equine Piroplasmiasis and featured the following speakers:

- **Dr. Robert Stout, Kentucky Department of Agriculture**, introduced the panel members and briefly discussed the progress of the Working Group. Dr. Stout also discussed state regulatory response.
- **Dr. Peter Timoney, University of Kentucky**, gave the background of Equine Piroplasmiasis.
- **Dr. Josie Traub-Dargatz, Colorado State University and AAEP appointee to the Working Group**, discussed the history of the disease in the US, 2009 sero survey results and importation protocols.
- **Dr. Angela Pelzel, USDA/APHIS/VS**, reviewed current incidents and the mission of the Equine Piroplasmiasis Working Group.
- **Dr. Don Knowles, USDA /ARS – Washington State University**, discussed ongoing research, testing and treatment protocols.

**Dr. Peter Timoney, University of Kentucky**, provided an update on Contagious Equine Metritis and discussed necessary steps toward regaining disease-free status in the United States.

**Dr. Tom Lenz, Pfizer Animal Health and chair of the Unwanted Horse Coalition**, provided an update on the status of the unwanted horse problem in the United States and industry efforts toward education and addressing the problem.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Minutes of the 2009 Equine Committee meeting were approved.
- The Committee reviewed 8 existing resolutions and took no action. The Committee approved to request the status from USDA on the resolutions concerning EVA guidelines and European movement requirements.
- 3.) The Committee approved to adopt a resolution urging USDA to enter into discussions with Canada regarding official importation testing for Equine Piroplasmiasis.

**Committee Session adjourned at 12:00 pm.**