

OLPC Board Vice Chair

Julie Harlow was re-elected by the OLPC Board as Vice Chair for 2018-2019. Julie represents Angus Geo Solutions at OLPC and the Individual Agri-business Sector on the Board.

Upcoming Meeting

Presentations:

October:

- Risk of Wildlife to Farmed Animal Health – Nicole Nemeth, University of Guelph and University of Georgia

December:

- Livestock Hemorrhagic Disease and Vector Surveillance – Samantha Allen, University of Guelph
- Large Animal Rescue - Equine Guelph

Large Animal Rescue Course

Meaford Fire Department
Training Centre
October 12, 13 & 14
Workshop Fee: \$295 + HST
(includes lunch)

For additional details and to register:

<https://thehorseportal.ca/course/large-animal-rescue-operational-level-course/>

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Proposed Transportation Regulations Changes

CFIA has released a document summarizing comments received during the consultation period for the proposed transportation regulation changes under the Health of Animals Act. There were 11,042 written submissions received. The report provides a summary of feedback themes. The specifics will come when the final regulations are published in Gazette 2 expected late this year. The report is available at: <http://inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/accountability/consultations-and-engagement/har/what-we-heard/eng/1530194512048/1530194570894>

OIE Report on Assessment of Canadian Veterinary Services

The OIE assessment of veterinary services is a voluntary evaluation. It was originally designed for developing countries to help them build veterinary capacity. Of developed countries, Japan and Australia have been assessed. The intent is to address weaknesses in current capacity. Some that were identified in the Canadian review were already being addressed.

Of the 45 critical competencies evaluated, 35 were rated 5/5, the highest possible level of advancement. Five areas scored 4/5 and five scored 3/5. The OIE group did not evaluate zoning and compartmentalization as they were not established in a form in which OIE could evaluate.

The areas for improvement fall into the following major themes: information management; regulatory reforms; traceability of animals and animal products; engagement with provinces, territories and other government departments; and cost-sharing with industry.

The full report is available at:

http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Support_to_OIE_Members/docs/pdf/201804_09_final_OIE_PVS_Evaluation_report_Canada_Eng.pdf

Antimicrobial Use Website and Resources

The Farmed Animal Antimicrobial Stewardship (FAAST) is an educational website that veterinarians can access to obtain resources such as toolkits, information sheets, species specific information, case studies, whiteboard videos, podcasts, and interviews with veterinarians from jurisdictions that have already implemented similar changes to address AMR. There are tiles for each species and factsheets for producers and veterinarians. For more information and to sign up for updates, visit the FAAST website <http://www.amstewardship.ca/>

Disease Alerts

OLPC continues to send out disease alerts. The most notable during the last quarter were relating to: African Swine Fever in Europe and Asia with the most significant concern being the rapid spread within China; since May 18, the USDA has confirmed 147 cases of virulent Newcastle disease in backyard birds in California; a confirmed case of Chronic wasting disease in a farmed raised deer in Quebec; Equine herpes myeloencephalopathy in Ontario; Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in Ontario; and, low pathogenic Avian influenza in two commercial turkey flocks in California.

Animal Welfare Law in Canada

The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council recently released a report entitled Animal Welfare Law in Canada. It contains eight recommendations on federal and provincial alignment on animal welfare law and referencing the Codes of Practice in legislation. A copy of the report can be found on the OLPC website at <http://www.ontlpc.ca/news.php>.

Our Mission

Provide a forum to facilitate the development and coordination of an Ontario strategy to deal with foreign animal disease and other transmissible livestock and poultry diseases.