



## NATIONAL FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

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### In This Issue

This issue of the NFAHW Council newsletter provides updates of Council's progress in the work areas of Governance, Anti-microbial resistance, Strategy Renewal, and planning for Forum 2013. Council is also pleased to introduce the newly formed Emerging Issues working Group.

### Council Work Areas

#### Governance

The Governance Working Group recently held two conference calls; one with Animal Health Australia and one with Animal Health Ireland; with the goal of identifying key success elements and drivers which will assist Council as it develops a new governance model.

The working group, along with the Institute on Governance (IoG), will be creating a report to be presented to the entire Council at the September meeting which will articulate principles, a model to achieve those principles and implementation options.

The finalized report will be presented and discussed at Forum 2013 in December. Communication with stakeholders will be key to moving forward on this issue. All stakeholders need to be engaged and committed to success.

### New – Emerging Issues Working Group

In recognition of the need for national leadership at the early stages of dealing with emerging diseases, Council recently established an Emerging Issues working group. Using Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea as an example, the group will develop a process template for decision making and bringing stakeholders together on emerging issues as they relate to animal health to coordinate assumed roles and responsibilities. Council identified four members to comprise this group; one federal, one provincial/territorial, and two from industry. The group will also engage experts in an advisory capacity as needed.

### Strategy Renewal

Council has engaged a facilitator to assist with its strategy renewal process. The working group will begin the process with a meeting in July. Council recognizes the importance of stakeholder engagement during this process and will use the Forum 2013 as the primary consultative opportunity. The renewal of the strategy will provide an updated strategic direction for enhancing Canada's animal health and welfare system.

*"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, one finds it attached to the rest of the world."*

*- John Muir*

## Anti-microbial resistance (AMR)

### Anti-microbial use (AMU)

The final AMR survey results have been compiled and following input from participants the report is posted on the Council website.

Moving forward on the issue of AMR, Council agrees that its most effective role will be one of national coordination, complementing the work that is already being done and coordinating the existing information. With this in mind, the AMR working group will outline a workplan, with the goal of providing a progress report in September. "Expert Advisors" from industry and government have been identified. These advisors will be asked to participate in a meeting tentatively scheduled for September to move this initiative forward.

## Other Council Activities

**OIE** – Rob McNabb and Ian Alexander provided a report of highlights of the OIE 81st general session. Rob McNabb represented Council in the Canadian delegation.

**New – Long Distance Transport** – Council held an initial discussion on long distance transport of livestock. There will be further consideration of this as a potential work area at the next Council meeting.



The NFAHW Council is pleased to be hosting its third annual

## **National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Forum 2013**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Ottawa, ON

*Have a voice in shaping Canada's animal health and welfare system*

Agenda to follow soon  
Check the Council website for updates  
<http://www.ahwcouncil.ca/events>