Animal Task Force Seminar:

Responsible Livestock Farming Systems

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The Animal Task Force (since 2011)

• Promoting a sustainable and competitive animal production sector in Europe;

• By fostering knowledge development and innovation;

• Covering the total animal production chain.
ATF members (2013)

Private sector represented by European Technology Platforms
EATIP, EUFETEC, FABRE-TP, ETPGAH

Major European research providers
Aarhus University, GEFETEC, IBNA, INIA, INRA, MTT, Polish Academy of Sciences, SLU, SRUC, Teagasc, UniBonn, University of Milan, Wageningen UR.
Vision on R&D needs to support sustainable livestock production
ATF White Paper

Research & innovation for a sustainable livestock sector in Europe

Suggested priorities for support under Horizon 2020 to enhance innovation and sustainability in the animal production sector of Europe's food supply chains.

April 2013

Knowledge Exchange Innovation

Healthy livestock and people

Resource efficiency

Robust and efficient animals

Prevention, control and eradication of disease

The microbiome, animal and human health

Feed & food safety

Nutritional quality of animal products

Climate smart animal production

Assessing EU animal production systems

Improving protein and energy autonomy of the animal production sector

Productive grassland based systems

Improving the use of residues in animal production

Efficient feed chains

Precision livestock farming

Improving protein and energy autonomy of the animal production sector

Responsible livestock farming systems
And we do more:

Developing dialogue with key stakeholders in Europe.
(European Commission, Members of Parliament, industry organisations, NGOs)

Providing input on EU research & innovation policy.
(Horizon2020, EIP, JPI FACCE, SCAR)

Enhance cooperation in European and interstate research and innovation

Enable knowledge exchange amongst research providers, end users and EU Directorates.
Activities in 2013

Three events:
Healthy Livestock and people (May); Towards more sustainable animal production systems (August, EAAP); Seminar Responsible Livestock Farming Systems (Nov)

Promoting animal production:
Website, brochure, social media (@AnimalTaskFrc)

Fostering the integration between research, private sector and the EC
Animal production is vitally important for:

- A balanced and healthy diet.
- Contributing to Europe’s economy

**Economic value of Europe’s animal production sector (2010)**

- Annual turnover: €130 billion
- Accounting for 5% of EU employment
- Export: € 9.6 billion
Animal production is vitally important for:

- A balanced and healthy diet.
- Contributing to Europe’s economy.
- Providing ecosystem services and landscape management.
A responsible livestock production for Europe

- In 2050: 9 billion people with increased buying power and an increased demand for animal products (200%).
- Turn environmental pressure of animal production into environmental positive production.
- We need new integrated approaches to increase production and overcome new challenges.

> Innovations in the whole production chain are essential.
1. Resource Efficiency
   ATF Seminar 2012

2. Healthy Livestock & people
   ATF/EADGENE event, May 2013

3. Responsible Livestock Farming Systems
   EAAP, August 2013
   ATF Seminar, Nov 2013
Responsible livestock farming systems

*From trade-offs to win-win-win*

- How we can turn the trade-offs between social, environmental and economic aspects of animal production to win-win-wins?
- How is this dealt with in practice?
- What can we learn from industry and research to create more responsible livestock farming systems?
Livestock Farming with Care

M.C.Th. Scholten, I.J.M. de Boer, B. Gremmen, C. Lokhorst; Livestock Farming with Care: towards sustainable production of animal-source food
Livestock Farming with Care

- Scholten, M. (2013) - E
Programme

Morning session 10:00-12:30
George Lyon – Member of European Parliament
Responsible livestock farming from a private sector perspective
4 Representatives from the private sector

Lunch - 12:30 - 13:30

Afternoon session - 13:30 – 17:00
Responsible livestock farming from a research perspective
4 Scientists on methodologies to assess RLFS
Mairead McGuinness, Member of European Parliament

General discussion: the way forward

ATF drinks reception – 17:00 – 18:00
Promoting a sustainable livestock sector in Europe

We promote a sustainable and competitive livestock sector in Europe. We are a leading body of experts, representing key stakeholders from industry and research from across Europe.

Events
Towards more sustainable animal production systems - ATF, INRA special session during EAAP 2013

News/Headlines
ATF organizes Special Session during EAAP 2013
The Animal Task Force together with INRA and EAAP organizes a special Session on the future of animal production systems during the EAAP Annual Meeting in Hanover on Thursday August 29.

Our members represent 11 different EU Member States. Click on this map to see which Member States are involved.

For a list and more info on our members, click here.
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