

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE — FACING UP TO THE AMR CHALLENGE



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Conference by the RUMA Alliance
in association with the VMD

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Registration opens at 09.15
Conference starts at 10.00
Close at 15.30

RESPONSIBLE USE OF MEDICINES IN AGRICULTURE ALLIANCE

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PREFACE



We are delighted to welcome you to the second RUMA Conference, in association with the VMD, on the responsible use of medicines in animals, especially antibiotics. This is a good example of how industry and government can work together to help veterinarians and farmers use antibiotics responsibly and to tackle the serious concerns caused by antibiotic resistance.



There has been much mention of responsible medicine use in both human and animal sectors and the Conference aims to show how the agriculture sector is “facing up to the AMR challenge” in a positive and proactive way.

Significant developments on AMR and antibiotic use continue, both globally and nationally, since our first conference in 2015. Not least of these has been the review carried out by Lord O’Neill and the publication of his report “Tackling Drug-Resistant Infections Globally” in May 2016. In the Government’s response, they set an overall antibiotic use in animals target of 50mg/kg by 2018. In addition they challenged the industry to develop species specific antibiotic usage targets by 2017. We will be announcing the latest antibiotic sales figures for the UK and the species usage targets during the conference.

You will hear from a high profile list of speakers from both the human and animal sectors who will set out where we are and where we are planning to be. The agenda includes more opportunity to raise questions and for audience discussion as requested in the feedback on the last conference. In particular, you will be able to question RUMA Scientific Group members on all aspects related to AMR and the Targets Task Force on their plans.

We hope you will join in the discussions and will take practical ideas from the Conference that you will be able to put into action when you return to your day job.

RUMA and the VMD are very grateful for the generous support from Sainsbury’s who have again provided the venue and all catering free of charge and the contribution of RUMA members who have sponsored various elements of the conference. This has enabled us to keep the fee level low for a one day conference. Any surplus from the Conference will go to RUMA, a not for profit organisation, whose only other source of income is their members’ annual fees.

Finally we would like to thank Phil Sketchley for organising this valuable Conference.

Professor Peter Borriello Bsc, PhD, FRCPath
CEO VMD

Gwyn Jones
Chairman RUMA

RUMA and VMD wish to thank NFU for the printing of this programme and sponsoring the audio visuals, ABP Food for the pre-conference speakers’ dinner, AB Agri for sponsorship of speakers expenses, AMTRA for printing of the biographies & speaker synopses, NOAH for conference packs and delegate badges, Red Tractor for collation of delegate packs, and particularly Sainsbury’s for their generous hosting of this conference.

NOTE TO DELEGATES

Please refer to the conference pack for details of speaker biographies and a synopsis of their presentations, as these will not be read out by the Chairmen.

INTRODUCTION AND OPENING

Chair: Gwyn Jones, RUMA Chairman and Professor Pete Borriello, CEO - VMD

10.15am Opening Address

The AMR journey thus far, the need for One Health action

Lord Gardiner, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity

10.30AM SESSION 1

How are we doing?

Chair: Gwyn Jones, RUMA Chairman

10.35 Antibiotic sales and surveillance preview. Is reality matching aspirations?

Dr Kitty Healey, Veterinary Medicines Directorate
The Veterinary Antimicrobial Resistance and Sales Surveillance 2016 report will be available from www.gov.uk (search 'VARSS') after the conference

11.10 The impact on animal health and welfare

Professor Christianne Glossop, CVO Wales

11.40 Review of progress on AMR from a human health perspective

Professor Paul Cosford, Public Health England

12.05 Q&A session

Dr Healey, Professor Cosford & Professor Glossop

Summary of morning session

Gwyn Jones

12.30 Lunch and networking

1.20PM SESSION 2

Facts and Science

Chair: Catherine McLaughlin, Chair of Independent Scientific Group advising RUMA

1.30 Science-based decision making

Delegates are invited to engage with representative members of the Independent Scientific Group (*see conference pack for details of members*)

2.20PM SESSION 3

Where do we go from here?

Chair: Professor Peter Borriello

2.20 The Government response to the O'Neill challenge
Professor Peter Borriello

2.35 The Targets in depth
Representatives of the RUMA Targets Task Force will present an overview of targets for their respective livestock sectors (see *conference pack for details of members*). *The RUMA Targets Task Force report will be available from www.ruma.org.uk immediately following the conference*

2.50 Q&A with the RUMA Targets Task Force

3.10 Response from Professor Paul Cosford and Nigel Gibbens, CVO

3.20 Conference Summary
Professor Peter Borriello

3.30 Conference close
Delegates are invited to stay for tea and cake to celebrate RUMA's 20th Anniversary. Cutting of the cake by Peter Rudman – a founder member of RUMA

RUMA is a 'not-for-profit' alliance of 26 organisations representing every stage of the 'farm to fork' process which aims to promote a coordinated and integrated approach to best practice in the use of medicines on farm.



As the UK regulatory authority, the VMD assures the safety, quality and efficacy of veterinary medicines.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterinary-medicines-directorate>



British Egg Industry Council



For further details on RUMA please visit the website: www.ruma.org.uk
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