

ruma online conference

18TH NOVEMBER 2021, 10AM TO 4PM



Responsible use of veterinary medicines – UK and International perspectives

9.45-10.00am: Conference link opens

10.00– 10.10am: Introduction from RUMA Chair – Catherine McLaughlin

The morning programme is devoted to domestic issues. It will focus on the positive story of responsible use of medicines in UK farming and companion animal sectors, which see high standards of food safety, animal health and welfare. The morning will conclude with a look ahead to the UK animal medicines legislation.

10.10 -11.10am: Session Chaired by RUMA Chair - Catherine McLaughlin

The RUMA Targets:

Lord O'Neill set a challenge to UK Agriculture to respond to the AMR challenge and contribute to the UK's One Health effort to reduce resistance to antibiotics and protect human health. This session gives a summary of the voluntary response to the AMR challenge by the UK's livestock sectors; it will also feature a series of sector case studies, with a focus on the Targets Task Force led by RUMA.

11.10-11.30am: Comfort Break

11.30-12.00pm: Session chaired by Ruma Companion Animal and Equine Chair - Gwyn Jones

RUMA Companion Animal and Equine:

Created from RUMA leadership and vision, this new organisation sets out to establish the principles of responsible use of medicines in the companion animal and equine sectors with a view to contributing positively to the One Health agenda. We will hear the story so far including priorities, challenges and focus for the new organisation.

12.00-12.30pm: Session chaired by British Veterinary Association President - James Russell

The future opportunities for UK medicines legislation:

This session will feature a live discussion between James Russell and Kitty Healey (Head of Antimicrobial Resistance, Policy & Surveillance, VMD) on the scope and opportunities for the UK Veterinary Medicines legislation. A range of stakeholder points of view will also be featured in pre-recorded sound bites.

12.30 – 1.30pm: Lunch

1.30-1.35pm: Introduction to the afternoon programme by RUMA Deputy Chair – Dawn Howard

The afternoon programme looks at the international context for the responsible use of medicines, concluding with a look at how the efforts of UK farmers to develop high standards of food safety, animal health and welfare, create an expectation as the UK develops new international trade relationships.

1.35-2.30pm: Session chaired by the UK's Chief Veterinary Officer - Christine Middlemiss

The global picture: Responsible use around the world

This session will look at the multilateral work going on around the world, in particular through the Global Leaders Group. It will consider surveillance, investor action and voluntary targets. It concludes with a look at the global vision for new animal medicines.

- Global Context – Professor Dame Sally Davies – UK Special Envoy on AMR and Professor J.Scott Weese – Ontario Veterinary College
- The Global vision for new animal medicines – Executive Director at Health For Animals - Carel du Marchie Sarvaas

2.30-2.40pm: Comfort Break

2.40-3.45pm: Session chaired by RUMA Deputy Chair - Dawn Howard

The story of the UK's high health and welfare standards in international trade discussions:

- Stuart Roberts – NFU Deputy President
- Tim Smith - Chair of the UK Trade and Agriculture Commission
- Sarah Bradbury – Tesco Quality Director
- Ian Wright – Chief Executive, Food and Drink Federation

Our panel will provide insight into the value of the UK's high health and welfare status as the UK seeks to develop and establish new parameters for imports and exports with countries around the world.

3.45-3.55pm: Closing remarks by VMD Chief Executive - Peter Borriello

Looking ahead:

A look ahead to the challenges the UK faces in its bid to ensure responsible use of medicines and in response to AMR.

3.55-4.00pm: Conference Closes - RUMA Chair

