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Workshop on Medicines for Bees: What the Agency can do to increase availability

14th December 2009; 13.00–18.45 and 15 December 2009; 09.00–12.00
Room 2A, European Medicines Agency, London

AGENDA

DAY 1 Monday, 14 December 2009		
TIME	AGENDA TOPIC	
13:00-13:10	Welcome	Dr Kornelia Grein <i>European Medicines Agency</i>
13:10-13:40	Medicines for bees <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction to subject and aim of workshop, role of the Agency in initiative- Establishment of MRLs	Ms Ifigenia Koudouna <i>European Medicines Agency</i> Ms Isaura Duarte <i>European Medicines Agency</i>
	European Initiatives	
13:40-14:00	- Bee Surveillance Programmes and Bee Mortality in Europe	Dr Jane Richardson <i>European Food Safety Authority</i>
14:00-14:20	- Recent actions by the European Commission concerning bee health	Dr Emma Soto <i>European Commission, DG Health and Consumers</i>
14:20-14:50	Overview of bee diseases and available treatment options	Dr Vlasta Jenčič <i>Veterinary Faculty, University of Ljubljana</i>
14:50-15:20	Medicines for bees: current situation and future aspects	Dr Wolfgang Ritter <i>OIE Reference Laboratory at CVUA Freiburg/Germany</i>
15:20-15:40	Veterinarians and Bee health involvement, taking France as an example	Dr Nicolas Vidal-Naquet <i>Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)</i>
15:40-16:00	<i>Tea break</i>	



The situation in Member States

16:00-16:20 - Situation in the United Kingdom

16:20-16:35 - Situation in France

16:35-16:50 - Situation in Greece

The beekeeper's perspective

16:50-17:10 - Securing bee health and honey quality

17:10-17:40 - The beekeeper's perspective on medicines for bees

The perspective of the honey trading industry

17:40-17:55 - Antibiotic Residues in Honey - the Situation of the Trade and Industry

The perspective of the animal health industry

17:55-18:10 - Why is the availability of VMP for bees so narrow? What could be done to increase this availability?

18:10-18:25 - Case studies from manufacturers of veterinary medicinal products

Discussion

Introduction to the break-out sessions on Day 2

18:45 *End of Day 1*

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European Federation of Honey Packers and Distributors (FEEDM)

Dr Bill Vandaele

Association of Veterinary Consultants (AVC)

Dr Erik de Ridder and Mr Guillaume Agede

International Federation for Animal Health Europe (IFAH-Europe)

DAY 2 **Tuesday, 15 December 2009**

TIME	AGENDA TOPIC
09:00-09:15	Preparation for break-out sessions
09:15-10:30	Break-out sessions: (2 groups of <i>all</i> the participants to discuss in parallel sessions the topics below and prepare <i>conclusions and recommendations</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis of current situation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Critical diseases in beekeeping sector</i>○ <i>Options for treatments</i>○ <i>Are the options for treatment sufficient?</i>○ <i>If not, could possible reasons for lack of treatment options be identified?</i>• Proposals for possible solutions / actions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>What medicines are needed to treat bee diseases?</i>○ <i>Can essential substances be proposed?</i>○ <i>What can be done to support the development of veterinary medicinal products for the treatment of bee diseases?</i>
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00-11:15	Reports and recommendations from break-out sessions
11:15-12:00	Discussion of proposals with aim to agree recommendations Conclusions and recommendations
12:00	End of workshop