



Program symposium Zwolle 23 October 2014

Cows and Herbs: India-Netherlands collaboration towards the reduction of antibiotics in dairy farming

LOCATION: Provinciehuis Zwolle
TIME: 10 AM – 4 PM
LANGUAGE: English / Dutch
FACILITATOR: Dick Veerman, Foodlog
ENTRY: Free

Objective of the symposium is to inform stakeholders in the Dutch agricultural sector about the Dutch-India cooperation on the use of medicinal plants to reduce antibiotic use in dairy farming. The symposium is especially aimed at the dairy sector in general, including farmers, veterinarians, agricultural schools, companies, policymakers and others engaged in transforming the sector into a more sustainable enterprise.

This symposium is part of the 10-day visit of the Indian delegation of experts in the field of dairy farming and the use of medicinal plants, supported by the E-Motive exchange program and the province of Overijssel.



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Program

9:30 -10:00 Arrival with coffee/tea

10:00 *Welcome and introduction* by facilitator **Dick Veerman**, and **Jurgen Neimeijer**, representative of Province of Overijssel

10:15 *Current situation of resistance against antibiotics + relation with livestock (dairy) farming*
Rinke van de Brink, journalist NOS on human and animal health; author of the book *The End of Antibiotics* (in Dutch)

10:30 *The E-Motive exchange program related to reduction of antibiotics in dairy farming*
Drs. Katrien van't Hooft, Dutch Farm Experience

10:40 *Experiences with the use of medicinal plants with dairy farmers and veterinarians in India*
Dr. Punniamurthy, veterinarian responsible for medicinal plant training program at Tamil Nadu Veterinary Science University (TANUVAS) in Chennai, India

11:30 Coffee break

11:50 *Developments within Dutch livestock sector related to sustainability*
Drs. Bulle Koster, VKON (Veterinary Knowledge Center East-Netherlands)

12:10 *Dutch dairy farmers' experiences with herbs and other forms of antibiotic reduction*
Interview by facilitator of two Dutch dairy farmers: one producing (almost) without antibiotics (**Freddie Aalberts**) and the other one participant of the exchange visit to India (**Hendry van Ittersum**)

12:30 Lunch

13:30-14.30 Four parallel workshops – each with one expert from India and one from the Netherlands – each formulating two major conclusions:

Workshop 1: *Farmer experiences with herbs and medicinal plants* (workshop in Dutch)

Facilitator: Janna Vermeer – Miedema Natuurlijk

Speaker 1: Dr. Nitya Ghotge – ANTHRA

Speaker 2: Sjoerd Miedema – dairy farmer Miedema Natuurlijk

Speaker 3: Freddie Aalberts – organic dairy farmer

Workshop 2: *Dairy factories: integrated approach for animal health and milk quality*

Voorzitter: Christie Ondesteijn – Rouveen

Spreeker 1: Dr Nagaraj, director Animal Health, Karnataka Milk Federation

Spreeker 2: Drs. Katrien van't Hooft, Dutch Farm Experience

Workshop 3: *Veterinarians and the use of medicinale plants*

Facilitator: Drs. Hans NijBijvanck – veterinarian at De Woldberg

Speaker 1: Dr. Anilkumar Nair / Dr. M.N.B Nair

Speaker 2: Drs. Rik Thybaut – VKON

Workshop 4: *Quality control of herbal products*

Facilitator: Drs. Tedje van Asseldonk, IEZ/NVF

Speaker 1: Dr. Padmavathy, vice-president and head of laboratory I-AIM

Speaker 2: Dr. Maria Groot, RIKILT-WUR

14:30 Tea break

15.00 Plenary session: Discussion on the conclusions from each workshop – and closure

16:00 Drink

This symposium is organized by Dutch Farm Experience, RIKILT-WUR, NVF and VKON, with support of the Agro&Food programma of the province Overijssel