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AgriHealth 2017 Technical Seminar a great success

AgriHealth held the Company's fifth annual Technical Seminar for 100 cattle veterinarians on Friday 19 May, followed by a 1920s themed party at the Tongariro Chateau.

The Seminar was packed with quality speakers and presentations.

Dr Emma Cuttance from VetEnt Research updated attendees on colostrum quality, and the failure of passive transfer in young New Zealand dairy calves. AgriHealth's Dr Laura Young outlined findings from a recent NZ Study comparing cows previously vaccinated with Rotavec or Scourguard, and then vaccinated the following year with either Rotavec, Scourguard or Kolibin Neo as a 'booster'.

Dr Tom Brownlie briefly summarised his thoughts on World Buiatrics Congress 2016 paper by Mick Clews on the timing of metrichecking and cephapirin treatment for endometritis post calving, and subsequent reproduction performance. He then regaled attendees on the key area of NZ dairy cow reproduction trends and how local cattle vets and farmers could respond. Dr David Hawkins from Franklin Vets presented on an AgriHealth funded Study commercial NZ dairy herds which compared MetriVet with another cephapirin intra-uterine product.

There were several papers covering IBR (bovine herpes). Dr Dick Mahoney spoke about Fonterra's challenges in keeping China bound heifers IBR free. Dr Donald Arthur presented an interesting case Study on identification and management of IBR on the Lincoln University dairy farm, and Dr Laura Young rounded out the session with a presentation explaining the DIVA principle (differentiating Infected from Vaccinated Animals), the outlining opportunities for Biobos IBR marker vaccine.

AgriHealth's new Technical and CPD Manager Dr Steve Cranefield then spoke on the challenges of diagnosing and dealing with a 'new' mastitis pathogen of non-bacterial origin (Prototheca), followed by a brief overview of the Managing Mastitis toolkit recently developed by AgriHealth.

NZVA's CEO Mark Ward presented a colourful presentation on his vision for the veterinary profession after 100 days in the role. The Seminar attendees appreciated the new ideas and challenging thinking that Mark and the Board are bringing to the Vet Association.

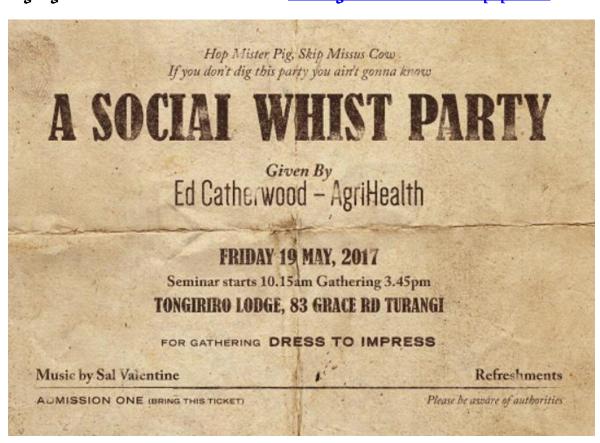
The final technical paper was presented on the impact of antibiotic concentrations in milk when concomitant use of two vet medicines was undertaken on NZ dairy farms. AgriHealth undertook a large Study with twenty pairs of popular cattle veterinary medicines assessed for milk residues. The findings have provided vets with greater confidence in recommending concomitant use to farmers, for instance that using a lactating cow intramammary antibiotic alongside an NSAID or parenteral antibiotic for mastitis is unlikely to trigger an Inhibitory Substance grade. AgriHealth received accolades from veterinarians for funding this Study, particular the wide variety of vet medicine pairs tested (outside the AgriHealth portfolio) was praised. AgriHealth's MD Ed Catherwood advised that details of the Study would be disseminated during 2017 by AgriHealth Technical Managers Laura Young, Steve Cranefield and Lyndsay Lawrence.



For the evening event AgriHealth booked the entire Tongarairo Chateau for the Friday evening, so the Seminar was rounded off in great style by a 1920s themed party, with prizes awarded for best 1920s outfits, and successful stints at roulette and blackjack tables.

It was an excellent theme and venue with guests commenting the networking opportunities were superb, especially at the speakeasy whisky bar!

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