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For Immediate Release:

International symposium to focus on economic and other incentives and constraints to improving animal welfare

Plans for the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) 2011 symposium are well underway with the meeting set to bring together leading scientists, veterinarians, policy makers and others for timely consideration of economic and other incentives and constraints to making improvements in animal welfare, along with the societal attitudes of which these are a reflection.

The symposium is to be held within the Portsmouth Historic Dockyards on the 28th and 29th June 2011.

A programme of internationally recognised speakers, including Professors David Bayvel (MAF Biosecurity, New Zealand), Ian Duncan (University of Guelph, Canada), Peter Sandoe (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) and John Webster (University of Bristol) among many others, will present a diverse range of topics over the two days.

It is intended that the proceedings of the symposium will be published as a special edition of UFAW's *Animal Welfare* journal.

UFAW will also present its two newly-introduced awards during the event: the UFAW Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Animal Welfare Science; and the UFAW Young Animal Welfare Scientist of the Year.

There will be a drinks reception during the event on HMS Warrior, the world's first iron-hulled armoured warship. Delegates will also be able to explore the dockyard and its museums, visit Nelson's flagship HMS Victory and have a guided boat tour of the harbour.

The full programme and other details, including registration form, are available at the UFAW website (www.ufaw.org.uk) or from the UFAW office. Early registration is encouraged as UFAW symposia are usually over subscribed. Reduced rates apply before 28th February and there is also a limited number of subsidised places for students and veterinary nurses allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Contact UFAW, The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Telephone 01582 831818, email ufaw@ufaw.org.uk.

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Attachment: Symposium programme of speakers

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Making animal welfare improvements: Economic and other incentives and constraints

**UFAW International Animal Welfare Symposium
Historic Dockyard, Portsmouth UK 28-29th June 2011**



Programme of speakers

The following speakers will be contributing talks to the symposium:

Day 1 (28th June)

Session 1:

- **Sandøe P**, Christensen T, A Stott and A Lawrence (University Of Copenhagen, Denmark and Scottish Agricultural College, UK).
What Can Economists Do For Animal Welfare?
- **ACD Bayvel** (MAF Biosecurity New Zealand).
Animal Welfare: A Complex International Public Policy Issue - The Economic, Policy, Societal, Cultural And Other Drivers And Constraints. A 20 Year International Perspective
- **Moran D** and M Haskell (Scottish Agricultural College, UK).
Developing An Abatement Cost Curve For Animal Welfare

Session 2:

- **Kosenius AK**, S Kulmala, M Lindroos and C Lombardini-Riipinen (University Of Helsinki, Finland and CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research, Australia).
Testing The Animal Welfare Kuznets Curve Hypothesis: Methodological And Data Availability Issues
- **Guy JH**, P Cain, EM Baxter, Y Seddon and SA Edwards (University of Newcastle and Scottish Agricultural College, UK).
Economic Evaluation Of High Welfare Indoor Farrowing Systems For Pigs
- **Williams M** (British Egg Industry Council, UK).
Meeting The Challenge Of 2012 And The Ban On Conventional Cages Across Europe

Session 3:

- **Hobbs-Chell HM** and CM Wathes (Royal Veterinary College, UK).
The Roles And Responsibilities Of Key Stakeholders In Improving Dairy Cow Welfare In The UK
- **Bruijnis MRN**, B Beerda, H Hogeveen and EN Stassen (Wageningen University, The Netherlands).
Foot Disorders In Dairy Cattle: Impact On Economics And Animal Welfare
- **Langford FM** and AW Stott (Scottish Agricultural College, UK).
Culled Early Or Culled Late: Economic Decisions And Risks To Welfare In Dairy Cows

Session 4:

- **Green LE**, EM King, GJ Wassink, J Kaler and R Grogono Thomas (Universities of Warwick, Bristol and Nottingham, UK).
Impact Of Rapid Treatment Of Sheep Lame With Footrot On Welfare And Economics And Farmer Attitudes To Lameness In Sheep
- **Stott AW**, B Vousough-Ahmadi, CM Dwyer, B Kupiec, C Morgan-Davies, CE Milne, S Ringrose, P Goddard, K Phillips and A Waterhouse (Scottish Agricultural College, Macaulay Land Research Institute and ADAS, UK).
Interactions Between Profit And Welfare On Extensive Sheep Farms
- **Collins L** (Queen's University Belfast, UK).
Getting Our Priorities Straight: How Far Can We Trust Welfare Risk Assessment To Get It Right?
- **Lombardini-Riipinen C** (University Of Helsinki, Finland).
The Environmental Impacts Of Stricter Animal Welfare Standards: A Theoretical Model And An Empirical Application

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Day 2 (29th June)

Session 5:

- **Keeling LJ**, C Hubbard, V Immink, G Garrod and P Ingenbleek (Swedish University Of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden; University of Newcastle, UK and Wageningen University, The Netherlands).
Designing Animal Welfare Policies And Monitoring Progress
- **Main DCJ** and S Mullan (University of Bristol, UK).
Can Assurance Schemes Improve Welfare Using Welfare Outcomes?
- **Blache D** and J Sneddon (The University Of Western Australia, Australia).
Ethics Of Lamb Meat Chain Supply: A Chain Is As Strong As Its Weakest Link
- **Duncan IJH**, M Park and AE Malleau (University of Guelph, Canada; Global Animal Partnership, US and Wholefoods Market Inc, US).
The Global Animal Partnership 5-Step Animal Welfare Standards: A Welfare Labelling Scheme That Allows For Continuous Improvement

Session 6:

- **Webster AJF** (University Of Bristol, UK).
Critical Control Points In The Delivery Of Improved Animal Welfare
- **Bennett RM**, A Kehlbacher and K Balcombe (University of Reading, UK).
Valuation Of Animal Welfare Improvements
- **Buller H** and E Roe (Universities of Exeter and Southampton, UK).
Co-Modifying Animal Welfare

Session 7:

- **Olsson IAS** and NHF Franco (Instituto De Biologia Molecular E Celular and University of Porto, Portugal).
When Money Is Not The Matter: Attitudes To And Application Of Animal Welfare Measures In Biomedical Research
- **Littin K** (MAF Biosecurity NZ Animal Welfare, New Zealand).
Better Rodent Control By Better Regulation
- **Warburton B** and P Cowan (Landcare Research, New Zealand).
Minimising The Number Of Individuals Killed In Long-Term Vertebrate Pest Management Programmes, And The Economic Incentives To Do So
- **Vandenabeele S**, RP Wilson and A Grogan (University of Swansea and RSPCA, UK).
Development Of Minimal Impact Tags For Tracking Rehabilitated Seabirds

Session 8:

- **Hepple S** (Defra, UK).
Making Animal Welfare Improvements: Economic And Other Incentives And Constraints; The “Stick”, The “Carrot” Or The “Licence”?
- **Boissevain I** (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands).
Pedigree Dogs Exposed – In Court
- **Yeates JW** (University of Bristol, UK).
Economics And Animal Welfare In Veterinary Practice: The Case Of Genetic Welfare Problems
- **Radford M** (University of Aberdeen, UK).
The Other 3 Rs: Research, Responsibility And Regulation (Or How We Got To Where We Are, And Why We Must Continue To Make Progress)

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UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarships; by educational initiatives, especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, reports and in its scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to governments and others, including for legislation and 'best practice' guidelines and codes; and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals.

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