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International Conference on Animal Welfare

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FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
HEALTH AND WOMEN



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- Conference location:
Charlemagne Building
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INTRODUCTION



Welcome message from the Federal Minister for Health and Women, Maria Rauch-Kallat

Animals and keeping them in an environment suitable for the respective species have always had an important status for the people in Austria. A new and modern Federal Animal Protection Act thus came into effect on 1 January 2005, which provides protection for all animals in Austria according to the latest scientific knowledge.

The centrepiece of the new law is the full responsibility of the owner or keeper of the animals and clear requirements will have to be fulfilled. Taking together all the aspects covered, it is my conviction that the new Austrian welfare act could serve as an example for many other countries.

In the area of animal production we have to consider the roles, expectations and responsibilities across the entire food chain, starting from primary production, including food industry, retail and consumers. This is vital to create a combination of effective and competitive livestock production, which satisfies the needs of animals at a high standard and society as a whole.

Encouraged by dialogue with Animal Welfare organisations and other stakeholders as well as by the result of a recent "Eurobarometer" survey on attitudes of consumers towards the welfare of farmed animals, the Community Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2006-2010 will be presented early in 2006 by the European Commission.

The Conference will build on these recent activities and will cover consumer expectations, motivations of producers and retailers, role of animal welfare organisations, the international dimension of animal welfare and the socioeconomic aspects of implementing animal welfare standards.

I am looking forward to our discussions at the conference and I do hope that the Austrian initiative will contribute to establish a coherent animal welfare policy within the European Community.

Yours, Maria Rauch-Kallat
Federal Minister for Health and Women

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PROGRAM MORNING

Schedule	Theme	Speaker
09:00 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 10:10	Opening Ceremony	Markos Kyprianou Commissioner
10:10 – 10:20		Maria Rauch-Kallat Federal Minister for Health and Women
10:30 – 10:40		Lars Hoelgaard European Commission, Directorate-General Agriculture

Policy Perspectives Politische Ausblicke

Chairperson

Michael Jungwirth

10:40 – 11:00	Key note Speech	Roger Busch TTN Institut
11:00 – 11:25	The modern approach: The Austrian Animal Welfare Act and the certification possibilities of animal husbandry systems Der moderne Ansatz: Das österreichische Tierschutzgesetz und die Möglichkeiten zur Zertifizierung von Tierhaltungssystemen	Josef Troxler VMU Wien
11:25 – 11:55	Coffee break	
11:55 – 12:15	New EU initiatives: The Community Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2006-2010 Neue EU Initiativen: Der Aktionsplan der Gemeinschaft für den Schutz und das Wohlbefinden von Tieren 2006-2010	Jaana Husu-Kallio European Commission, Directorate-General Health and Consumer Protection
12:15 – 12:35	The international dimension and in particular the animal welfare activities of the OIE Die internationale Dimension und insbesondere die Aktivitäten des OIE im Tierschutz	Bernard Vallat OIE
12:35 – 12:55	Discussion	Michael Jungwirth Kleine Zeitung
13:00 – 14:30	Lunchbreak	

PROGRAM AFTERNOON

Who is responsible for what? Actors along the food chain

Wer ist wofür verantwortlich? Die Akteure entlang der Lebensmittelkette

Chairperson

Bernard Van Goethem

14:30 – 14:50	<p>Consumers' needs and expectations: An impulse to producers and policy makers</p> <p>Bedürfnisse und Erwartungen der KonsumentInnen: Ein Impuls für die Erzeuger und die politischen Entscheidungsträger</p>	Maria Burgstaller Arbeiterkammer
14:50 – 15:10	<p>Motivations of European producers concerning animal welfare</p> <p>Motivationen der europäischen PrimärproduzentInnen im Tierschutz</p>	Rudolf Schwarzböck COPA
15:10 – 15:30	<p>Retailers' interests in self-evaluation, traceability and certification: Trends in Europe.</p> <p>Die Interessen des Handels an Eigenkontrolle, Transparenz und Zertifizierung: Trends in Europa</p>	Sylvia Pfaff EHI/FIS
15:30 – 15:50	<p>The future role of the European animal welfare organisations in the development of animal welfare</p> <p>Die künftige Rolle der europäischen Tierschutzorganisationen bei der Weiterentwicklung des Tierschutzes</p>	Sonja van Tichelen Eurogroup for Animal Welfare
15:50 – 16:20	Coffeebreak	
16:20 – 16:40	<p>Socioeconomic aspects</p> <p>Sozioökonomische Aspekte</p>	
16:40 – 17:10	Discussion	Bernard Van Goethem European Commission, Directorate General Health and Consumer Protection
17:10 – 17:40	Conclusions	Ulrich Herzog Federal Ministry of Health and Women Austria

HOTEL INFORMATION

Please find herewith a list of hotels which are within walking distance to the conference venue Charlemagne Building:

■ Crown Plaza Europe**** 10 min walking distance
107 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels, Tel.: 0032 2 230 13 33, www.ichotelsgroup.com/

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Boulevard Charlemagne 11-19, 1000 Brussels, Tel:0032 2 231 0909, www.hotels-belgium.com/brussel-ec/dorint.htm

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5 minutes walking distance

25-27, Boulevard Charlemagne, 1000 Brussels, Tel. 0032 2 230 21 35, www.new-hotel.com/

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■ Hotel Eurovillage***

5 minutes walking distance

80, Boulevard Charlemagne, 1000 Brussels, Tel: 0032 2 230 85 55, sales@eurovillage.be, www.eurovillage.be

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