

## Announcement

### Joint Residency Workshop European College for Bovine Health Management & European College for Veterinary Public Health

#### Interpretation of herd health data from dairy farms – clinical, epidemiological and economical aspects

This will be a common workshop for residents of the ECBHM and of the ECVPH. Population medicine is a relevant topic for both training programs, and residents from the two colleges can profit from the respective specialty knowledge. This workshop will offer a training opportunity using the know-how from specialists in both fields. We expect residents from the ECBHM to share their clinical experience, and residents of the ECVPH to share their knowledge on data management and biostatistics.

**Learning objectives:** After completion of the workshop, participants will be able to extract herd health data from farm records, to critically evaluate data quality, and to define logical rules for identifying implausible records. They will be able to interpret milk control data and reproductive performance data of a herd, and will be familiar with partial budgeting for decision making regarding herd health based on economical considerations.

**Speakers:** ECVPH and ECBHM advanced residents & diplomates from the Vetsuisse Faculty of the University of Berne, Switzerland, as well as Prof. Henk Hogeveen from Wageningen UR, The Netherlands, as a guest lecturer for the economics module.

**Participants:** Up to 40 participants (priority given to residents of both colleges).

#### **Preliminary program: Monday Feb. 13 to Wednesday Feb. 15, 2012**

- **Monday:** Data management/quality; key figures of reproductive performance in dairy cattle; key figures of reproductive performance in beef cattle; key figures of udder health; descriptive statistics; *workshop dinner (optional)*.
- **Tuesday:** Group exercises on herd cases; group presentation of case analysis and discussion.
- **Wednesday:** Introduction to partial budgeting; economic decisions in individual animal treatments; partial budgeting applied to farm cases.

A detailed program will be provided in advance of the workshop.

**Location:** Anatomy lecture hall and group rooms, Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Berne (CH).

**Accommodation:** Hotel rooms have been pre-reserved within walking distance of the Faculty; room reservations must be confirmed **December 10, 2011** (via link below).

**Incurring costs:** Approx. 75 EUR (100 CHF) for coffee breaks and lunches.

**Online registration (deadline January 15, 2012):** please use this [Link](#)

We are looking forward to meet you in Bern for this interdisciplinary workshop !

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