



UPDATE REPORT TO EPRUMA MEETING ON 9 MAY 2017

Since the last EPRUMA meeting RUMA has

- Held two more meetings of the Targets Task Force which is considering the setting of species specific antibiotic use targets by the end of 2017 to meet a Government request.
- Confirmed the date for the next RUMA Conference as 27 October 2017 (see flyer below)
- Issued Press Releases
 - Announcing the setting up and the first meeting of the Scientific Group <http://www.ruma.org.uk/independent-scientific-group-launched-underpin-rumas-fact-based-approach/>
 - Publishing RUMA's 2017 Business Plan <http://www.ruma.org.uk/ruma-publishes-2017-business-plan/>
 - Commenting on the EFSA/ECDC Report on the scale of the antibiotic resistance challenge in the EU <http://www.ruma.org.uk/new-report-shows-scale-antibiotic-resistance-challenge-eu/>
 - Responding to an FSA Review of MRSA risk <http://www.ruma.org.uk/ruma-response-fsa-review-mrsa-risk-published-28-february/>
 - Responding to a report that human prescriptions for colistin have risen and new farm animal products have been authorised <http://www.ruma.org.uk/ruma-response-report-colistin-prescriptions-humans-risen/>
 - Highlighting changes in antibiotic use in pig production to address resistance concerns <http://www.ruma.org.uk/change-antibiotic-use-shows-pig-industry-responding-resistance-concerns/>
 - Responding to a new Soil Association campaign <http://www.ruma.org.uk/ruma-response-new-soil-association-campaign/>
 - Commenting on a new Royal Society paper on the link between the use of antibiotics on farm and antibiotic resistance in humans <http://www.ruma.org.uk/new-royal-society-paper-models-link-antibiotic-use-farm-antibiotic-resistance-issues-humans/>
 - Responding to an inaccurate and misleading statement on testing meat for antibiotic residues by the sponsors of the Grand National <http://www.ruma.org.uk/ruma-response-inaccurate-misleading-statement-meat-testing-grand-national-sponsors-radox-health/>

Save the Date

RUMA – VMD Conference – Friday October 27th 2017 **‘AMR – Delivering on the Challenge’**

RUMA, the Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance is pleased to announce it will be holding a conference, in association with the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD), on October 27th at the J. Sainsbury’s Conference Centre, Holborn, London.

The conference will be a key event to mark RUMA’s 20th Anniversary. The programme, which is currently being finalised, will be released as soon as possible. It will follow up on the successful conference held in November 2015 and will address key subjects relating to Antimicrobial Resistance from both an animal and human medicine perspective:

How has the issue been tackled from a ‘One Health’ perspective? (with emphasis on the animal health sector)

Measuring and Monitoring Antibiotic use

How have communications supported change and corrected misperceptions?

Reports from RUMA Independent Scientific group

Updates on AMR policy from the CVOs

What are the next stages?

Speakers, Chairs and panellists already confirmed will include:

Lord Gardiner - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State - Defra

Gwyn Jones – Chairman of RUMA

Professor Nigel Gibbens MRCVS- Chief Veterinary Officer (UK)

Professor Pete Borriello - Chief Executive Officer, VMD

Professor Paul Cosford – Director of Health Protection, Public Health England

Christianne Glossop MRVCS, CVO Wales – representing the devolved CVOs

Catherine McLaughlin – Chair RUMA Independent Scientific group

Plus leading representatives from all the food animal sectors. t.b.c.

This will be an interactive conference event and there will be significant time for delegates to engage in Q&A sessions with the speakers and the panellists.

The conference will be of interest to anyone involved with or interested in the use of medicines in food producing animals – farmers, vets, SQPs, food processors, quality standard managers, politicians, regulators, food retailers, consumer groups, animal health companies and the media.

Attendance at the conference will cost £150 (no VAT). To register your interest in attending please email rumaconference@gmail.com and a full programme and booking form will be sent to you via a link to Eventbrite when available. In the meantime if you have any queries about the conference please contact: p.sketchley@btinternet.com or call 07741 313299
RUMA and the VMD are grateful to J. Sainsbury’s for their generous support in hosting this conference.

RUMA is a 'not-for-profit' alliance of 26 organisations representing every stage of the "farm to fork" process which aims to promote a coordinated and integrated approach to best practice in the use of medicines on farm. <https://www.ruma.org.uk>

As the UK regulatory authority, the VMD assures the safety, quality and effectiveness of veterinary medicines.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterinary-medicines-directorate>