



Import & keeping of exotic animals in Europe

Existing concerns and risks – Current challenges to meet

Brussels, 4-5 October 2012

International Auditorium

Boulevard Roi Albert II 5, Brussels, Belgium

AGENDA

Thursday, 4 October 2012

14.00 *Opening and welcome*

Welcome by Christophe Buhot, President FVE

Welcome by Thomas Jemmi, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer Swiss Federal Veterinary Office

Welcome by Bernard Van Goethem, Director of DG SANCO Directorate G, Veterinary & International affairs

Official Opening by Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU

Session I: Current situation and gaps in EU legislation

Chair of Session I: Christophe Buhot

14.30 **“Benefits and risks related to the import and keeping of exotic animals”**

Christodoulos Pipis, Veterinary Counsellor, Cyprus' Permanent Representation to the EU

14:50 **“Overview of current EU wildlife trade legislation”**

Hélène Perier, Scientific Officer, Unit for Multilateral Environmental Agreements, processes and trade issues
DG Environment - European Commission

15:10 **“Keeping of exotic animals: are all animal species suitable for companion animals?”**

Paul Koene, Department of Animal Husbandry/Applied Ethology, Wageningen Agricultural University, the Netherlands

15:30 **Discussion**

16:00 *Tea / coffee Break*

Session II: Animal health and welfare risks related to import and keeping of exotic species(part 1)

Chair of Session II: Christodoulos Pipis

16.00 **“Health risks associated with the import of exotic animals”**

Neil Forbes, BVetMed Dip ECZM(avian) FRCVS, RCVS and EU Recognised Specialist in Avian Medicine

16.20 **“Keeping of exotic animals: welfare concerns”**

Staci McLennan, Eurogroup for animals Policy Officer Wildlife

16.40 **Discussion**

17.00 *End of the first day*

18.00 **Reception**

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Session III: Animal health and welfare risks related to import and keeping of exotic species(part 2)

Chair of Session III: Daniel Turner

- 9.00 **“How to transport exotic species properly”**
 Raymond Tilburg, Board member of ATA - Animal Transportation Association
- 9.20 **“Need for global animal welfare standards for reptiles”**
 Matthias Lörtscher, Swiss Federal Veterinary Office
- 9.40 **Discussion**

Session IV: Exotic animals & Public health risks

Chair of Session VI: Thomas Jemmi

- 10.00 **“Public Health risks related to keeping of exotic animals”**
 Mike Jessop, BVetMed MRCVS Ash Veterinary Group
- 10.20 **“Common zoonosis of birds”**
 M.-E. Krautwald-Junghanns, Member of the Academy of sciences, Leopoldina , Dip ECZM(avian), EU Recognised Specialist in Avian Medicine
- 10.40 **Discussion**
- 11.00 **Tea/ Coffee break**

Session V: Implementation & Enforcement of EU, National & International Legislation

Chair of Session V: Pierangelo Bernorio

- 11.30 **“Belgian experience with a “positive list” for keeping companion animals”**
 Els Vanautryve, Animal welfare division of the Belgium Federal Services of Public Health
- 11.50 **“Joint veterinary/CITES border controls: an effective way of controlling trade of exotic species- The Swiss experience”**
 Thomas Jemmi, Deputy Director General / Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Swiss Federal Veterinary Office
- 12.10 **“FVE position”**
 Christophe Buhot, FVE President
- 12.30 **Lunch**

Session VI: Final discussion & Conclusion

Coordinator of the discussion: Mike Jessop

- 14.00 Round table discussion
- 15.15 Conclusions
- 15.30 Closing of the event