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SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL PROGRAMMES ON PARATUBERCULOSIS

Proceedings of the first ParaTB Forum

Brussels, 28 March 2007 - IDF has just announced the publication of the outcome of the first ParaTB forum on surveillance, control and eradication programmes on paratuberculosis in dairy herds. Updating and reporting progress on national and regional programs is essential for the successful maintenance and development of strategies for control of paratuberculosis globally.

Paratuberculosis is an infectious disease that has emerged to become one of the leading causes of economic loss to the dairy cattle and small ruminant industries. The First ParaTB Forum was held in Shanghai, China, in October 2006 prior to the IDF World Dairy Congress 2006 with the aim of creating a synergy effect among national and regional control programmes on paratuberculosis.

"IDF would like to raise international awareness, understanding and appreciation of the risk posed by paratuberculosis to the health of milking animals while we also wish to promote eradication and control strategies that have proven to be effective in different countries. Meetings of the ParaTB Forum are excellent opportunities to share information and insights on paratuberculosis control amongst the world leading experts." said Christian Robert, IDF Director General.

"Proceedings of the first ParaTB Forum" is the new Bulletin of IDF n°410/2007. It can be ordered in electronic form via the IDF website at <http://www.fil-idf.org>

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Note to editors:

"Founded in 1903, The International Dairy Federation represents the dairy sector worldwide by providing the best global source of scientific expertise and knowledge in support of the development and promotion of quality milk and dairy products to deliver consumers with nutrition, health and well-being."