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About the 2014 Annual Meeting

Make plans to attend the 118th USAHA / 57th AAVLD Annual Meeting as AAVLD and USAHA return to the midwest, at the Kansas City Sheraton Hotel at Crown Center .

Join 1200 colleagues in addressing the latest issues in animal health, learn about the latest research and information in disease eradication and control, and network with federal and state animal health officials, industry representatives, diagnosticians and other leaders in animal agriculture.

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Hotel Information

Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center

2345 McGee St
Kansas City, MO
Phone: (816) 841-1000

www.sheratonkansascityhotel.com

Group Rate: \$140.00 per night (plus taxes)

Sheraton Crown Center Reservations

link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1404179930&key=296879E9>,

or Call the hotel direct at 816-841-1000, reference the
AAVLD/USAHA meeting.

Additional rooms also available at the **Westin Crown Center**,
adjoining the Sheraton.

Westin Crown Center Reservations link:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1404301749&key=1C916779>,

or

Call the hotel direct at 816-474-4400 and reference the
AAVLD/USAHA meeting.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS OPEN - REGISTER NOW:

<http://usaha.org/Meetings/AnnualMeetingRegistration.aspx>

Jim Kistler
AAVLD Executive Director

Continuing Education Credits Available at AAVLD / USAHA Annual Meeting

The AAVLD / USAHA meeting is accepted by many State Veterinary Licensing Boards for continuing education credits. AAVLD and USAHA will be working to expand the number of states which grant recognition for CE.

Specific presentations and sessions may have direct pre-approval or may need additional documentation or certification from AAVLD / USAHA.

AAVLD / USAHA will provide additional information to assist you in obtaining CE recognition as we get closer to the meeting. A list of states

Christine Hoang,
AVMA Ex-Officio

and their status with regard to pre-approval or approval upon submission will be made available. Meeting attendance certifications will be provided to you at the meeting or upon request.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Kistler, AAVLD Executive Director or check with your State Licensing authority. USAHA will provide a form for your records at the Annual Meeting. No certificates are provided.

Ag Bill Set Aside In Senate and House

By: Jerry Hagstrom
Agweek
June 23, 2014

WASHINGTON - The Agriculture appropriations bill for the 2015 fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1, is now bogged down in both the Senate and the House.

The Senate approved a measure to proceed with the Agriculture bill but Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., wanted a 60-vote threshold on amendments in order to limit the number that would pass and most likely to avoid potentially embarrassing votes for Democrats who are up for re-election. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., wanted to reduce the number of votes required for an amendment to be added to the bill, but Reid disagreed and on June 19 set the bill aside.

Meanwhile in the House, the election of a new majority leader, Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., and a new majority whip, Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., has put the bill on hold indefinitely as the new leaders try to figure out how to handle the bill.

Full text: <http://www.agweek.com/event/article/id/23558/>

House Appropriations Committee Approves DHS Funding Needed for NBAF

By Bryan Cohen
BioPrepWatch.com
June 20, 2014

The House Appropriations Committee recently sent a bill to the full House that would provide the DHS the funding it needs to finish construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF).

DHS received \$404 million in fiscal year 2014 for the Manhattan, Kan.-based biosafety level 4 facility and estimates an additional \$300 million in FY 2015 is needed to fully fund facility construction. No further requests for appropriations for the NBAF are planned after FY 2015 if the DHS is granted the request.

Once completed, the NBAF would replace the aging Plum Island Animal Disease Center.

The committee sent the FY 2015 DHS funding bill to the House following a voice vote last week. The bill provides \$39.2 billion in funding for the DHS, which is \$50 billion below the enacted levels for FY 2014 but \$887.8 million above President Obama's request.

If passed, the bill would provide approximately \$928 million for research and development, which would be 10.1 percent less than FY 2014 levels. The drop is mostly the result of the reduced request for construction of the NBAF.

Full text: <http://bioprepwatch.com/news/house-appropriations-committee-approves-dhs-funding-needed-for-nbaf/338219/>

APHIS Seeks Public Comment on Proposed US-Canada Foreign Animal Disease Zoning

USDA APHIS Stakeholder Registry Bulletin
May 13, 2014

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is seeking public comment on a draft framework for implementing and maintaining a foreign animal disease (FAD) zoning arrangement between the United States and Canada. The intent of the arrangement is to facilitate recognition by APHIS and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) of each other's decisions to establish, maintain, and release an area of control in the event of a highly contagious FAD outbreak.

The draft Framework for Implementing and Maintaining the Arrangement between the CFIA and the USDA for the Recognition of Foreign Animal Disease Control and Eradication Zones details an operational plan for implementation. The framework also establishes processes for maintaining the arrangement over time and outlines an approach to engage governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in developing the strategy and resources to effectively implement the arrangement during an FAD outbreak.

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to comment on the Notice and draft framework, which were published in the May 13th Federal Register and are available online. The comment period closes on July 14.

See Also:

Notice of Availability of a Draft Framework for Implementing the United States-Canada Foreign Animal Disease Zoning Arrangement Federal Register Volume 79, Number 92 (Tuesday, May 13, 2014)

Notices

Pages 27277-27278

From the Federal Register Online via the Government Printing Office [www.gpo.gov]

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Docket No. APHIS-2013-0097

Notice of Availability of a Draft Framework for Implementing the United States-Canada Foreign Animal Disease Zoning Arrangement

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is making available for public comment a draft framework for implementing and maintaining a foreign animal disease zoning arrangement between the United States and Canada. The draft framework provides an operational plan for the two countries to recognize each other's decisions to control a highly contagious foreign animal disease outbreak through zoning. The draft framework also establishes a structure for maintaining the arrangement over time and strategies for engaging governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in any actions taken under the arrangement, including planning and preparedness. This zoning arrangement will facilitate continued trade between disease-free areas of the United States and Canada while safeguarding animal health in both countries.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 14, 2014.

Full text:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-13/html/2014-10998.htm>

Joint U.S BVDV - ESVV Conference Joins Lineup at AAVLD / USAHA Annual Meeting

Pestiviruses: Old Enemies, New Challenges

Sheraton Crown Center

Kansas City, MO

October 14-15, 2014

"Pestiviruses: Old Enemies, New Challenges" will be the theme of a joint meeting of the 6th U.S. Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus (BVDV) Symposium and European Society of Veterinary Virology (ESVV) Pestivirus Symposium. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo., October 14-15, 2014.

This is the first time that the U.S. BVDV group and the ESVV group will jointly meet. The objective of the symposium is to bring together scientists, animal health industry representatives, veterinary practitioners, educators, cattle producers and policy makers to discuss how the latest BVDV/pestivirus research findings can be used improve the health of beef and dairy cattle and control emerging disease problems.

For more information and to view the program, visit the ESVV website at <http://esvv.vamosarodar.es/meetings/show/joint-us-bvdvesvv-pestivirus-symposium>.

SAVE THE DATES ! AAVLD 57th Annual Meeting

We are gearing up for the 57th AAVLD Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium this fall. We will be offering an expanded selection of presentations and events this year.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE INCLUDES:

Tuesday & Wednesday, OCTOBER 14-15:

- **International BVDV/Pestivirus Symposium**

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Thursday, OCTOBER 16:

- **AAVLD Quality Assurance Symposium** - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- **TOUR OF K-State BIOSCIENCE FACILITY and NBAF SITE** (Limited to first 100) - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday, OCTOBER 17:

- **C.L. Davis: Diagnostic Pathology of Bovine Diseases** - 8 am to 5:30 pm
- **AAVLD Committee Meetings and Scientific Presentations** - All Day
- **AAVLD Education Foundation Dinner and Auction** - 6 pm - 9 pm

Saturday, OCTOBER 18:

- **AAVLD Plenary Session** - 7:30 am to NOON
- **AAVLD Committee Meetings and Scientific Presentations** - Afternoon

Sunday, OCTOBER 19:

- **AAVLD Committee Meetings and Scientific Presentations** - All Day
- **AAVLD / USAHA Presidents' Reception, Dinner and Awards Ceremony** - 6 pm to 10 pm

Monday, OCTOBER 20:

- **AAVLD / USAHA Joint Plenary Session** - 7:30 am to NOON
- **AAVLD Committee Meetings** - Afternoon

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Sincerely,

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