

## **Ad Hoc Committee for Antimicrobial Stewardship in Canadian Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine**

**January 2012**

Thank you for your interest in being part of the continuation of the conference on Antimicrobial Stewardship in Canadian Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, as an Ad Hoc committee that develops the conference conclusions. If you don't want to do this (not everyone has replied) let me know and I'll take you off the list.

### **Progress since the conference**

The Canadian Veterinary Journal will publish the attached Conference Report in April. The two supplementary tables will not be part of the report, but are available on the web site ([www.antimicrobialcanada.com](http://www.antimicrobialcanada.com)).

The web site contains most of the conference presentations; we will retain the web site for the next year, then decide whether to continue. We are wrapping up the financial side of the conference.

### **Next steps for the conference**

I will set up a list server for conference participants who wish to continue to follow this issue. This will be a "one way" private announcement communication system, with potential for opting out at any time. It will help us retain our mailing list and keep interested parties in the loop. It can be used to send out one-way mailings and information items.

### **Next steps for the Ad Hoc Committee**

1. List server: I will set up a list server for the Committee ("Ad Hoc Canadian Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee") which will allow private discussion among the Committee.
2. Bi-monthly Committee discussions: We will have bi-monthly one hour phone-in discussions on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every second month, starting February 17<sup>th</sup>. The phone in is 877-413-4782; Conference ID: 1753520. I will send out Agenda items and reminders ahead of the meeting.
3. Items for future discussion by the Committee.

There are a number of items on which the Committee could usefully comment. These include:

  - A. Upcoming changes in Veterinary Drug Regulations relating to OUI and API; there will be a call for comments at the end of January;
  - B. CFIA modernization of regulations including Feeds (Animal Feed Regulation is listed as the second priority under Short Term).  
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/reg/consultation/disce.shtml>.

4. Other items we should pursue relate to the conclusions of the conference (Action Items attached). We can discuss at our first meeting in February.