

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICALS**

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The Committee met on October 22, 2013 at the Town and Country, San Diego, California, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There were 13 members and 2 guests present. The following presentations and reports were given.

### **Legislation on Antibiotics for Food Animals**

Dr. Gail Hansen, DVM, MPH, Senior Officer  
Pew Human Health and Industrial Farming

Summary – The problem of antibiotic overuse was defined, with a focus on the concept of antibiotics being a societal resource and the concerns associated with microbial resistance development and spread, particularly the potential effects on public health. Historical information as well as current information on antibiotic legislation was shared. Specifically, the verbiage of S.1256 Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA) and H.R. 1150 Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA) in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress were discussed. The complete presentation is included with this report.

### **Antiparasitic Resistance Management Strategy (ARMS)**

Dr. Anna O'Brien, DVM, Veterinary Medical Officer  
FDA CVM, Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation

Summary – An overview of current FDA-CVM activity related to antiparasitic resistance in livestock in the U.S. (ARMS initiative) was provided. The FDA has recognized increasing resistance to antiparasitics in livestock and horses in the U.S. The agency believes that there needs to be a paradigm shift in the use of management practices and appropriate use of anthelmintics. The importance of preserving refugia was underscored as mechanism to slow the replication of resistant parasites and increase the population of susceptible parasites. Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) has invited multiple professional organizations (including USAHA) to engage in dialogue on antiparasitic resistance, outreach, and identification of potential areas of collaboration. The complete presentation is included with this report.

### **Committee Business:**

There were no resolutions brought before the Committee for consideration at this meeting. Review of prior resolutions elicited no action from the Committee. Following conscientious review of its mission, the Committee determined that the mission was current and continued to serve the needs of the general USAHA membership. The Committee discussed the limited attendance at the Committee meeting and potential options to improve attendance, including a change in meeting time and merging with another committee. After weighing the merits of various options, the Committee agreed that issues germane to the Committee required a separate (stand-alone) meeting to ensure that those issues were given due consideration. The Committee further concluded that having the meeting at a different time would likely meet the same obstacle of competing with other committees and topic prioritization by the members. Lastly, the Committee identified improvements in agenda setting to be implemented, such as a standing invitation to FDA-CVM and USDA-Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) for updates at every meeting.