

Key CPD events for cattle vets
Johne's Surveillance & Control: Healthy cows for a healthy industry



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Programme

9:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome and Introductions

Lyndon Edwards (JAG)

Scene setting

10:15 - 10:35 Johne's Action Group and Purchaser Agenda

Lyndon Edwards (JAG)

Lyndon will explain why Johne's control remains high on the agenda for milk purchasers and the importance of the National Johne's Management Plan. Lyndon will set out how important it is for stakeholders to work together to tackle Johne's, highlighting the key role that vets have in ensuring that control plans on farm are robust and maintained effectively. Lyndon is likely to give some insight into the steps processors may take to encourage Johne's engagement by supply pools.

10:35-11:00 Denmark's Johne's Programme - An International Perspective Niels Nielsen (RYK-Fonden)

As a recognised figure in the Danish dairy industry, Niels will provide an overview of different Johne's control plans across the continent. Niels will then focus specifically on Operation Paratuberculosis, the Johne's control initiative that has been running in Denmark since 2006. The session will set out the positive outcomes of this initiative and explore what lessons can be learnt that may be relevant in the UK. Niels will explain the dynamics of the vet:farmer relationship in Denmark and the ways in which Danish vets have established effective working partnerships with their farmer customers that have delivered tangible results.

11:00-11:20 JAG Facilitators: How We Can Help You

Sophie Throup/ and Harriet Scott (JAG)

This session will focus on Phase 2 of the National Johne's Management Plan. Sophie and Harriet will discuss the targets for this stage of the initiative, the activities of the facilitating team and the help that is available to vets looking to engage further with the Action Plan.

11:20-11:45 Tea/Coffee break

Technical

11:45-12:05 Johne's & Calf Health

Karen Bond and Eamon Watson (NML)

Karen's session will look at the latest findings on the transmission of Johne's disease specifically targeting cow to calf transmission. This will be supported by her research on the impact of Johne's management on calf health. The session will set out the simple changes that can be made on farm to help producers maintain a robust Johne's management plan

12:05-12:30 Johne's Risk Management

Peter Orpin (MHH)

Effective Johne's control is dependent upon how successful the producer is at managing the risks of transmission of the MAP bacteria between and within herds. Pete will discuss the key drivers and barriers to Johne's control, based on a large survey of UK dairy herds. He will also share some top tips to create a robust and effective Johne's management plan, compliant with the UK National Johne's management plan.

12:30-13:30 Lunch

Securing Engagement

13:30-14:00 Commercial Engagement

Dick Sibley (MHH)

This session will evaluate the commercial advantages of Johne's control with examples of how different programmes can be delivered and the benefits shared. This will ensure continued compliance throughout the industry to gain progression along the Johne's roadmap. In addition, Dick will illustrate ways in which vets can engage farmers with Johne's control such that there is commercial gain for both the farmer and the vet

14:00-14:20 Social Science

Eamon Watson (NMR)

Johne's is now recognised as a priority issue across the dairy industry and its role in affecting overall herd health is increasingly acknowledged. This session will consider the social motives for engaging in endemic disease control and will set out examples of ways in which farmers can be encouraged to engage. From farm walks to benchmark reports, Eamon will share some success stories in terms of converting farmers from being reticent and cautious to fully engaging with endemic disease control in a proactive way.

14:20-15:30 Practical Exercise

15:30-16:00 Closing Summary



Lyndon Edwards

A successful organic dairy farmer who oversees all farm/business activities spread over 670 acres. Lyndon is deputy chairman of OMSCo and in 2015 he won the Dairy Ambassador of the Year award. He is Chairman of the Dairy UK Farmers Forum, Chairman of the Action Group for Johnes, Board member of the Dairy Council and Board member of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers. He sets a strong example for dynamic, innovative and successful dairy farming.



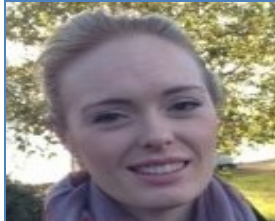
Niels Henning Nielsen

Niels Henning Nielsen has been the managing director of Danish Milk Recording for the last 15 years. Prior to that he was the chief consultant for the Regional Farmers Advisory Service. Neils has a broad understanding of the Danish dairy industry alongside knowledge of cow health and welfare. He has participated in several Danish health programs focusing primarily BVD, TB & Mastitis.



Sophie Throup BA (Hons)

Sophie is RAFT's Managing Director and looks after the company's development and delivery in this innovative period for UK agriculture. Sophie's background is in public relations and project management with ASDA Wal-Mart, ZPR, Bishopton Veterinary Group and more recently at XLVets where she was until recently Chief Executive of the XLVets Training Services, which developed the FarmSkills, VetSkills and EquineSkills initiatives.



Harriet Scott

Harriet joined RAFT as Project and Programme Assistant in April 2014 having previously worked at a pharmaceutical contract research organization where she gained experience of coordinating studies and working in a GCP/GLP regulated environment.



Karen Bond BVMS MSc MRCVS—NML Veterinary Advisor

A graduate of Glasgow Veterinary School, Karen worked in a mixed practice then completed a three year farm animal residency to obtain an MSc in livestock health and production. After a further year of research on Bovine TB at the Institute for Animal Health she returned to practice, working with dairy clients in Cheshire and Cumbria. Karen has also worked as a DairyCo technical extension officer. She is also completing her PhD at the Royal Veterinary College on Johnes disease.



Eamon Watson BVSc MSc MRCVS—NML Veterinary Advisor

Eamon has a background in agriculture, laboratory science, cattle practice and government veterinary investigation service. Eamon has a long standing interest in cattle and population health and has practical experience of disease investigation, epidemiology and surveillance. Eamon provides technical veterinary support on laboratory diagnostics and herd health to NML's veterinary, milk processor and retailer customers.



Peter Orpin BVSC Director, Veterinary Surgeon

Peter is one of the founding partners of the Park Vet Group. In the last 30 years Peter has worked within the farm department helping to develop the preventive medicine elements of the practice. His passion is helping farmers to "make their herds healthier" and as such is a co-founder of Myhealthyherd.com, he has undertaken a variety of research projects and has helped develop the National Johnes Management Plan. Peter won Dairy Vet of the year 2016.



Richard Sibley BVSc Hon FRCVS, Veterinary Surgeon

Principal Vet and Director of West Ridge Veterinary Practice Ltd. Dick has over 30 years experience in veterinary practice in Devon. Now mostly involved with clinical work on farms, he also spends a lot of time running the business and providing consultancy services to farms around the country. He has received awards from the RABDF, RASE and BCVA as well as an Honorary Fellowship of the RCVS for services to agriculture and the veterinary profession.

Event Locations

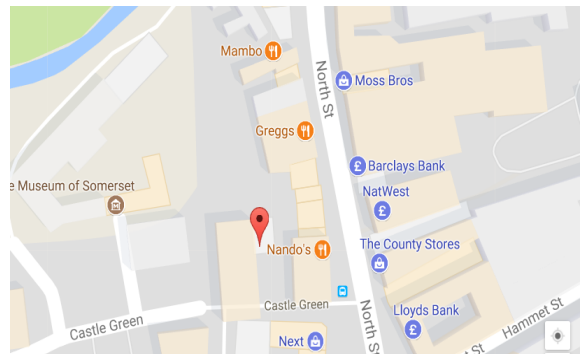
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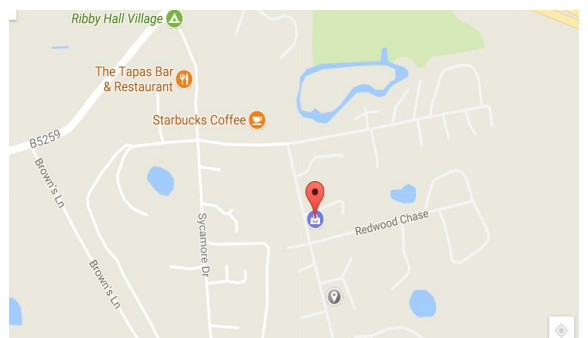
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