HIPRA Organises a Symposium on Mastitis at the Ghent University

HIPRA, in collaboration with M-team, from the Ghent University, Belgium, organised a symposium with participation by internationally renowned speakers.

Last September more than 120 veterinarians from Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg attended the symposium on mastitis: “Update on Hot Topics and Results of Mastitis Vaccination”. Some of the subjects of greatest interest on control of mastitis, along with presentations on the most important vaccination trials conducted in Europe, were reviewed.

Paolo Moroni (Cornell University) opened the day by listing control measures against Staphylococcus aureus and stressed the important role biofilm plays in infections by this pathogen. Then Sarne de Vliegher (Ghent University) gave an overview of recent advances in the study of coagulase-negative staphylococci (CNS) noting the enormous variability that exists in this group. Moreover, Sofie Piepers (Ghent University) noted how, after challenge, animals vaccinated with STARTVAC® showed a smaller increase in somatic cells and a smaller drop in production. Valerio Bronzo (Milan University) presented preliminary results of a joint study with the Cornell University that highlight good STARTVAC® efficacy against infections of S. aureus. Finally, Andrew Bradley (University of Nottingham) presented a preview of the results that prove that STARTVAC® plays an important role in controlling coliform mastitis and reduces the severity and elimination rate and increases production.

These sessions reinforce HIPRA’s position as a leader in animal disease prevention and highlight STARTVAC® as a major tool in controlling mastitis caused by E. coli, S. aureus, coliforms and CNS.