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Canadian Johne's Disease Initiative (CJDI) Update

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- The Canadian Johne's Disease Advisory Committee for the CJDI held a conference call on Apr 28, 2010 (see Appendix re background CJDI information).
- Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) and Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) have extended the Canadian Animal Health Coalition's contract to deliver the CJDI through Dec 31, 2011.
- A summary report of CJDI activities from July 1, 2009 (start-up of Initiative) to Feb 28, 2010 is attached below (see word doc).
- CJDI activities since the previous Feb 2010 newsletter:
 - CCA's *Action News* ran a series of 6 JD articles between Nov 2009 and Feb 2010
 - DFC updated press release resource materials (Qs and As, key messages, etc) re JD-Crohn's link risks. DFC will share messaging with CCA upon completion of edits.
 - CJDI maintained contacts with provincial JD working groups- active progress was noted in all provinces (see below, except no report from MB).
- The Advisory Committee requests the CJDI Technical Committee to comment on:
 - Standardized Canadian veterinarian training process re JD risk assessment.
 - Ontario Risk Assessment and Management Plan- RAMP (<http://www.johnes.ca>) and simplified form (<http://www.johnes.ca/pdf%20files/RAMP%20form.pdf>). The ON program's veterinary user guide is attached below (see VetRAMP PDF doc).
 - On-line resources, eg [http://vetmedce.org/Johne's Disease Individual Courses](http://vetmedce.org/Johne's_Disease_Individual_Courses) .
 - Canadian Veterinary Journal paper by Sorge et al (Vol 51, Apr 2010), *Veterinarians' perspective on a voluntary JD prevention program in Ontario and Western Canada* (PDF below... 8668) re veterinarian support for current JD prevention activities in Canada.
 - Canadian JD/MAP research updates.
 - A Paratuberculosis textbook, by Behr and Collins (with inputs from H Barkema and S McKenna) has recently been released. See preview at http://books.google.ca/books?id=iS8P8x2-O68C&printsec=frontcover&dq=paratuberculosis&hl=en&ei=yBrOS_2MDIK8IQelnbybDQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCkQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false and is available through the publisher at <http://bookshop.cabi.org/?page=2633&pid=2215&site=191> .
- The Advisory Committee suggests that the CJDI Technical Committee hold a conference call before July, 2010 and include CFIA representation, ie Dr. Amanda Amaratunga. The Technical Committee also includes representation from each Canadian veterinary school, DFC, and CCA.
- A timely article about JD in beef and the CJDI (see PDF below) in the *Canadian Meat Business* magazine (Mar-Apr 2010) was written by Rob McNabb and Reynold Bergen, both of CCA.

- Brief provincial JD working group updates:
 1. SK- working group activated; dairy leadership suggested; SK government support but limited funds.
 2. BC- beef and dairy veterinarian training re JD risk assessment in Mar 2010 (\$45K project); new project (\$60K) re JD education/MAP testing tentatively approved.
 3. AB- AB Milk will soon launch a new dairy JD initiative (G Ollis, champion); aggressive goals re dairy herd participation by 2011; also plan to deliver a future JD Status (certified) Program and will link with current AB JD Working Group.
 4. Atlantic- Agri-Flex proposal (4 provincial dairy JD programs) includes mandatory herd risk assessment and environmental/milk ELISA testing; decision will be known soon.



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JD article Cdn Meat Business Mar Apr 201

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Appendix: CJDJ Background Information- Priorities and Committee Members
(web page at <http://www.animalhealth.ca/CJDJ/>)

CJDJ priorities:

- *Education and awareness- develop/deliver coordinated educational communications about JD to industry, government and other audiences, including webpage.*
- *Provincial coordination- facilitate communications amongst provincial JD groups, share JD awareness/extension messages, as well as recommend minimal program standards.*
- *Research- scan global JD programs and research, as well as facilitate collaborations to enable priority Canadian research and cost-effective JD program delivery.*

CJDJ Advisory Committee members:

- *Louis Desautels, CCA*
- *Elizabeth Cork, DFC*
- *Pat Rutledge, CCA and Alberta Johne's Disease Working Group*
- *Ron Versteeg, Ontario Johne's Education and Management Assistance Program*
- *Geneviève Côté, Comité directeur, Programme volontaire de prévention et de contrôle de la paratuberculose au Québec*
- *Herman Barkema/Shawn McKenna- Technical Committee co-chairs*
- *Pauline Duivenvoorden, DFC*

CJDJ Technical Committee:

- *Co-chair: Herman Barkema, University of Calgary*
- *Co-chair: Shawn McKenna, University of Prince Edward Island*
- *Gilles Fecteau, University of Montreal*
- *David Kelton, University of Guelph*
- *Steve Hendrick, University of Saskatchewan*
- *Reynold Bergen, CCA*
- *Elizabeth Cork, DFC*
- *Dr. Amanda Amaratunga, CFIA*