

NFU IAH Bluetongue conference 17 January 2008
Institute for Animal Health at Compton, Henderson Building
Programme

Registration and refreshments from 9.30am

10.30

- Introduction and welcome - Peter Kendall, NFU President

Understanding the 2007 UK outbreak - Chaired by Meurig Raymond, NFU Deputy President

10.40

- **Setting the scene**
 - Introduction to IAH and BTV work (Martin Shirley)
 - 2007 outbreak and NFU activities (Catherine McLaughlin)

11.00

- **How bluetongue arrived and how it spread**
 - Climate change and disease (Philip Mellor)
 - Spread of BTV by wind-borne midge vectors (John Gloster)
 - The midge: identification, transmission, monitoring and control (Simon Carpenter)

11.30

- Q&A

11.45

Into 2008 – impacts, control and management of BTV – Chaired by Martin Shirley, Director of IAH

- **Impact of bluetongue on livestock** (Chris Oura)
 - 2007 vs. 2008; UK vs. EU
 - Recognising the symptoms
 - Diagnosis and surveillance

12.05

- Q&A

12.45 – 13.30 Lunch

Into 2008 – impacts, control and management of BTV cont. – Chaired by Martin Shirley, Director of IAH

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- **Vaccination** (Peter Mertens and Chris Oura)
 - Existing and future vaccines and the anticipated 2008 vaccine delivery dates (Peter Mertens)

- Vaccine delivery and the start of the transmission season; vaccination strategy and management (Chris Oura)

13.55

- **UK control strategy and what producers can expect in 2008** (Kevin Pearce)

Questions on vaccination, then on all topics to all speakers

- Q&A

15.15

Closing remarks – Paul Temple, NFU Vice President and Martin Shirley, Director of IAH

- Animal disease research in UK and future NFU/IAH/Met Office interaction, future conferences (bTB?)

FINISH and refreshments 15.30