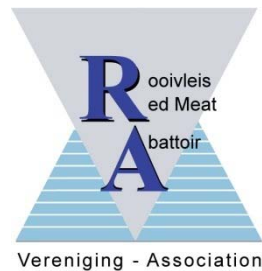


**NOTA AAN AFRIKAANSE REDAKTEURS: DIE AFRIKAANSE WEERGAWE VAN HIERDIE
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Abattoir owners, industry organisations, associated members or the association and government stakeholders are to register for the 2015 Red Meat Abattoir Association Conference to take place from 20 – 22 May at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West.

Focus on animal handling and abattoir challenges

The latest international research on the welfare of animals and the impact of animal handling on the quality of red meat will be in the spotlight at the 2015 Red Meat Abattoir (RMAA) Congress next month. Feedback will be provided on the most recent international research on matters related to livestock welfare and the impact on the South African Meat Industry.

According to the International Food Journal animal handling remains a growing issue of concern in many countries around the world. Developed countries in particular show keen interest in the way animals are handled throughout production to processing. Attendees of the conference and the congress, to be held from 20 – 22 May at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West will share in the latest viewpoints.

Poor animal handling has adverse effects on the animal, carcass and eat-quality of meat and is more likely not to be accepted by consumers. Dr Gerhard Neethling, CEO of the RMAA invites abattoir

owners, industry organisations, associated members or the association and government stakeholders to register right away to get access to brand new revelations on this issue.

“The challenges of the abattoir industry are not only restricted to the abattoir but also changing consumer preference, production system certification and legislation in related spheres,” says Neethling.

Speakers have been confirmed to inform congress on legal responsibilities for abattoir owners on residue monitoring.

According to Neethling the conference theme “*Managing a Changing Meat Safety Environment*” will allow both the latest achievements and challenges to be discussed. The congress will also receive feedback on improved practices in abattoir design & equipment in European abattoirs.

Feedback during the congress on 22 May will in addition include the red meat statutory levy, current and proposed changes to the red meat classification system, independent meat inspection, feedback on the national animal disease situation including the Foot and Mouth Disease Status of the country and research in the red meat industry.

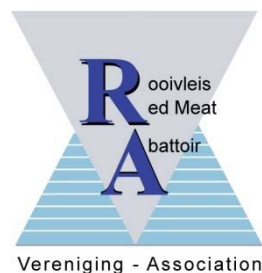
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Fokus op dierehantering en abattoir uitdagings

Die jongste internasionale navorsing oor die welsyn van diere en die impak van dierehantering op die gehalte van rooivleis sal in die kollig wees by die 2015 Rooivleis Abattoir (RVAV) Kongres vroeg in Mei. Kongresgangers sal terugvoer kry oor die mees onlangse internasionale navorsing oor sake wat verband hou met die welsyn van vee en die impak daarvan op die Suid-Afrikaanse rooivleisbedryf.

Volgens die International Food Journal bly dierehantering 'n groeiende probleem van kommer in baie lande regoor die wêreld. Ontwikkelde lande, in die besonder, toon lewendige belangstelling in hoe diere hanteer word en die hele produksie- en verwerkingsketting. Afgevaardigdes by die konferensie en die kongres wat vanaf 20-22 Mei by die Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset-Wes gehou word, sal in die nutste bevindings deel.

Swak dierehantering het 'n nadelige uitwerking op die dier, die karkas en eet gehalte van vleis en is meer geneig om nie deur verbruikers aanvaar te word nie. Dr. Gerhard Neethling, hoof uitvoerende beampte van die RVAV nooi abattoir-eienaars, bedryfsorganisasies, geassosieerde lede van die vereniging en belanghebbende regeringsdepartemente, om dadelik te registreer om toegang te kry tot die nutste aspekte oor hierdie kwessie.

"Die uitdagings van die abattoirbedryf is nie net beperk tot die abattoir nie. Dit het ook direkte betrekking op die verandering in verbruikersvoorkeure, produksiestelsel sertifisering en wetgewing op verwante terreine," sê Neethling.

Sprekers het bevestig dat die kongres abattoireienaars sal inlig oor wetlike verantwoordelikhede vir die monitoring van afvalmateriaal.

Volgens Neethling sal die konferensie tema "*Bestuur van verandering 'n veilige vleis-omgewing*" ruimte skep om die jongste prestasies en uitdagings te bespreek. Die kongres sal ook terugvoering ontvang oor verbeterde praktyke in abattoir ontwerp en abattoir toerusting in Europese abattoirs.

Terugvoer tydens die kongres op 22 Mei sal ook die nutste insluit oor die statutêre rooivleisheffing; en die huidige en voorgestelde wysigings aan die rooivleis klassifikasiesistelsel. Ander brandpunte wat onder die vergrootglas kom is onafhanklike vleisinspeksie en terugvoer oor die nasionale dieresiekte-status, insluitend die bek-en klouseer-stand van die land en navorsing in die rooivleisbedryf.

Alle navrae vir deelname en bywoning kan gerig word aan Dr. Gerhard Neethling (RVAV) by 082 551 7232.

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