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EuroResidue III – Third Conference on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food

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Veldhoven (The Netherlands), 6 – 8 May 1996

In 1990 and 1993, the EuroResidue I and II conferences were organized in The Netherlands with the aim to cover all aspects related to residues of veterinary drugs with special emphasis on recent developments and applications of various analytical techniques. The WPFC decided that a third EuroResidue conference should be held in 1996, again in The Netherlands.

The scope of ER III was broader than in 1990 and 1993, as a result of the cooperation with the EU Community Reference Laboratories for residues (CRLs) and with Professor C. Van Peteghem who organized the Ghent conferences on anabolics in 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1994. Anabolic and other growth promoters were included now, and much attention was focused upon quality assurance in inspection systems. The last-mentioned field was highlighted by several speakers from the European Commission and from the CRLs. Apart from this, experts from the USA and Canada were invited to report on the way in which drug residue monitoring is planned and performed overseas.

Nearly 200 abstracts were submitted to the Scientific Committee of the conference, of which 165 appeared in the programme either as an oral or as a poster presentation. About 45 presentations were devoted to anabolics, corticosteroids and beta agonists. The majority of the contributions, however, reported studies on antibacterial drugs. Like in the other conferences, considerable attention was paid to pharmacokinetic aspects as well. The large amount of contributions stressed the function of the EuroResidue conferences as a forum where all aspects regarding veterinary drug residues can be discussed and information can be exchanged.

The conference, which attracted 388 subscribers from many countries in and outside Europe, was opened by Mrs. Erica Terpstra, the Netherlands State Secretary of Health, Welfare and Sports. She stressed the need for international cooperation with regard to the protection of public health, to which the EuroResidue conferences also contribute.

The conference was shaded by the decease of Dr. Nel Haagsma who was the driving force behind the EuroResidue conferences. She was commemorated with a moment of silence.

Seven speakers were invited to present their view on the following topics: Antimicrobials – a strategy for linking screening and confirmatory methods; Recent developments in methods for residue control of some growth promoting substances; The use of *in vitro* systems in metabolism and safety studies; MS-MS – applications and tentative quality criteria; Bound residues – developments on their

release from matrices and methods of analysis; Biosensors and their potential applications; and Analysis of drug residues in fish. Further, the programme included a plenary workshop on validation and recovery, and a general discussion on consumer perception of residues and on self-control systems. Reports of these discussions will be published as an appendix to the Proceedings.

It was agreed that the next EuroResidue conference will be held in 2000, again in The Netherlands, and that the WPFC will contribute to the Ghent conference which is scheduled in 1998 in Bruges. It was also agreed that the EuroResidue conferences and the Ghent conferences will be held alternately every two years. The Proceedings of the conference (ISBN 90-6159-023-X), consisting of two volumes with in total 1000 pages, can be regarded as a document that provides ample information on a number of topics with respect to veterinary drug residues in food of animal origin. They contain all contributions to ER III, author and subject indexes and the programme. Contributions are listed alphabetically but, for convenience's sake, are also classified into nine categories.

Copies of the Proceedings can be obtained by deposition of Hfl. 125, plus Hfl. 15 for transfer costs, to the RABO Bank, De Bilt, The Netherlands (account number 30.83.85.217 in the name of A. Ruiter inz. Proceedings Euroresidue). After receipt of this sum the Proceedings will be mailed to the address given in a separate letter. A limited number of the Proceedings of EuroResidue II is still available for which an additional Hfl. 75 have to be paid.

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Schweizerisches Landeskomitee zur IUFoST – Berichtsjahr 1995

Berichterstatter: Dr. O. *Raunhardt*, Präsident, Mettmenstetten

Die Jahressitzung des Landeskomitees zur «International Union of Food Science and Technology» wurde in Zürich ausnahmsweise im Juni im üblichen Rahmen durchgeführt. Weitere Informationen wurden auf dem Zirkularweg mitgeteilt. Das Hauptereignis 1995 war der erfolgreiche 9. Weltkongress der IUFoST vom 30. Juli bis 4. August 1995 in Budapest mit einer Vielzahl wissenschaftlicher Symposien und Posters. Zahlreiche Schweizer Wissenschaftler nahmen daran teil und profitierten von den Möglichkeiten zu Fachkontakten mit Teilnehmern aus allen Erdteilen. An der am 4. August 1995 abgehaltenen Generalversammlung der IUFoST vertraten die Delegierten Prof. Dr. F. Escher, Vizepräsident der Union für die Jahre 1995–1999, und Dr. O. Raunhardt das Landeskomitee. Die Generalversammlung hiess «The Budapest Declaration» der IUFoST gut, mit der die Ziele der «International Conference on Nutrition» von FAO und WHO, Rom 1992, unterstützt werden. In Budapest hielt auch die regionale Organisation EFFoST (European Federation of Food Science and Technology) am 2. August 1995 ihre Generalversammlung ab, an der die Schweiz durch ihre beiden Delegierten vertreten war. Die EFFoST veranstaltete zwei Symposien: am Kongress in Budapest «Concentration of the Food Industry in Europe – A Chance to Improve Education and Research» und anlässlich der «Food Ingredients Europe» am 7. November 1995 in Frankfurt «European Food Legislation with Special Reference to Food Additives».

Für die Unterstützung und das Interesse an den Aktivitäten seitens der SANW wird bestens gedankt.