

## PRESS RELEASE

# A series of webinars on Anthelmintic Resistance in Ruminants: Challenges and Solutions

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Anthelmintic resistance is a growing concern in the control of helminth infections in ruminant livestock worldwide.

This is the first of a series of three free presentations provided by the **COMBAR** (COMBatting Anthelmintic Resistance in ruminants) and Vetstream Vetacademy that will update on the current situation of anthelmintic resistance in sheep, cattle and goats in Europe, its driving factors and economic impact. It will cover the activities of the COST Action COMBAR and provide room to discuss with participants solution routes towards sustainable control approaches that preserve the efficacy of anthelmintic drugs.

Through joint collaboration COMBAR aims to pave the way towards a transnational, multiactor initiative to achieve sustainable helminth control approaches and develop new solutions.

The first webinar "Anthelmintic Resistance in Ruminants: Challenges and Solutions" will be held at 1 pm on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration can be made <u>via this link</u>

**Mark Johnston (CEO of Vetstream)** said: "We are delighted to partnering with the highly respected Johannes Charlier and COMBAR for this really important series. With Vetlexicon Bovis we are very focussed on providing point-of-care information about the veterinary care of cattle and other ruminants. The sustainable use of anthelmintics is an area of growing importance and it is important to stay up to date with current scientific insights".



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**Johannes Charlier (Chair of COMBAR)** added: "Over the last years, COMBAR has built a scientific network to exchange knowledge and practices to fight anthelmintic resistance and make helminth control sustainable. Now it is time to connect with veterinary practitioners across Europe to discuss how some novel insights, tools and practices can find an application on the farms."

### **Details of the following two webinars**

Practical tools to monitor anthelmintic efficacy and detect anthelmintic resistance

WEDS 28th July 2021 | 16:00 CET/15:00 BST | Presented by Laura Rinaldi and Georg von

Samson Himmelstjerna

Weather-smart worm control
WEDS 8th September 2021 | 20:00 CET/19:00 BST | Presented by Eric Morgan

If you have any questions about this upcoming webinar, please contact <a href="mailto:vetacademy@vetstream.com">vetacademy@vetstream.com</a>

#### **Further Information**

Johannes Charlier (DVM, PhD, Dip. EVPC) is a veterinary scientist and founding manager of the animal health research and consulting agency Kreavet. He obtained his PhD in veterinary sciences from Ghent University where he specialised in diagnosis, epidemiology, control and economics of parasitic infections in ruminants. He is the chair of COMBAR - "Combatting Anthelmintic Resistance in Ruminants", involving around 200 scientists from 32 countries.

**COMBAR** is a COST Action that brings together a multi-disciplinary blend of scientists to find solutions for anthelmintic resistance in ruminants. COMBAR aims to integrate knowledge and approaches from (i) diagnostics; (ii) vaccines; (iii) antiparasitic forages, (iv) selective treatment strategies and (iv) decision support tools



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to make worm control sustainable. By evaluating those novel technologies and assessing their economic trade-offs and barriers to uptake in a European coordinated approach, COMBAR will tackle AR.

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