

PREVENTION FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE



Epigenetics, the influence of the environment on animal performance and production diseases

Speaker: **Jantijn Swinkels**, *DVM, PhD KNMvD MRCVS, Global Technical Director Udder Health and Reproduction, MSD Animal Health*

Red Tractor Scheme explained, what's expected of Veterinary Practitioners

Speaker: *Red Tractor Scheme Representative*

The future of antibiotic usage in Northern Ireland

Speakers: **Robert Huey**, *Chief Veterinary Officer*
Philip Walsh, *BVM&S, MRCVS, AVSPNI President*

Wednesday, 28th November 2018

7:30pm SHARP

**Culloden Estate and Spa, Bangor Road, Holywood,
Belfast, BT18 0EX**

Refreshments served





Jantijn Swinkels studied Veterinary Medicine at Utrecht University, The Netherlands. He was a partner in a mixed veterinary practice for 15 years, focusing on preventive herd health of dairy farms, resulting in a recognition by the Royal Dutch Veterinary Association as a Bovine Herd Health specialist in 2005. In the same year he joined the Global ruminant team of MSD Animal Health, Boxmeer, The Netherlands. When the headquarters of MSD moved to the USA, Jantijn joined The Dutch Animal Health Service, in Deventer, where he successfully defended his PhD on mastitis. He then returned to MSD Animal Health, where he is now Global Technical Director for Udder Health and Reproduction.

Jantijn has a strong interest in epigenetics focusing on the influence of the environment and its effects on the foetus continuing throughout life.

Jantijn is an author of seventeen peer reviewed scientific papers and has lectured numerous times all over the world on scientific congresses.



A speaker from the **Red Tractor Scheme** will be in attendance to present an update on recent changes to the programme and explain the role of the veterinary practitioner in carrying out the necessary diagnostic testing, antibiotic usage and farm disease review.