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## BRITISH MASTITIS CONFERENCE

The 2017 British Mastitis Conference is taking place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, writes Ian Ohnstad, Chairperson of the organising and scientific committee. “This year’s event will again be held at Sixways Stadium, Worcester, with the pre-conference workshop held over a full day on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> based around the AHDB Dairy Mastitis Control Plan.

‘The Research Summary section will involve the selection of four authors from those presenting posters to make short oral presentations of their work. This format has enabled new, novel and innovative research to be made available to a wider audience. It also provides an opportunity for new researchers to become more widely known and gain further experience,’ he says.

This year’s conference will be opened by Torben Bennedsgaard, Aarhus University, Denmark who will discuss Mastitis Management on AMS farms. This will be followed by a presentation by Vicky Porteus, Arla Foods Ltd on the conundrum of the milk buyers needs v sustainable dairy business needs. The presentations by authors of selected posters will follow the morning break.

The afternoon session sees John Upton, TEAGASC, Ireland looking at the importance of liner development work and its implications on teat health and mastitis,” states Ian Ohnstad. “This will be followed by Ricardo Tassi, Moredun Research Institute, Scotland, who will examine the subject of vaccine development in mastitis control. The final paper will be given by James Breen, Orchard Veterinary Group and a client farmer who will present an AHDB Dairy mastitis case study.”

“With the continuing success of the format of the pre-conference workshop, we will continue with an interactive training day designed for both new and experienced users of the AHDB Dairy Mastitis Control Plan, with plan users bringing their own cases to discuss and for a panel of experts to talk through the issues and provide a more detailed focus on controlling mastitis. This year’s pre-conference workshop will include some of the latest research and discussion around the potential development

of antimicrobial resistance and reducing antibiotic use in dairy herds,” states Ian Ohnstad. The workshop will start at 9.30 am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

“Based on feedback and experience, we are confident that this year’s Conference will again be a valuable day for all those involved in mastitis control and at every level. For more information see the website at [www.britishmastitisconference.org.uk](http://www.britishmastitisconference.org.uk).”

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