

Strategic alliance Hypor and BHZP

Breeding company Hendrix Genetics (holding company of Hypor) and the German Federal Hybrid Breeding Programme (BHZP) have agreed to explore a step-wise implementation of a strategic alliance in the swine business. The agreement encompasses four targets. First, it aims to extend the successful cooperation of the last three years in AI. Secondly, it also aims to set up a joint use and development of the BHZP sow breeding programme. Thirdly, both organisations hope to be working together on a joint production, marketing and sales approach for the Netherlands and Germany. Last but not least, there will be an evaluation of each other's breeding programme with the objective of combining the respective gene pools into one programme.

Hendrix Genetics, starting in 2005, has grown rapidly over the last couple of years, having acquired e.g. France Hybrides and Euribrid recently. The company has breeding divisions in layers, turkeys and pigs. At a press conference at EuroTier, in Hanover, Germany, Antoon van den Berg, CEO, said, "Consolidation in poultry is now finished, but further consolidation in pigs can be expected."

(www.hendrix-genetics.com).

Addcon finds distributor for Italy

German acid and salt manufacturer Addcon has given distribution rights for Italy for its products to Sintofarm. This company is a well-known supplier to the animal health and feed industry has worked with the German company's product line, e.g. the antibiotic-free growth promoter Formi, before. Addcon's product range now comprises of three products, each optimised for the use in swine, poultry and fish respectively. Other than feed additives, the company also produces feed preservatives as well as silage additives. (www.addcon.net)

Pancosma launches new taste enhancer

Swiss animal nutrition company Pancosma has recently launched the taste enhancer Sucram® Taktik. The product, a combination of ingredients that double impact on animal taste experience, is being manufactured using TakTik technology.

In this company-owned method, two separate ingredients are combined into particles, using spray granulation and fluidised bed encapsulation processes. Thus, the proportions of the constituents are equal from one particle to the other. For the animal the attractiveness of the feed is increased in a new way, optimising intake and growth potential. Trials with piglets have demonstrated significant increases in daily feed intake and weight gain.

(www.pancosma.ch)



Alltech

Alltech's president and founder **Dr Pearse Lyons** has been awarded the University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland, Foundation Day Medal. He received the medal in recognition of his contribution to science and industry.

Anitox

Clean feed technology company Anitox appointed **Ferdie Nel** as feed technology specialist in September. He will be based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, concentrating his efforts in the Asia-Pacific region and providing after-sales service.



Ferdie Nel

Génétiporc

Otaviano Olavo Pivetta, owner of Ideal Porc and **Werner Meincke**, director of Génétiporc do Brasil, have been honored as, respectively, the Brazilian Swine Businessman Personality of the year and the technical personality of the year. They received their awards during the PorkExpo 2008, held in Curitiba in Brazil.

Lallemand

Lallemand Animal Nutrition has appointed **Tim Pollock** as managing director of its UK business, Biotial Limited, which is one of the UK's leading suppliers of silage inoculants and probiotic yeast technologies. Tim Pollock will join the company in January.



Tim Pollock

Maple Leaf

Canadian Maple Leaf Foods has appointed **Dr Randall Huffman** to the position of Chief Food Safety Officer. He will assume this position effective January 5, 2009. Huffman will have overall respon-

sibility for leading Maple Leaf's food safety and quality programmes.

Norel & Nature

David González joined Norel & Nature, Spain as the new technical sales area manager for Europe. David is a zootechnical engineer with almost four years of experience as a nutritionist.

Novus International

Animal health and nutrition company Novus International has appointed **Dr Nasser Odetallah** as product manager, enzymes and probiotics.



Nasser Odetallah

• The company awarded its 2008 research award at Auburn University to **Adolfo Pereira, Jr.** The award is presented annually to an Auburn University graduate student for research excellence in areas related to livestock production.

Osborne Industries

Livestock management manufacturer Osborne Industries, based in Kansas, USA, has appointed **Clark Springfield** as marketing manager livestock equipment. He will be responsible for marketing, product management, sales, customer service functions and the profit and loss of the business unit.

Ufac

Animal feed company Ufac (UK) has appointed **Dr Donald Lawson** as a senior member of the sales team for the north of England and Scotland. He will also be providing technical support on the use of Ufac ruminant, pig and poultry products.



Donald Lawson

Cid Lines launches bioprotection tool

Belgian company Cid Lines, manufacturer of cleaning and disinfection chemicals, has launched the Bioprotexion Box. The box consists of a brief case, filled with service equipment and documentation. It can be filled according to customer demand, with items such as detergent titration kits, an electronic pH meter, an electronic conductivity meter, swabs to measure protein residues, etc. The tool is available for hygiene consultants who have been trained at the company's training institute (CLTI) and aimed to bring HACCP to the farm. (www.cidlines.com)

Focus on TTV control

Animal health company DuPont, with its disinfection Virkon S, has started a campaign focusing on fighting Torque Teno Virus (TTV) infection. The company has done after several studies, presented earlier this year at the International Pig Veterinary Society Congress (IPVS) in Durban, South Africa, reported a link between TTV and other respiratory diseases.

On the basis of tests in gnotobiotic pigs, TTV was suggested to be the mysterious trigger for both PCV2 and PRRSV infections by researchers from Ohio State University, led by professor Steve Krakowka. Studies by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, seemed to support this thesis. Since there is no vaccine (yet) for TTV, the animal health company is now advising the use of disinfection that has a proven efficacy in e.g. PCV2. (www.dupont.co.uk)

New Compost-A-Mat sizes

USA Solutions has designed two new sizes of Compost-A-Mats that can be used in farrowing and wean-to-finish barns. Producers can either use a soft mat that will last up to 10-14 days or a harder mat that will last until weaning. A new 4' x 8' size wean-to-finish mat gives producers an additional option from the original 4' x 5'6" size. Compost-A-Mats provides draft protection to piglets because it eliminates the chance of pathogens being moved from one group of pigs to the next. The mats are free of all swine pathogens and scientific trials have shown a decrease in pre and post weaning mortality. Compost-A-Mats are biodegradable constructed from pressed wood pulp and cornstalks without using glues or resins. The mats are designed to compost after use which saves time and labour costs compared to the hassles associated with the rubber mats.

(www.compostamat.com)

Certification for Alltech plants

Animal nutrition company Alltech recently achieved Feed Materials Assurance Scheme (FEMAS) certification at four of its plants, assuring that certain materials produced by the company at these sites satisfy the stringent controls applied to animal feed manufacture in regard to quality assurance, traceability, and selection of raw materials. The plants receiving the certification are based in the USA, Canada and Brazil. FEMAS is a British based method of assuring the quality of feed ingredients being imported into the UK and Ireland, and is recognised as being equivalent to EU quality schemes (www.alltech.com).

Maple Leaf genetics to Topigs

Topigs Canada has completed the purchase of the swine genetics business operations and assets from Maple Leaf Agri-Farms. The breeding organisation acquired Maple Leaf Agri-Farms' genetics business, including the assets of Lean Team International, a marketing arm of the genetics business, along with a nucleus farm located in Manitoba, Canada. The two companies have also formalised an agreement where Topigs Canada will supply genetics to Maple Leaf Agri Farms hog production operations. "The swine genetics of Maple Leaf Agri-Farms combined with the existing activities of Topigs in Canada form a perfect basis for the future developments of our business in Canada," said Martin Bijl, Pigure Group CEO.

(www.topigs.com and www.mapleleaf.com)

Global banks join forces

Global banks Rabobank and Rothschild have entered into a co-operation agreement in the field of M&A and Equity Capital Markets advisory in the food and agriculture sectors on a global basis. Rothschild and Rabobank both have strong global food and agri advisory franchises in mergers and acquisitions. In addition, Rabobank is the premier global financial institution providing financing and other services to food and agri business clients around the world. Under the agreement, both firms will pool their respective industry knowledge, resources and relationships while expanding their respective geographic reach and client base through an enhanced breadth of services. This agreement represents a step in advancing the successful food and drink franchise of the two companies, bringing together complementary skills in a fast growing sector of the economy.

(www.rabobank.com and www.rothschild.com)

Evalis launch Neovia range

At EuroTier, French nutrition company Evalis launched a new range of animal feed additives, called Neovia. In this range, several products are united, of which B-Safe (intestinal microflora enhancer), Cap'acid (coated mix of acids), Stimune (fatty acids for enhanced sow immunity) and C5X (clay mycotoxin binder) can be used in pig production. The majority of these products have been existing for some while. Stimune, however, was first launched. (www.evalis.com)



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