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Equine Diseases Forum 2016 White Paper Now Available

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture and the United States Animal Health Association are pleased to announce the availability of the 2016 Equine Diseases Forum White Paper. The paper represents a comprehensive summary of the Forum, which took place January 19-21, 2016 in Denver, Colo.

The goal of the forum was to bring together industry leaders to specifically discuss the equine health issues currently facing the industry. The forum provided an opportunity to provide the latest updates on disease threats to equine health, identify potential solutions for addressing current risks to equine health and enhance equine industry communications regarding equine health issues. Participants included equine associations, veterinarians and state and federal animal health officials.

"The forum was very well received among participants, and served as an important first step to allow the enhancement of communications and collaborations to advance disease control in the equine," says Dr. Katie Flynn, California Department of Food and Agriculture, who served as cochair of the event. "We look forward to building on the momentum of the Forum and work towards tangible solutions for the equine industry."

The White Paper can be accessed directly at www.animalagriculture.org Additional resources related to the forum and equine diseases can be found at http://www.animalagriculture.org/edf2016/resources and http://www.usaha.org/Committees/InfectiousDiseasesOfHorses.aspx.

Watch for more information on the upcoming Equine Forum on Advancing Equine Identification, Traceability and Electronic Health Records taking place on January 17th & 18th, 2017 at the Double Tree Hotel in Denver, Colo.
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