



7th International Conference on
the Assessment of Animal
Welfare at Farm and Group Level

5-8 September 2017, Wageningen,
The Netherlands

September 5: WAFL Innovation Day

Wanted: Innovative ideas, concepts and products to improve animal welfare!

Once every 3 years the WAFL conference is held, an international conference on the assessment of animal welfare on the farm, during transport and slaughter. This year, Wageningen University & Research and VHL University of Applied Sciences brought the event to the Netherlands: 5-8 September 2017 in the Reehorst conference centre in Ede.

On September 5, 2017, an 'Innovation Day' will take place, where innovative ideas are presented regarding concepts or systems that improve the welfare of farm animals in practice. Conference participants from both industry and science do this in short pitches, or at an innovation market. The contributions range from new, innovative ideas to developed housing concepts, management innovations or PLF techniques developed recently.

In addition to conference participants also other interested parties are kindly invited. We invite especially young entrepreneurs and start-ups to present their products and get acquainted with (international) scientists.

The program for this day is as follows:

- 09:00 Welcome coffee / tea
- 09:30 Welcome and Introduction (Prof. Bas Kemp)
- 09:45 Lecture by Prof. Dan Weary (UBC Canada): "Innovations to Improve animals welfare: What have we reached and what should we aim for?"
- 10:30 Pitch presentations of welfare innovations
- 12:00 Plenary discussion and vote for best pitch
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Innovation market, with the possibility to present your idea, concept or design (poster or object)
- 16:00 Plenary discussion and adoption of innovation
- 17:00 Drinks and dinner, welcome reception WAFL conference
- 22:00 Closing

The Innovation Day is free for people who visit the entire WAFL conference. For those who are only attending the innovation day, the registration fee is 100 Euros (including lunch and dinner buffet). You can register and pay for the day through www.wafl2017.com/registration.

If you want to present your innovative ideas, concepts and products that contribute a better well-being during the morning session and / or during the Innovation market? Please send a brief description (an abstract of up to 300 words, no figures or tables) of your innovation to info.wafl2017@wur.nl before April 7 (topic: innovation day). Please note that the organizers decide which innovations will be presented during the morning session and during the Innovation market. This depends on the space in the program and the character of the innovation. The abstracts will be compiled and published.

For questions about the WAFL Innovation Day, please contact us at: info.wafl2017@wur.nl.

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