



# Welcome to the 56<sup>th</sup> a.v.e.c. General Assembly

Introduction speech from  
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President of a.v.e.c/Propollo



# General Assembly 2013 theme:

“Continuing the success of poultry:  
learning from practice and  
research”



# Areas of work of a.v.e.c.

- Animal welfare
- Animal health
- Food safety
- Food information to consumers
- Competitiveness of the poultry sector
- Environment
- Trade



# Animal Welfare

- Welfare in transport:
  - Respect of good transport conditions
  - Appropriate level of welfare training for operators
- Welfare at slaughter:
  - Equivalence in the stunning methods for Third Countries
  - Implementation of regulation 1099/2009



# Animal Health

- New proposal from the Commission:  
“Smarter rules for safer food” package
  - Animal Health Law
  - Official Controls
- Avian influenza

# Food Safety

- Control of Salmonella and Campylobacter
- Revision of Hygiene package
- Mechanically Separated Meat: call for a clear guidance
- List of additives: proposal of modification



# Food information to consumers

- Origin labelling:
  - Fresh meat
  - Meat as an ingredient
- Marketing standards: proposition of amendments

# Competitiveness of the Poultry sector

- Study commissioned by a.v.e.c.:  
“Evaluating the competitiveness of the European poultry business”
- Comparison between the costs in the EU and the ones from third countries



# Environment

- Review of the Best Available Techniques Reference document (BREF) for slaughterhouses:

→ Implementation of a Working Group in a.v.e.c.



# Trade with Third Countries

- Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) with the United States
- Negotiations with Thailand and Mercosur  
→ Letter sent to Commissioners D. Ciolos (AGRI) and K De Gucht (TRADE) to highlight the sensitivity of our sector
- Promotion of our offensive interests



# New a.v.e.c. Annual Report



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