CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS
OF ANIMAL WELFARE IN EUROPE:
The Animal Welfare Action Plan
as a Political and Legislative Challenge

1 February 2007, Hotel Crowne Plaza, Brussels

8:30 a.m. – Coffee and Registration

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Animal Welfare in Europe

Welcome

Despina Spanou
Member of Cabinet of
Commissioner Kyriakou
Health and Consumer
Protection
EU Commission, DG SANCO
Brussels

Animal Welfare in Constitutions in Europe

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Sustainability
and Constitutional Changes
Keynote Speech

Jo Leinen, MEP
Chairman of the Constitutional
Committee
EU Parliament, Brussels

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Ethical Animal Welfare
and Bioethics in European Culture

Dr. theol. Heike Baranzke
Lecturer, Theological Ethics
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-
Universität, Bonn

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Animal Welfare in Constitutions

Dr. Gieri Bolliger
Attorney at Law, Author
Zurich

Coffee Break

Animal Welfare in Legislation and Court Decisions

11:30 – 12:15 a.m. Animal Welfare in Legislation
and Court Decisions
in Germany, Austria and France

Hans-Georg Kluge
Attorney at Law, Author
Former State Secretary
Berlin

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Animal Welfare in Legislation
and Court Decisions
in Great Britain, Scandinavia
and Southern Europe

David Bowles
Head of External Affairs
Royal Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)
London

Lunch Break
Focus on the Accession States Bulgaria and Romania

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Pre-Accession Strategy and Measures for the Introduction of EU Animal Welfare (e.g. Bulgaria)  
Dr. Hinrich Meyer-Gerbaulet  
Bulgaria Team, DG ENLARGE  
EU Commission  
Brussels

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. The New Animal Welfare Law and Court Decisions in Bulgaria  
Dr. Maya Neidenova  
Attorney at Law  
Sofia, Hamburg

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Animal Welfare Law and Court Decisions in Romania  
Dr. Despina Fruth Oprisan  
Attorney at Law  
Bucharest

Coffee Break

The Animal Welfare Action Plan

3:45 – 4:15 p.m. The Animal Welfare Action Plan (AWAP) – First Experiences after One Year  
Andrea Gavinelli  
Deputy Head of Animal Welfare and Feed  
EU Commission, DG SANCO  
Brussels

4:15 – 5:00 p.m. The Community Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals and Its Impact on Germany  
MinDir Bernhard Kühnle  
Director-General for Food Safety and Veterinary Affairs  
German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV)  
Berlin, Bonn

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