

FEDERATION COLOMBOPHILE INTERNATIONALE



2023-November:

Avian flu and more - science meets practice - Pigeons

The Veterinary and Scientific Commission of the FCI invites you to a worldwide specialist-conference for official veterinarians and practical veterinarians as part of the Homing Pigeon Olympics in Maastricht.

In cooperation with the International Veterinary Pigeon Association (IVPA), an extremely interesting program was prepared with two main topics on Friday (26.01.2024): the special situation of racing pigeons with regard to bird flu and the animal welfare of pigeons.

The speakers and guests represent the diversity situations and the most important goal is to come into closer contact and to present scientific findings to politicians in an understandable manner.

- The racing pigeon is very resistant to bird flu.
- The racing pigeon is a dead-end host to bird flu.
- Racing pigeons have never spread bird flu. They are epidemiologically irrelevant to bird flu.

Program for Friday, January 26th, 2024

9:00	Istvan Bardos	conference opening
	Dr. Elisabeth Peus, DE	Avian Influenza Introduction
	Dr. Christian, Grund, DE	Avian influenza: general background of avian flu - special racing pigeons
	Dr. habil. Beata Dolka, PL	Vaccination of domestic pigeons against avian influenza - what do we know about that?
Coffee break		

	Pascal Lanneau, BE	Homing pigeon, searching home in the law
	Dr. Mieke Steensels, BE	What about Racing Pigeon sensitivity for H5 HPAI?
	Prof. Dr. Celia Abolnik, South Africa	Bird flu: special resistance of carrier pigeons
	Discussion	
Lunch		
	Dr. ir. Albert Winkel, NL	Pigeon welfare: Prevention of abnormal bird losses from pigeon races by science-based guidelines on transportation and meteorological flight conditions
	Prof. Dr. Didier Marlier, BE	Racing pigeon welfare. Preliminary results of a survey on the link between pigeon training and pigeon welfare".
Round about 16.00: Possibility of visiting the fair		

For questions feel free to contact fcivets@gmail.com .

Please register here: <https://forms.gle/ep1kAiQUBe4PotdXA>

Saturday will follow more special speaks as part of the Homing Pigeon Olympics. China with the knowledge of the world's largest association, transportation of racing pigeons, vaccination and the animal welfare of pigeons.

It is an honor for us to welcome you.

Istvan Bardos
FCI president

Pascal Lanneau
IVPA president

Dr. Elisabeth Peus
Chairwoman of the FCI Vet&Sci
Committee

