

## Conference

# “Improvements of dairy cattle welfare - development of further sustainable agriculture practices”

Nordic Network for Communicating Animal Welfare (NorDCAW)

30<sup>th</sup> of September 2021, Riga, Latvia

## AGENDA

**10:00 - 10:10 Welcoming**

*Section I - Reaching of high welfare standards in dairy farming - importance of calf welfare.*

**10:10 - 10:30 “How to communicate with animal owners to achieve change and improvements”.**

**Speaker: Catarina Svensson (SE) Professor, DVM, PhD,  
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences**

**10:30 -10:35 Discussions and questions**

**10:35 - 10:55 “Mastitis impact on quality of colostrum”.**

**Speaker: Professor, Anda Valdovska (LV),  
University of Agriculture of Latvia**

**10:55-11:00 Discussions and questions**

**11:00 - 11:45 “Feeding influence of different immunoglobulin concentration of colostrum on growth of breeding heifers”.**

**Speakers: Indra Eihvalde (LV) and Unigunde Antone (LV), researchers,  
University of Agriculture of Latvia**

**11:45 - 11:50 Discussions and questions**

**11:50 - 12:00 Coffee break**

*Section II - Welfare innovations in dairy cattle farming*

**12: 00 - 12: 35 “Keeping the dairy cow and calf together: possibilities and challenges”.**

**Speaker: Julie Føske Johnsen (NO), DVM, PhD,  
EBVS® European Veterinary Specialist in Animal Welfare Science,  
Ethics and Law**

**12:35 - 12:40 Discussions and questions**

**12: 40 - 13:10 «Keeping dairy cows and calves together – strategies and economic consequences».**

**Speaker: Karin Alvasen (SE) Researcher, Veterinary Epidemiology  
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Swedish experience**

**13:10 - 13:15 Discussions and questions**

**13:15 - 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 - 14:30 “Milk feeding management of calves and the effect of handling style on calf expression”.**

**Speaker: Kristian Ellingsen (NO), Researcher,  
Norwegian Veterinary Institute**

**14:30 - 14:35 Discussions and questions**

**14:35 - 14:50 “Health and welfare index for dairy cows”.**

**Speaker: Randi Therese Garmo (NO), Researcher,  
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**14:50 - 14:55 Discussions and questions**

**14:55- 15:10 Coffee break**

***Section III - Animal welfare standards to reduce negative impact of farming on environment and climate***

**15:10 - 15:40 “Research done on animal welfare, protection and behaviour related issues”.**

**Speaker: Laura Hänninen (FI), Adjunct Professor, Clinical instructor  
Research Centre for Animal Welfare**

**15:40 – 15:45 Discussions and questions**

***Section IV - Animal Welfare at the part of Sustainable Development of Agriculture sector***

**15:45 - 16:05 “The new EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare – Ruminants and Equines”.**

**Speaker: Charlotte Lotta Berg (SE), DVM, PhD, Professor, Dip. ECAWBM  
(AWSEL)  
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences**

**16:05-16:10 Discussions and questions**

**16:10 -16:40 “Animal welfare and sustainability”.**

**Speaker: Mikaela Lindberg (SE), PhD, Senior Lecturer  
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences**

**16:40 -16:45 Discussions and questions**

**16:45- 17:15 “Animal welfare as significant goal in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations”**

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**17:15- 17:20 Closure of the Conference.**