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1. DUDC and Agro Animal Exhibition

Nineteen Dutch Companies active in Ukraine worked well together to realise a great Dutch Pavilion at this exhibition. Certain thanks to Benno Grimberg of Foodlink for his well-organised and good services. All the days the pavilion was occupied intensively by meetings between Ukrainian and Dutch companies. It was in a relaxed atmosphere and the Dutch companies are happy about it. Update with existing partners and new contacts were made. For the first time a joint reception was held by the Dutch, France and English embassies. Well done and very good opportunity to talk with persons. It was a pity the German embassy held its own reception.

For DUDC it was important to be present. First to be there for our Ukraine and Dutch partners but also to promote DUDC and to make new contacts.

2. DFM Course – visit of HAS specialist to the Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University

On February 6-8, 2018, HAS University specialists Esther Vennekens and Peter Roelofs visited the Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University to develop the course "Dairy Farm Manager" together with the university lecturers.

On the first day of the training, Esther and Peter explained to the lecturers the training scheme at University HAS, the Netherlands - "problem-based learning". Very new approach and in line what also needed in Ukraine was said during a seminar about future Agricultural education in UA.

On the second day of the training, a group of teachers visited the farm "Rozvolozhzhja", where they were able to ask questions to the chief veterinarian of the farm. Further Anna Kachurets hold a short workshop on cows' signals.



3. Visit to the Institute of Animal Breeding and Genetics of National Academy of Agrarian Science of Ukraine

On February 19, 2018, Wim Wismans (project manager), Victoria Kokorina (project coordinator) of DUDC visited the Institute of Animal Breeding and Genetics. The rich scientific and practical potential of the Institute, as one of the leading scientific institutions of Ukraine in the field of animal husbandry, was presented by the Director Yuri Polupan. During the meeting, the project managers got acquainted with the work of the institute, the laboratory, and the evaluation of milk quality. Considerable attention was paid how to realise a national database of breeding animals. Possible ways of further cooperation in organizing pedigree data in animal husbandry, improving the quality of practices in the chain and promoting transparent and effective monitoring of diseases, individual monitoring of milk quality, the conversion of breeding values, cooperation between various specialists and managers of the industry were discussed. From our side we explained the good work is done by LADS in Lviv and Dnipro in carrying out milkrecording. Their laboratories where the milk samples of individual cows are analysed, works in accordance with international guidelines of ICAR and IDF. The head of the DUDC project, Wim Wismans, presented the project to the university staff and answered their questions.

4. Linear scoring training by Huub Peek in Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University

On 20.02.2018, with the assistance of DUDC, for the students and teachers of BNAU, as well as for the specialist of agricultural enterprises, a training in linear scoring of cattle from a leading specialist in the dairy field from the Netherlands, Hub Peek, was done. During the theoretical part, Huub spoke about the importance and methodology of conducting a linear evaluation of cattle. Practical consolidation of acquired knowledge and skills took place at the university farm.

Some participants have in the meantime enough practical skills, they start to score animals and through the independent mating advice program M84U a mating advice can be presented. Huub Peek will support these persons to become official scorer of dairy cows in Ukraine.

5. Feed Signals book

On the first day of the exhibition DUDC presented a book - a manual for farmers on "Feeding Signals". This manual is for farmers, livestock experts and technologists, which tells in detail about the proper feeding of cows, the organization of the feed table, storage, feeding and feeding of feed, calculation of the ration, and management tasks, such as control and management. We are grateful for the support in drawing up the book the partners of the DUDC project: Nuscience – Cehave korm, GD Animal Health, Triolet, Difco, Yaroslav Pankiv, Vetvice – Cow signals, Roodbont and the Agricultural Counsellor of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Ukraine Ms. Caroline Spaans.



6. Recent training activities

Trainings held are:

May 30 - June 02 - forage production training (report next newsletter);

September 18 – 20 – Training Cowsignals (next newsletter)

September 18 – 20 Training Linear scoring and mating advice

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6-7 March – [International Dairy Congress 2018](#)

6-9 June - [AGRO-2018](#)

28-30 October - [Animal Farming Ukraine](#)

6-8 November - [Agroforum](#)

"Dairy Farm Manager" course - the training course for farm managers and specialists, as well as for dairy company's specialists, was developed in cooperation with the Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University, HAS University in the frame of DUDC project. The training will consist the practical and theoretical part and focus on studying the materials in the "problem-based learning" scheme.

8. Useful links from Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine

[Doing agribusiness in Ukraine: legal guidance for foreign investors](#)

[Strategy for agriculture and rural development 2015-2020](#)

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