

# First Symposium

## *Strengthening the livestock services in the tropics*

**16 November 2006**

**Hosted by the Department of Animal Health of  
the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp**

### Objectives of the Symposium:

- 1° to introduce the platform to all interested potential members
- 2° to demonstrate that tropical animal health and production expertise currently exists in Belgium
- 3° to highlight the positive aspects of livestock in development in general
- 4° to bring all partners together

### Programme

| time  | subject  | presenter   |
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| 13h00 | registration and posters   |   |
| 13h30 | presentation of the sector evolution<br>The Platform, its objectives and activities<br>Website be-troplive<br><br>discussion with the audience | André Buldgen (Vice-chairman)<br>Pierre Dorny (Chairman)<br>Eric Thys (Secretary be-troplive) |
| 14h30 | "Re-empower paused dairy development in northern Vietnam" (20 min)   | Raf Somers (BTC Vietnam)  |
|       | "Experience of VSF Belgium in developing Community Based Veterinary Services in Niger" (20 min)  | Cyrille Pissang Tchangai (VSF/Proxel Niger)   |
|       | discussion (10 min)  | moderator (Bart Balis)  |
| 15h20 | coffee break and posters   |   |
| 16h00 | "Improvement of mini livestock production in Kinshasa : an example of research project financed by CUD" (20 min)                               | Jérôme Bindelle (FUSAGx)  |
|       | Geographic information systems (GIS) in livestock services (20 min)  | Els Ducheyne (Avia-Gis)   |
|       | discussion (10 min)  | moderator   |
| 17h00 | wrapping   | Chairman  |