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Workshop exceeded our expectations

We were very pleased (and surprised) when registrations for last month's workshop passed 90. From our perspective, the day was a HUGE success. Getting to meet people face-to-face was a highlight for the ACVM speakers.



Photo: Warren Hughes speaking to workshop participants

If you missed the February workshop...

For people who were unable to attend the session, **ARPPA** is holding an ACVM workshop and have kindly opened it up to anyone interested.

Date: 15 March 2013

Time: 9 - 4pm

Place: The Sudima - Auckland Airport (18 Airpark Drive, Airport Oaks).

Note this is an ARPPA workshop—not an ACVM one. For more details, email Natalie Crystal at Natalie@completefeeds.co.nz or phone her on 021 237 9987.

After the ARPPA workshop, we will put together a summary of workshop topics, questions/answers as a special edition of *News and Views*.

Organophosphate/Carbamate EPA reassessment

The EPA has recently held public hearings on their document outlining proposed recommendations on the 29 organophosphate and carbamates (agricultural chemicals only) they are reassessing. Their intention is to make a decision before 30 June 2013.

There are 74 agricultural chemicals registered under the ACVM Act impacted by the EPA reassessment. This involves 17 active ingredients. The two main impacts from the EPA reassessment on relevant registered agricultural chemicals are:

1. revision of labels such as revised use patterns and removal of claims, and
2. acceptability of food-producing claims from a dietary intake exposure perspective.

Based on the information in the EPA document, there are dietary intake concerns for acephate, diazinon, fenamiphos, maldison and methamidophos.

Under section 29 of the ACVM Act MPI has the ability to reassess registered agricultural compounds based on significant new information or a significant change. Any decision on undertaking a reassessment under section 29 will not be made until EPA makes its final decision.

However, rather than wait until EPA makes a final decision, MPI wishes to engage with affected registrants and stakeholders in the next few weeks. This should hopefully have an added benefit of giving affected registrants/stakeholders an overview on possible impacts on registrations. MPI and EPA are also working closely together.

We will contact affected registrants and stakeholders regarding a proposed meeting (with teleconference facilities for those who cannot make it) in Wellington in April 2013. If you have an interest in attending this meeting, please contact Warren Hughes at warren.hughes@mpi.govt.nz.

Input for survey welcome

We are developing a **short on-line** survey to get feedback from registrants about our systems and services. Your input will be valuable in helping us develop and deliver favourable outcomes. If you have any questions you think would be useful, please email them to Maree Zinzley at maree.zinzley@mpi.govt.nz.

Reminders to registrants

Registration renewals

As advised in our recent workshop, when you send in your renewal information, you must include the currently approved label as it appears in the marketplace.

Requirements for e-submissions and e-files

As mentioned in our December 2012 issue, we encourage you to submit all applications electronically. This saves our time and your money.

Requirements for e-submissions and naming conventions of electronic files became compulsory as of 1 February 2013. The requirements are explained in [E-files for ACVM applications](#) (44 KB PDF).

Changes in the Operations Team

Farewell to Mark Norman

Mark, who was an Adviser in the Operations Team, has joined Telecom as a 'business architect'. This new position will allow Mark to develop his skills in technology and further his interest in the world of business.

Mark worked with us for 4 years and was an outstanding team member, to say nothing of the entertainment he provided. His 'larger than life' presence will be missed.

Permanent appointment

We are pleased to announce that **Jayne Philp**, who joined us as a 'temp' Adviser, has become a permanent member of the team.

"In 2011 I graduated from Otago University with a Bachelor of Sciences in Pharmacology and Toxicology. After filling in for Victoria Parker while she was on secondment, I was thrilled to be offered a permanent position and am excited to continue working for the ACVM group.

In my spare time I enjoy Pilates and Yoga, indulging in Jane Austen, spending time with friends and family (which includes our puppy), baking and snowboarding."



Introducing new Adviser (Approvals Operations)

We welcome **Ben Hamelink**, who has filled the vacancy left by Mark Norman.



"I grew up in Hawke's Bay where I attended Hastings Boys' High School. In 2012 I finished a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration, with Economics and Finance majors at Victoria University. I am interested in a career in the public sector so I am excited to start this role with MPI.

In my spare time I enjoy playing rugby - I am currently playing for the OBU rugby club. In the summer months I spend a lot of time at the beach and I am surf lifeguard with the Ocean Beach Kiwi Surf Lifesaving Club in Hawke's Bay. I also enjoy spending time with friends, going to the gym and listening to music."

VICH Steering Committee meeting and Outreach Forum

19-21 February 2013, Washington DC

The second meeting of the VICH Outreach Forum took place in conjunction with the 28th VICH Steering Committee meeting. The Steering Committee, OIE and the Forum participants discussed ways to improve the understanding of VICH Guidelines in other regions, especially through translations and training opportunities.

The VICH Steering Committee adopted the following 4 new Guidelines:

- VICH GL 34 (Biologicals: Test for the detection of Mycoplasma contamination)

- VICH GL 35 (Pharmacovigilance: Electronic Standards for Transfer of Data)
- VICH GL 50 (Biologicals: Harmonisation of criteria to waive target animal batch safety testing (TABST) for inactivated vaccines for veterinary use)
- VICH GL 51 (Quality: Statistical evaluation of stability data).

These new Guidelines have been published for implementation and are available on the VICH website (www.vichsec.org).

The Steering Committee:

- reviewed and acknowledged the progress of the work of the Expert Working Groups on Pharmacovigilance – Electronic Standards Implementation; Quality; Safety; Biologicals Quality Monitoring; Metabolism and Residue Kinetics; and Bioequivalence
- initiated work by the Biologicals Quality Monitoring Expert Working Group on harmonizing criteria to waive target animal batch safety testing for live vaccines for veterinary use
- initiated the development by the Metabolism and Residue Kinetics Expert Working Group of a Guideline on residue studies in honey
- created a new Expert Working Group with the mandate to develop a Guideline on Electronic File Formats.

The 29th VICH Steering Committee meeting and the 3rd VICH Outreach Forum will be held in Auckland, 11-14 November 2013.

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