



ANIMAL HEALTH ROUNDTABLE

Sharing Experience and Best Practices in Biosecurity and Food Security

Kansas-Czech Roundtable

February 4, 2025

Agenda

I. Opening Remarks

08.00 a.m. – 08.15 a.m. CST / 03.00 p.m. – 03.15 p.m. CET

Host: Dr. Laurie Pieper, Assistant Director [for Global Resources](#), [International Division](#), [Kansas Department of Commerce](#)

Jakub Utěšený, [Consul General](#), [Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Chicago](#)

David Toland, [Lieutenant Governor](#), State of Kansas and Secretary of Commerce, [Kansas Department of Commerce](#)

Dr. Pavel Sekáč, Deputy Minister, [Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic](#)

II. Keynote Speeches

08.15 a.m. – 08.45 a.m. CST / 03.15 p.m. – 03.45 p.m. CET

Dr. Petr Šatrán, Director of Veterinary Section, [State Veterinary Administration of the Czech Republic](#)
Animal Health and Biosecurity

Dr. Marshall Stewart, [Executive Vice President for External Engagement and Chief of Staff](#), and
Dr. Hans Coetzee, [University Distinguished Professor and Interim Vice President for Research](#), [Kansas State University](#)
K-State Next-Gen and Animal Health Research & Industry in Kansas

III. Academic and Government Research and Resources

08.45 a.m. – 09.40 a.m. CST / 03.45 p.m. – 04.40 p.m. CET

Dr. Theresa Reinhardt Piskáčková, [Czech University of Life Sciences](#), [Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources](#), [Department of Agroecology and Crop Production](#)
Feedstock Selection and Weed Management Implications to Animal Health

Tomáš Zoubek, [University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice](#), [Faculty of Agriculture and Technology](#),
[Department of Technology and Cybernetics](#)
Technology for Automation Monitoring of Animal Welfare

Prof. Luděk Žurek, [Czech University of Life Sciences](#), [Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources](#),
[Department of Microbiology, Nutrition and Dietetics](#)
Ecology of Zoonotic Pathogens and Antibiotic-Resistant Strains

Dr. Justin Smith, Animal Health Commissioner, [Division of Animal Health](#), [Kansas Department of Agriculture](#)
Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response – a Kansas Perspective

Dr. Stephen Higgs, [Director](#), [Biosecurity Research Institute](#), [K-State University](#)
Biosecurity Research and Training

Dr. Chad Mire, Research Microbiologist, [Foreign Anthropod Borne Animal Disease Research](#), [National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility](#) (NBAF)
The National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) Overview

Dr. Bonnie Rush, [Dean](#), [College of Veterinary Medicine](#), [Kansas State University](#)
Research Initiatives in the College of Veterinary Medicine

Q&A

IV. Industry Discussion

09.40 a.m.– 10.40 a.m. CST / 04.40 p.m – 05.40 p.m. CET

Vladimír Steinbauer, Export Manager, [Cymedica](#)

Markéta Dajbychová, CEO, [Genomia Laboratory](#)

Vladimíra Effenbergerová, Head of Export and Product Management, [Addicoo](#)

Chris Frankiewicz, Site Director, MS Biotec Technology Center, [Axiota](#)

John Stewart, Advisor State Government & Public Affairs, [Elanco](#)

Adam Craig, Director of Product Development, [Hill's Pet Nutrition](#)

***Lindsay Lebahn**, Director, [Plug and Play Ag Tech and Animal Health](#), [Topeka](#)

***Dennis Ridenour**, [President and CEO](#), [BioNexus KC](#)

Q&A

V. Closing

10.40 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. CST / 05.40 p.m. – 05.45 p.m. CET

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