Industry experts meet at the IEC 2018

Dr. Eckel hosts international conference on reducing antibiotics

This year, Dr. Eckel Animal Nutrition will once again be hosting an international conference following EuroTier, the industry’s leading trade fair. Professionals, industry experts and practitioners from Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa and South America will get together at the International Ecknowlogy® Conference 2018 from 15 to 17 November, which will address ‘Antibiotic-free production – opportunities, changes and challenges’. The conference will be held in Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler, a spa town on the Ahr, only a few kilometres away from the company’s headquarters in Niederzissen.

Professor Wilhelm Windisch, Chair of Animal Nutrition at the TUM School of Life Sciences Weihenstephan, Technical University of Munich, will deliver the keynote address and give a talk on visions and innovation in animal nutrition, as well as the progress that has been made to date.

In the technical lectures, experts and participants will discuss the efficient use of resources, feed and food loss, potential herbal active ingredients and the opportunities and challenges that will arise in the attempt to achieve antibiotic-free animal husbandry. In this regard, there is a lot of potential for feeding in particular, because it is one of the major factors that improve animal health and welfare while reducing the use of medication.

Dr Bernhard Eckel, Head of Business Development & Sales, is pleased about the keen interest: “Such conferences are always a great opportunity to discuss issues directly with our customers, exchange experiences internationally and socialise. It is great that we have managed to generate interest in this issue among so many participants from all over the world. It goes to show that the issue of how we can reduce antibiotics for the benefit of animals and humans is a global and serious one, which should be addressed concertedly.”

The extensive social programme will also give the participants ample opportunity to exchange experiences and opinions in an informal atmosphere. Visits to Dr. Eckel’s aquaculture production and testing facility and to the world’s deepest beer cellars at the Vulkan brewery in Mendig, as well as a traditional pre-Christmas goose dinner will ensure that there is plenty to talk about beyond technical issues.

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[*www.dr-eckel.de/en/welcome*](http://www.dr-eckel.de/en/welcome)

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Following the seminar, we will be pleased to send you photos and information about the talks.