



European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals

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### **EPRUMA appoints new Chairman**

**Brussels, 24 February 2016** – EPRUMA is happy to announce the appointment of FVE-Vice President Rens van Dobbenburgh as new Chairman. Mr van Dobbenburgh also chairs the FVE/UEVP<sup>1</sup> Medicines Working Group. He will lead EPRUMA for a 3-year period, succeeding Gwyn Jones (Copa-Cogeca/NFU).

On his appointment, Mr van Dobbenburgh said 'I am proud to chair this platform of motivated partners, all working together to promote the responsible use of veterinary medicines. Building on my predecessor's excellent work, I look forward to leading EPRUMA as a thriving stakeholder network in its mission to create a greater understanding of responsible use, and of its vital contribution to animal health and welfare, as well as public health.'

Mr van Dobbenburgh graduated from Utrecht University and was an accredited poultry veterinary practitioner. He is chief veterinary officer Europe at Henry Schein Inc. Animal Health. He is also a member of the Royal Dutch Veterinary Association, (KNMvD), the Association of Large Animal Practitioners (GGL), the Netherlands' Association of Companion Animal Medicine (NACAM), the associations of Dutch bovine and swine practitioners, as well as the Belgian Order of Veterinarians.

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#### **Notes for editors:**

EPRUMA is a multi-stakeholder platform linking best practice with animal health and public health. It aims to ensure best practice through responsible use of medicines in the prevention and control of animal diseases.

EPRUMA partners:

- COPA-COGECA: European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives
- EGGVP: European Group for Generic Veterinary Products
- EISA: European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture
- EMVD: European Manufacturers of Veterinary Diagnostics
- FECAVA: Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations
- FEFAC: European Feed Manufacturers Federation
- FESASS: European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security
- FVE: Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
- IFAH-EUROPE: International Federation for Animal Health-Europe
- PGEU: Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union

Associate partners (National Responsible Use platforms):

- AMCRA: Centre for Expertise on Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance in Animals (Belgium)
- RUMA: Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance (United Kingdom)
- SDa: Veterinary Medicines Authority (The Netherlands)
- VETRESPONSABLE: Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals (Spain)

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<sup>1</sup> UEVP is a Section of FVE representing the veterinary practitioners

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