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LEADING GLOBAL ANIMAL HEALTH INVESTMENT FORUM SHOWCASES LATEST IN INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY

*Emerging animal health companies vie for funding in KC
Products aim to revolutionize global animal health*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – August 30, 2016 – The Kansas City Animal Health Corridor hosted emerging animal health companies from around the world at the eighth annual [KC Animal Health Investment Forum](#), a one-of-a-kind forum that brings animal health start-ups together with more than 400 ambitious animal health executives and investors.

The forum is one of the world's only opportunities for early- and mid-stage animal health entrepreneurs to present their business plan to potential investors, providing venture capital funds, investment firms and potential partners, giving them an inside look at the newest technology and innovations.

"This event continues to lead our industry into the future of global animal healthcare," said Craig Wallace, KC Animal Health Corridor Vice-Chairman and CEO & North America|Pacific Zone Director, Ceva U.S. Holdings. "This year's companies are developing new technologies and products to solve the industry's toughest issues facing pet owners, veterinarians, and the world's livestock producers. This event celebrates free enterprise and provides an up-close look at how entrepreneurs fulfill market opportunities that lead to growth of the multi-billion dollar animal health industry."

This year, 17 animal health companies from around the world were selected for a coveted spot to showcase their ideas, from a highly competitive group of nearly 50 applicants. Innovations focus on global issues facing the animal health industry, including improving the immunity and fertility of livestock to help solve world hunger; combatting the growing societal threat of antibiotic resistance; and breakthroughs to treat cancer, lameness and osteoarthritis in companion animals, among others.

With millions of dollars on the table, entrepreneurs were given 15 minutes to present their ideas and products in a Shark Tank format. Presenting companies are seeking \$500,000 to \$20 million in funding, and have revenue projections of \$20 million within five to seven years. They include:

- Aptimmune – Champaign, IL: intranasally administered PRRSv, influenza, and autogenous vaccines. www.apimmune.com
- Arthramid Labs – Dublin, Ireland: hydrogel implant for the treatment of osteoarthritis by stimulating the regeneration of the synovial membrane. www.arthramid.com
- Curtiss Healthcare Inc. – Alachua, FL: utilizing a recombinant attenuated Salmonella vaccine to develop a range of vaccines for any bacterial, viral, or parasite pathogen in animals or humans. www.curtishealthcare.com
- Epibiome, Inc. – South San Francisco, CA: bacteriophage cocktails for use on bovine mastitis. www.epibiome.com

- Healthy Cow Corporation – Toronto, Canada: products and monitoring to improve the performance of dairy cows during transitional periods. www.healthycow.ca
- HOSSO, Inc. – Lowell, MA: product line to significantly reduce rehabilitation time and incidences of equine lameness. www.hossoinc.com
- Lab M2 – Oakland, CA: naturally derived cleaning and disinfecting products. www.thymox.com
- Mazen Animal Health – St. Joseph, MO: orally delivered vaccines using recombinant antigen produced in its proprietary maize system. www.mazenanimalhealth.com
- Membrane Protective Technologies, Inc. – Fort Collins, CO: products to protect sperm during the freezing and thawing process to improve fertility. www.membrane-protect.com
- Mileutis – Gan Yavne, Israel: peptides for use in the treatment of mastitis in dairy cattle. www.mileutis.com
- NellOne Therapeutics Inc. – Oak Ridge, TN: broad biological platform for the treatment of soft tissue wounds in animals. www.nell-one.com
- Newton RFID – Franklin, TN: mobile animal records and management application. www.equipassid.com
- Nuovo Biologics – Davie, FL: antiviral and oncology drug products for the companion animal market. www.nuovobiologics.com
- Philadelphia Animal Health – Philadelphia, PA: viral capsid to deliver therapeutic genes into the cells of companion animals. www.philadelphiaanimalhealth.com
- Plasma Bionics – Stillwater, OK: cold plasma device to rapidly sterilize veterinary instruments at room temperature, using no water or chemicals. www.plasmabionics.com
- R-NAV, LLC – The Woodlands, TX: commercialized radiolabeled therapeutic products for rheumatologic and arthritic conditions in animals. www.r-nav.com
- TeleVet – Austin, TX: digital communication platform for pet owners to conduct digital consultation from their preferred veterinarian. www.gettelevet.com

Finalists were selected by a national committee of experts in agricultural and animal health. Forum attendees will include representatives from venture capital funds, investment firms, corporate R&D and business development professionals.

"By supporting emerging companies, entrepreneurs and technologies, the Investment Forum furthers the KC Animal Health Corridor's mission to become a global center for animal health innovation," said Kimberly Young, KC Animal Health Corridor president. "The KC Animal Health Corridor continues to be the epicenter for established animal health companies, comprising more than 300 companies who generate 56 percent of the global revenues for the animal health industry."

Since inception, nearly 300 companies have applied to vie for investor dollars and industry partnerships. These companies hailed from 13 countries and nearly every U.S. state. Companies presenting at the first seven KC Animal Health Investment Forums have raised more than \$170 million. Several have also received licensing agreements or distribution contracts. Recent success stories include Traverse Biosciences, Inc.; FitBark, Inc.; AGL; Prommune, Inc.; CK9; TVAX Animal Health; VetDC, Inc.; Jaguar Animal Health and Nexvet Biopharma.

This event is the culmination of Global Animal Health week in Kansas City. Animal health industry events included the CVC Veterinary Conference and the annual KC Animal Health Corridor Homecoming dinner. The annual KC Animal Health Corridor Homecoming event draws thousands of people from across the world to Kansas City; it is one of the most exclusive gatherings of CEOs and animal health industry leaders worldwide.

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About the KC Animal Health Corridor

Companies with a business location in the KC Animal Health Corridor account for more than half of the sales generated by the global animal health industry. The Corridor, anchored by Manhattan, Kansas, and Columbia, Missouri, is home to more than 300 animal health companies, representing the largest concentration in the world. For more information, visit www.kcanimalhealth.com.