



## **“The Growing Risk of Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Diseases Symposium”**

In partnership with the Schools of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University and the University of Missouri, the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute expanded the 2015 Animal Health Symposium to two days. The August 30 – 31 event entitled “The Growing Risk of Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Diseases Symposium” attracted 180 attendees from 13 states, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Germany and Canada.

The Symposium was designed for physicians, veterinarians and scientists interested in research and clinical topics of zoonotic and vector-borne diseases, including novel approaches for disease control.

The two-day Symposium featured an impressive slate of 27 speakers covering topics ranging from Ebola and Bourbon to Ehrlichiosis and was developed with the expertise of Stephen Higgs, PhD, FRES, FASTMH, Director of the BioResearch Institute at Kansas State University and Dana Vanlandingham PhD, MS. Featured speakers include Tammy Beckham, DVM, PhD, incoming Dean of the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine, who addressed Current and Emerging Infectious Disease Threats to U.S. Livestock & Poultry Industries. Additionally, Michelle Haven, DVM, PhD, DACVS, Zoetis Senior Vice President of Corporate Development, Alliances, and Solutions, spoke about A One Health Focus to Innovation and Alliances.

The symposium agenda focused on four overlapping areas:

- Zoonotic Diseases
- Vector-Borne
- Foreign Animal Diseases
- Vaccines and Novel Approaches for Disease Control



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