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BIOMIN Hosts 8th World Nutrition Forum in Cape Town, South Africa

OVERLAND PARK, KS (Oct 19, 2018) – BIOMIN America, Inc. hosted 800 delegates from 76 countries in Cape Town, South Africa from October 3-5, 2018 at the 8th World Nutrition Forum. The theme of the scientific conference was “Scientific Challenges and Opportunities in the Protein Economy” or S.C.O.P.E.

Over 40 expert speakers, from industry and academia worldwide explored the latest market trends and scientific developments relating to food-producing animals. In addition, delegates enjoyed opportunities for networking and learning as well as experiencing the richness of the local culture.

Accelerating Towards the Future

Market outlooks, consumption patterns, and technology were discussed during the opening plenary session of the World Nutrition Forum.

Dr. Erich Erber, Founder of BIOMIN, opened the forum and explained, “As the world becomes increasingly multipolar, companies must become local citizens which requires domestic invention, production, and service rather than having a narrow footprint. You must keep the juice in the steak.” Follow up speakers reinforced that the animal health industry is one with big opportunities ahead. “Growing global incomes provide opportunities for expanding the protein industry, but the added production must be safe, affordable, sustainable, and environmentally friendly,” reminded Dr. Jan Vanbrabant, Managing Director of BIOMIN and CEO of ERBER Group.

Responsible Use of Antibiotics

The move to reduce the application of antibiotics and antibiotic growth promoters (AGPs) from production systems was another topic discussed in detail. Speakers shared that the movement will have significant impact on the meat, egg, and dairy markets, as industry moves toward sustainability.

“Thanks to science, today we can raise high-performing, healthy farm animals and reserve antibiotics for treatment,” observed Franz Waxenecker, Director of Development and Innovation at BIOMIN.

Mycotoxins

The industry’s understanding of mycotoxins (fungal metabolites) and how they affect agriculture and the living organisms who consume them, was another topic explored at the World Nutrition Forum. Session speakers shared information on climate change, tools to predict mycotoxin occurrence patterns, and novel mitigation strategies relying upon enzymatic biotransformation (the MYCOzyme concept). “Climate change means we will likely need to change our mitigation strategies,” explained Professor Naresh Magan of Cranfield University, UK.

Africa in Focus

Earlier in the week, BIOMIN hosted the kick-off meeting of [MycoSafe-South](#), a research project to tackle mycotoxin-related food safety issues in sub-Saharan Africa. Africa holds considerable potential in terms of agriculture advancement opportunities because it's predicted that a quarter of the human population will reside there by 2050. "We will see a protein revolution in Africa," stated Albert Van Rensburg, Regional Director of BIOMIN MEA and Managing Director of BIOMIN South Africa.

About the World Nutrition Forum

First held in Salzburg in 2004, the World Nutrition Forum hosted by BIOMIN has become a leading opportunity for animal health professionals to share ideas and exchange knowledge. These biennial summits are consistently well rated and attended by industry experts. Each iteration draws upon the uniqueness of the location, speakers, current topics, and participants while maintaining the highest quality standards for content shared. www.worldnutritionforum.info

For additional information on the World Nutrition Forum or BIOMIN, contact Melissa Kirchner at melissa.kirchner@biomin.net or visit www.biomin.net/us.

About BIOMIN

BIOMIN is a leading research company and producer of feed additives in the poultry, swine, and ruminant markets, operating in over 120 countries. Well-known for closely examining and identifying mycotoxins, BIOMIN offers sophisticated technologies to deliver natural and profitable solutions. BIOMIN experts also partner with customers to explore gut health challenges and offers a line of products in the phyto-genics, probiotics, organic acids, and yeast categories. For the past 30 years, BIOMIN has been committed to pioneering solutions that will help to maximize animal health and performance. www.biomin.net/us

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