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## ATA Migrations v2010\_27 (July 31, 2010)

### NEW MEMBERS AND ANIMAL ATTENDANTS

ATA would like to welcome the following new member:

**Judith Franco, Pfizer Inc.**

July 31, 2010

My Fellow Members-

I would like to begin by taking this opportunity to thank you all for your feedback on the new website. Most encouraging of all is that there have been a number of suggestions and requests. Given that the redesign of this site was to better support you-our members with more and better information and resources, it is encouraging to see and hear so many of you contributing to its' overall relevance and ultimately- our collective success.

Also encouraging within the air transportation segment of our world come almost across-the-board reports of fewer and fewer deaths of animals while in transit. This is a result of our collective efforts to better prepare animals prior to transport, the use of properly-equipped ground transportation resources, more and improved animal holding areas at airports and in the aircraft themselves. There is no doubt that our membership has led the effort in both education and practice.

To those in the Northern Hemisphere...enjoy the last weeks of your summer holidays. To those in the Southern Hemisphere...enjoy the cooler months and notable easier transport conditions!

With warm regards,  
Erik C. Liebegott, President

**Delhi terminal changes**

NEW DELHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL 3 will become operational for overseas airlines on 28 July. Said to be India's largest public building, the futuristic steel-and-glass structure replaces T2, which will close, T1 remaining for domestic services. In a move to very visibly demonstrate its commitment to oneworld, which it officially joins in 2011, Kingfisher has extended a welcome to its brand new executive lounge for member airlines of the alliance. The ultra modern lounge will be used by oneworld passengers before even Kingfisher's own clients, Indian airlines not transferring until a month after the international carriers, a deliberate move by the authorities designed to settle the terminal down before the arrival of larger numbers.

[Source: [www.delhairport.com](http://www.delhairport.com)]

**Kuwait leasing company stretches Airbus A350**

ALAFCO is not an airline that even the keenest of regular travellers will expect to travel on in future years. Whilst Airbus has issued a digital impression of what an Alafco A350-900 would look like flying, the company is a Kuwait-based international aviation lease and finance company. It has converted its existing firm order for 12 Airbus A350-800s placed in 2007, into the higher capacity A350-900 model. The A350-900 typically has a capacity of around 40 more seats than the smaller 800 model. The A350 XWB family is available in three basic passenger versions: the A350-800 accommodating 270 passengers, the A350-900 seating 314 and the A350-1000 for 350 passengers in a typical three-class layout. Power is supplied by two new generation Rolls-Royce Trent XWB engines. Orders for the aircraft stand at more than 530 from over 33 customers.

[Source: [www.alafco-kw.com](http://www.alafco-kw.com)]

**Newark to Europe**

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES will continue with its successful North Atlantic programme this winter from New York's Newark Airport to no less than 16 European cities. As previously noted in AERBT, Bristol is being dropped at the end of the summer season, largely a victim of the airline's success at Heathrow with which it competes for passengers originating along the busy M4 motorway. The single Bristol flight does not offer the spread of daily services that BusinessFirst users have come to expect at Heathrow, an extra flight being added for the winter season bringing Continental's frequency up to five between London and New York. All Heathrow services (including Houston) are now with sleeper seats, which are progressively being fitted to the airline's 777 and 757 fleets. In 2011 these will begin to be introduced on the 767s.

[Source: [www.continental.com](http://www.continental.com)]

**Sydney gets new domestic transfer facility**

QANTAS passengers inbound on international flights at Sydney now have the benefits of a brand new purpose-built domestic transfer provision. Similar to a regular airport check-in facility it houses both premium and economy counters. Extra seating capacity is also provided. The facility remains on the airport's arrivals level and the process for customers transferring is the same, but it should prove much quicker and user friendly. The shuttle bus continues to operate between the international and domestic terminals every ten minutes during peak times and every 20 minutes during off-peak times.

[Source: <http://www.sydneyairport.com.au>]

**Transatlantic unification**

BRITISH AIRWAYS, American Airlines and Iberia have received the regulatory US green light to operate a joint business on transatlantic flights. Following European Union approval on 14 July, the airlines have now been granted anti-trust immunity from the Department of Transportation. Virgin Atlantic is fuming but can do little about authorisation, which is similar to that approved for the Star Alliance and Skyteam carriers. The airlines plan to launch the transatlantic venture this autumn and will co-operate commercially on flights between the EU, Switzerland and Norway and the US, Canada and Mexico. Customers will be able to travel more easily on all three airlines' combined route access. Customers have to be very careful in choosing flights that are actually operated by the carrier of their choice, there being a total difference of standards between the three airlines.

[Source: [www.ba.com](http://www.ba.com) [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) [www.iberia.com](http://www.iberia.com)]

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## NEWS

### 1. John Barnett honoured at Animal Production conference

Poultry Hub, July 23, 3010



Professor Paul Hemsworth presents the inaugural John L Barnett Lecture at the 28th Biennial Conference for the Australian Society of Animal Production at the University of New England, NSW in July 2010.

Thursday, 22 July 2010

The Poultry CRC sponsored the inaugural J L Barnett Lecture, which was given by Professor Paul Hemsworth, who worked with the late John Barnett in the field of animal welfare.

[Source:<http://poultryhub.org>]

### 2. Animal rights 'terror' law challenged

Nature News, July 20, 2010

Targeted researchers support the legislation, despite free-speech concerns.

A tough but rarely invoked US law intended to protect researchers from violent and threatening animal-rights activists has stumbled out of the starting gate: last week, a judge dismissed the first prosecution under the law. The decision comes on top of evidence that the legislation has done little to deter illegal incidents, and concerns that it risks restricting free speech.

Yet researchers who have been targeted by activists mostly support the law — and wish that it would be enforced more often and more aggressively. "You could

present this as a setback," says John Ngai, a neuroscientist at the University of California, Berkeley, and the university's spokesman on animal research issues. "But this is one step in a lengthy process. The wheels of justice grind really slowly."

The 2008 Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA), which replaces a less powerful statute, is designed to help end campaigns of harassment against academic scientists. It outlaws property damages at universities and threats that produce a 'reasonable fear' of death or injury for researchers or their relatives.

The law's first major test came in February 2009, when four animal-rights activists — Adriana Stumpo, Nathan Pope, Joseph Buddenberg and Maryam Khajavi — were arrested and later indicted under the AETA, for incidents at the homes of several University of California system researchers in 2007 and 2008. The group, with other protesters, wore bandanas over their faces and wrote messages such as "Stop the Torture", "Bird Killer" and "Murder for Scientific Lies" on the pavement with blue and purple chalk, according to police reports. The protesters allegedly burst through a researcher's door and one of them hit her husband with an object.

But on 12 July, a federal judge dismissed the indictment for being too vague: prosecutors did not say which of the activists' alleged actions violated the law. However, prosecutors are free to re-indict if they can show how particular actions crossed the line.

By classing animal-activist crimes as 'terrorism', the statute has succeeded in bringing more law-enforcement resources to bear on the issue, especially from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, says Frankie Trull, president of the pro-animal-research National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR) in Washington DC.

Yet Trull has been disappointed with the results so far. Several dangerous crimes remain unsolved, including the firebombing of a house and car belonging to researchers in Santa Cruz, California, in 2008, and the March 2009 torching of a car belonging to David Jentsch, a neuroscientist at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). "Why aren't they arresting these guys?" asks Trull. "It is hard to believe that these extremists are so sophisticated that they don't leave any trail."

There are also few signs that the law has been a deterrent. The number of illegal incidents fluctuates wildly (see 'Wrongs in the name of animal rights'), and analyses by groups on both sides of the issue — the NABR and the activist-sympathizing Bite Back magazine — show no clear effect on the number or nature of attacks since the AETA was passed.

Most law-enforcement efforts against animal rights-related crimes in the past decade rely on other legislation. In California, which sees the bulk of US attacks, the state's Researcher Protection Act of 2008 has made it a misdemeanour to publish the names and locations of researchers to encourage crimes against them. Under other state laws, UCLA has been granted injunctions that ban several activists from approaching researchers' homes. Activists have also been successfully pursued under anti-stalking laws.

The strong language of the AETA — which in the Berkeley case raises freedom of speech issues, the judge warned — could be making prosecutors wary of using it. Lawyers for the defendants say that much of the activists' activity — chalking, chanting and leafleting — should be considered protected 'speech', and therefore be exempt from restriction. According to Michael Macleod-Ball, chief legislative counsel of the New York-based American Civil Liberties Union, "Prosecutors need to be careful about how they use this, because the language in the statute is a little squishy."

Researchers who have been the target of attacks don't want prosecutors to give up yet. Jentsch endured lengthy protests at his home after the burning of his car. He thinks that the AETA could deter protesters who are "actively seeking the boundary of protected speech" to harm researchers without getting arrested. But this won't happen until there are more AETA arrests. "I don't see that the AETA has really affected activists yet," says Jentsch. "It has got to be used to aggressively pursue people who have pushed the bounds of behaviour."

[Source: <http://www.nature.com>]

### **3. FAO Electronic Consultation: Dog population management options with special emphasis on animal welfare and health**

Gateway to Farm Animal Welfare, July 27, 2010

FAO Electronic Consultation: Dog population management options with special emphasis on animal welfare and health

13 September- 8 October 2010

Call for documents and invitation

The main objective of the e-consultation is to identify dog population management options with special emphasis on animal welfare and health. It will provide an opportunity for researchers, development workers, national and local authorities and the international community at large with an interest in dog population management, to share their knowledge and experiences.

[Download the call and subscription form.](#)

[Source: <http://www.fao.org>]

### **4. Improved disease prevention could save billions**

World Poultry.net, July 28, 2010

Governments could save billions of dollars by stepping up the prevention and control of high impact animal diseases, some of which pose a direct threat to human health, FAO said.

Many other animal diseases have a negative impact on people's livelihoods. Pandemic influenza viruses H5N1 and H1N1, foot-and-mouth disease, Rift Valley fever, and rabies are among the more recent disease outbreaks.

Land use, ecological dynamics including climate change, and expanding trade and trade routes are all posing new challenges to animal disease prevention and control, the UN agency warned.

#### **Emerging threats**

These emerging threats are also related to increased urbanization and strongly growing urban demand for meat, milk and eggs. A rapid increase and intensification in poultry, production in east Asia translated into a 5-fold increase in duck meat output between 1985 and 2000. In 2008, over 21 bln animals were produced for food globally, a figure expected to rise by 50% by 2020.

"We are expecting the costs to human, animal and plant health of these pathogens, and their overall economic costs, to rise substantially over the next decades," said Juan Lubroth, FAO's Chief Veterinary Officer.

In the UK, for example, a 2001 outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease was estimated to have cost the government and private sector \$25-30 bln.

In developing countries, high impact transboundary animal diseases pose a direct threat to the food security, nutrition and income of rural communities that are dependent on livestock. This adds to the difficulties of achieving the Millennium Development Goals, including the reduction of hunger, poverty, child mortality and ensuring environmental sustainability.

The collective influenza virus gene pool currently circulating in humans, poultry, pigs and other animals is becoming more diverse with new strains of the virus across different hosts becoming increasingly common.

As a result of human population increases, people are farming animals in locations closer to natural habitats, thereby increasing the risk of disease transmission between domestic animals and wildlife and thus affecting biodiversity and conservation efforts.

"This is not science fiction," said Lubroth. "The threats are very real. Deadly and economically devastating livestock epidemics have existed throughout history but there is no doubt that more pathogens are emerging - and spreading. The good news is, with the right policies, they can be better detected and contained."

## **One Health**

FAO, in partnership with the World Organisation for Animal Health and the World Health Organization has adopted a One Health strategy to more effectively detect and combat these new pathogens. This initiative aims to make a key contribution to the global response to disease outbreaks, implementation of effective prevention and containment strategies and management of risks of disease emergence, including improving knowledge of disease-emergence drivers in livestock production and in associated ecosystems.

FAO has requested donors to invest very significantly in its suggested 5-year programme on the One Health initiative. This investment is targeted with priority to action in South, Southeast and Central Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean - regions particularly vulnerable to the emergence and re-emergence and spread of infectious diseases.

Actions envisaged include enhancement of disease early warning and detection systems; strengthening of capacity for surveillance and response; identification and assessment of disease drivers in food animal production and natural resource management; strengthening of the capacity of public veterinary services in preparation, prevention and response to animal disease occurrence; assessment of the social and economic impact of diseases; and associating private sector stakeholders with public sector action in livestock and wildlife health. Special attention of the programme is given to risk communication at all levels of action.

[Source:<http://worldpoultry.net/news>]

## **5. Giant Panda Accidentally Gassed in China**

Time News Feed, July 29, 2010

This just might be the saddest news you will hear today—a giant panda, living in China's Jinan Zoo, died after accidentally being gassed with carbon monoxide and chlorine.

An autopsy released on Tuesday revealed that the 21-year-old panda, Quan Quan, inhaled the gases that were being used to disinfect a nearby former air raid shelter. The toxic gases caused her lungs to collapse and despite attempts to save her, Quan Quan died in the hospital.

Zoo officials say that the gases had come through ventilation pipes that the zoo shared with the raid shelter. Activists are already pointing to Quan Quan's death as another indication of how zoos should improve their treatment of animals in captivity.

"These pandas are being bred for a life in captivity," said Kati Loeffler, a veterinary advisor for the International Fund for Animal Welfare. "Why are they being bred? Just so they can circulate through zoos and live next to old air raid shelters?"

As pandas are on the endangered species list, Quan Quan was reportedly considered a "heroic mother" in China, because she has given birth to seven cubs.

[Source: <http://newsfeed.time.com>]

## **6. Lufthansa crew escape freighter fire**

Air Cargo World, July 30, 2010

A Lufthansa emergency investigation team is in Saudi Arabia, assessing the cause of a fire that destroyed an MD-11 aircraft on approach to Riyadh.

The crew of two escaped the freighter by emergency slide after crash landing at King Khaled International Airport. The aircraft, on route from Frankfurt to Hong Kong, was carrying an 80-tonne payload and it is believed the fire broke out in the cargo hold.

Lufthansa cited the recovery in airfreight demand as a key factor after posting an operating profit of EUR 159 million (\$208 million) for the second quarter of 2010, more than tripling the figure for Q2 2009.

But the carrier said the severe winter, the strike by its pilots' union, the volcanic eruption on Iceland and the continued slump in prices all impacted the first-half result. The group made an operating loss of EUR 171 million (\$224 million) compared with EUR 350 million (\$458 million) in the first half of last year, mainly thanks to a negative result from the passenger business.

[Source:<http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

## **7. IATA traffic continues to grow**

Air Cargo World, July 30, 2010

Following a 34 percent upturn in May, IATA said June cargo traffic rose 26.5 percent overall compared to the same month in 2009.

"The industry continues to recover faster than expected but with sharp regional differences, " said IATA director general and CEO Giovanni Bisignani.

"The question is how long can the industry maintain the double-digit momentum. Business confidence remains high and there is no indication that the recovery will stall any time soon. But, with government stimulus packages tailing off and restocking largely completed, we do expect some slowing over the months ahead," he added.

IATA noted that freight demand continues to follow economic recovery and trade patterns with airlines in Asia-Pacific growing 29.8 percent year-on-year, Middle East (+39.6 percent), Latin America (+44.9 percent) and Africa (+54.0 percent)

North American airlines reported international cargo growth of 24.2 percent for June followed by Europe at 15.3 percent.

Bisignani concluded: "We remain cautiously optimistic. A clear indication of the growing confidence is the over 400 aircraft orders announced at the Farnborough Air Show. This is good news that will bring environmental benefits through improved fuel efficiency. But it will also make the challenge of matching capacity to demand much more difficult."

[Source:<http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

## 8. Haskell Favorite Lookin At Lucky Arrives In N.J. Via FedEx Flight

NJ.com, July 29, 2010

Monmouth Park received a very special shipment today. It did not come in an envelope or even a box. No, most Preakness Stakes winners can't be confined to such spaces.

Lookin At Lucky, the 5-2 morning-line favorite for the Haskell Invitational on Sunday, arrived at the Monmouth Park backstretch today at 3:56 p.m.

His mode of delivery: **FedEx**.

Accompanied by assistant trainer Roberto Luna, Lookin At Lucky, last year's 2-year-old champion, settled in at stall No. 2 in the barn of longtime Monmouth-based trainer Kelly Breen after a cross-country flight that began in Los Angeles and ended in Newark. Lookin At Lucky was then transported by van to Monmouth Park in Oceanport.

"Certain horses have flown a lot, like Lucky — he has flown a lot, so he handles it well. He has been to different places," the horse's trainer, Bob Baffert, said. "Some horses have trouble with it, but he (Lookin At Lucky) is pretty good, he's pretty smart."

Baffert did not make the trip with his horse — he will arrive Saturday night — but was kept abreast of the status of the prized delivery every step of the way.

Baffert, who is based in California, has traditionally targeted the Haskell for his top 3-year-olds and has done so with success. Since 1997, Baffert has sent six horses to the gate for the Haskell — half of them have come home winners, and he has never finished out of the money.

He's also a superstitious man. All three of Baffert's Haskell winners — Roman Ruler (2005), War Emblem (2002) and Point Given (2001) — were also shipped via **FedEx**.

He even has a replica **FedEx** plane, given to him by the company, with the names of those three horses to commemorate the success he has had at the Haskell and with **FedEx**.

Lookin At Lucky already flew out of California three times in his 10-race career prior to today, making him a veteran when it comes to equine travel. That calmness throughout the shipping process puts him ahead of some horses before they enter the starting gate.

"Not all horses are good travelers," Baffert said. "Some horses get a little fidgety, but he is pretty cool."

Trainer Buck Reid, who will not have to worry about shipping his horse Afleet Again for the Haskell since the horse's home is the Monmouth backstretch, has dealt with horses who don't handle the travel as well as Lookin At Lucky.

"I had a horse who absolutely hated the van," Reid said. "It didn't matter what we did, we tried to ship him a week in advance to get him there. In fact, we had to ship him a week in advance so we could give him a little tranquilizer so he could make it then he wouldn't test positive on race day."

**FedEx** began shipping race horses more than 20 years ago as part of their Live Animal Desk. The shipment must meet a few requirements before it can be delivered and must be arranged with the company as part of a special shipment, according to **FedEx**.

H.E. Sutton Forwarding is the premier name in domestic equine shipping. Founded in 1954, the company is referred to familiarly as Tex Sutton, after its founder. Operations manager Mike Payne estimates the company ships more than 250 horses per year.

Baffert used Tex Sutton to ship Lookin At Lucky to the Kentucky Derby and Preakness earlier this year, but both he and Payne felt it was more efficient to use **FedEx** for the Haskell.

Payne said a typical flight with Tex Sutton consists of anywhere from one to 21 horses being loaded onto a plane with stalls and amenities prepared for them.

**FedEx** arranges pallets with a maximum of three horses to a palette. Those are brought onto the plane and made ready for takeoff. Lookin At Lucky had his own palette for today's flight.

Baffert was alerted when his prized horse arrived in Newark and was put into the van. The delivery process was just a few miles from being complete.

"Somebody has to sign there for him when he gets into the gate," Baffert quipped.

Lookin At Lucky completed his long journey with a brief walk from the silver van to his home for the next few days at Monmouth. He was given a bucket of water to drink and some hay to eat by Luna and the Monmouth staff. Everything seemed to be to his liking. Another successful delivery.

[Source: <http://www.nj.com>]

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## Calendar of Events . . .

Conference Name	Conference Dates	Location	Contact Information
Association of Zoo & Aquariums	September 11-16, 2010	Houston, TX USA	<a href="http://www.aza.org/annualconference/">http://www.aza.org/annualconference/</a>
European Association of Zoo & Aquariums	September 22-25, 2010	Verona, Italy	<a href="http://www.eaza.net/News/verona2010/Pages/Information.aspx">http://www.eaza.net/News/verona2010/Pages/Information.aspx</a>
The Zoological Registrars Association 2010 Annual Conference	September 29-October 3, 2010	Alberta, Canada	<a href="http://www.zooregistrars.org">http://www.zooregistrars.org</a>

IPATA Conference	October 16-19, 2010	Montreal, QC, Canada	<a href="http://www.ipata.com/">http://www.ipata.com/</a>
HAZ-MAT and Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training	October 21 - 24, 2010	Navasota, Texas	<a href="http://www.bveh.com/TLAER/TLAER_Introduction.html">http://www.bveh.com/TLAER/TLAER_Introduction.html</a>

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