Building Support for CgFARAD

Ensuring food safety is job one for the Canadian Global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank (CgFARAD). Dr. Patricia Dowling and Dr. Ron Johnson and their team provide expert veterinary clinical pharmacology advice to veterinarians across Canada on drug withdrawal periods when drugs are use extra-label in food animals. This advice helps protect the safety of our meat, poultry and dairy products.

“Finding the time and running the “business part” of a business is a common challenge for business owners and managers,” says Tim Nelson, LRIC CEO, which is why Dr. Johnson approached LRIC for support. Through LRIC, CgFARAD was able to obtain funds from Growing Forward 2, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative, to host a strategic planning session for CgFARAD stakeholders.

Outcomes from the strategic planning session held in May included: establishing a CgFARAD Advisory Board, outsourcing the administration, investigating a user-pay component and applying for funding for a new laboratory to study drug interactions and drug metabolism. Each of these activities is well underway thanks to the support received from Growing Forward 2.

CgFARAD operates through the co-direction of Dr. Patricia Dowling at Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan and Dr. Ron Johnson at Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. Each year CgFARAD responds to approximately 1500 requests from food animal veterinarians across Canada.

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