



INDUSTRY SEMINAR **BVD ERADICATION IN SCOTLAND: FULFILLING THE OBJECTIVE**



Date : Monday 10th October 2011

Venue: Shawlands Park Hotel, Larkhall,

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BACKGROUND

In January, The Scottish Government announced its plans to eradicate Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) from all Scottish cattle herds. BVD is known to be associated with major production losses on farm both in terms of infertility and poor growth rate. Furthermore, it is associated with severe mucosal disease.

There are many tools available at our disposal to aid us with the eradication scheme. We can also learn from activities abroad in Western Europe. It is entirely feasible that eradication will be successful, but it will require a coordinated approach that can be applied effectively to every type of beef and dairy management system in Scotland.

Given the interest in disease control from various industry stakeholders, NML is hosting a one off meeting focusing specifically on the practical issues surrounding BVD eradication on both beef and dairy farms and how these issues can be addressed through the Scottish initiative.

During the day delegates will:

- **Learn what financial benefits BVD eradication will deliver to farmers**
- **Learn some of the lessons picked up through the regional BVD eradication initiatives in GB that have progressed to date**
- **Gain an understanding of national BVD initiatives in Europe and the positive outcomes achieved**
- **Be shown the tools now available and in what scenarios they can be used**

SPEAKERS

Speaker	Company
Nigel Miller	NFUS
George Caldow	SAC
Christoph Goetz	IDEXX
Gordon Struth	Scottish Government
Richard Booth	RVC
Steve West	NML
Frank Stephen (vet in practice)	McGregor Donald and Partners

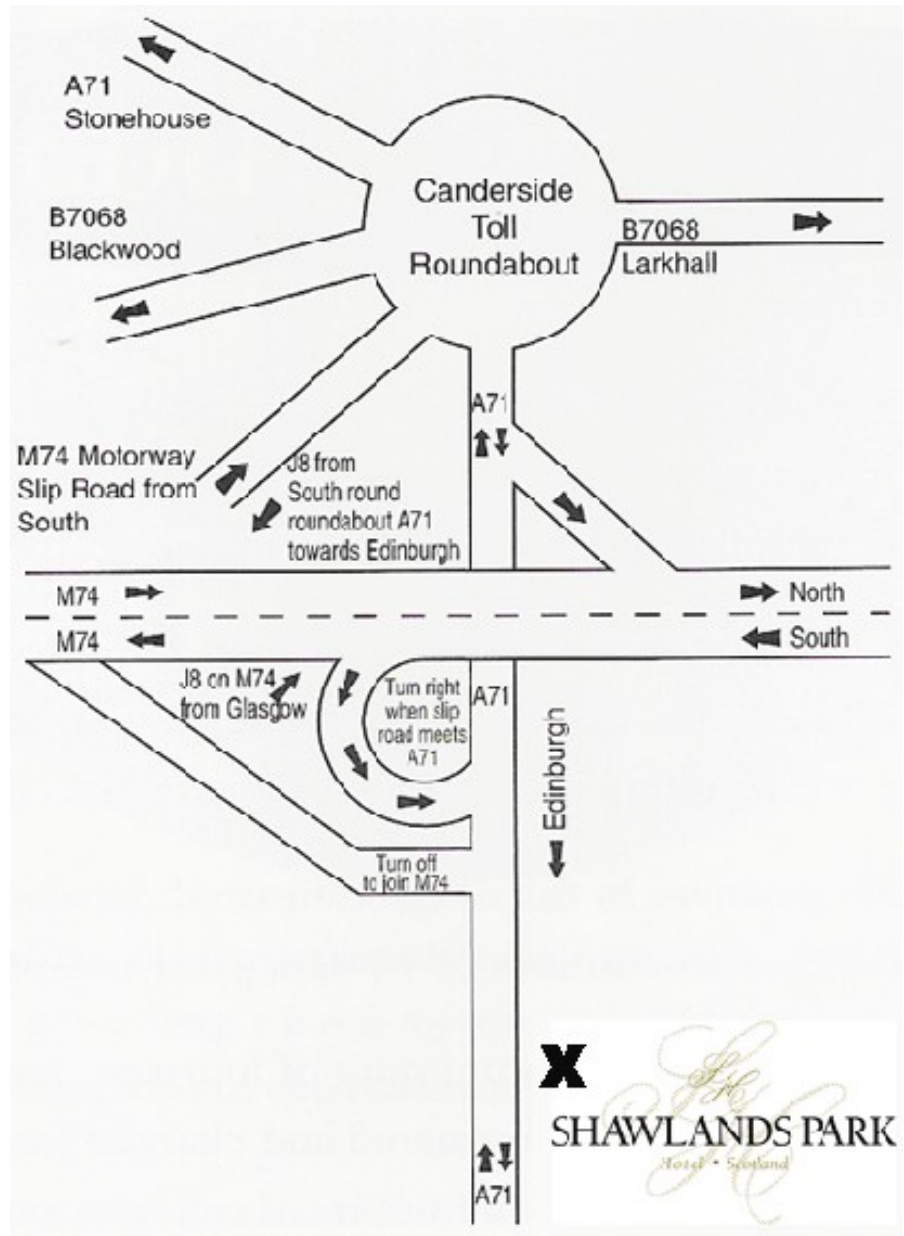
PROGRAMME

Time	Topic	Speaker
9.30	Registration	
10.00	Welcome and Introductions	Nigel Miller (NFUS)
10.15	Background: Summary of the key facts on BVDv Epidemiology and transmission	George Caldow (SAC)
10.45	Lessons from elsewhere: A German perspective	Christoph Goetz (IDEXX)
11.30	BREAK	
11.45	Summary of the Scotland Eradication programme	Gordon Struth (Scottish Government)
12.30	BVD Eradication: The health and production benefits for the farmer?	Richard Booth (RVC)
13.00	Farm specific approaches to monitoring and control	Steve West (NML)
13.30	LUNCH	
14.30	BVD on the farm, a practical approach to deliver commercial benefit	Frank Stephen (McGregor Donald and partners)
15.15	Questions from the floor	All
15.30	Closing remarks	Nigel Miller (NFUS)
15.45	Finish	

DIRECTIONS

The meeting will be held at:
Shawlands Park Hotel,
Ayr Road,
Larkhall,
South Lanarkshire,
ML9 2TZ

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BOOKING

Places for this event are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. There is a registration fee of £25 for the event. Please do email chriss@nmr.co.uk to confirm your interest in attending.

You will receive a confirmation email to confirm your place (which will also include some background material to read prior to the meeting). This background reading will ensure that you are prepared to gain the maximum benefit from attending the event.

If you have any queries regarding this event please call Chris Spence on 01423 851323