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From the President of the Pig Veterinary Society

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I am delighted to invite you to the Autumn meeting of the Pig Veterinary Society. My thanks go to Hysolv for their generous sponsorship of this meeting and to the meeting organisers and speakers for an interesting and topical programme.

The past few months have been extremely busy; the matters which have been under discussion are reflected in the programme for this meeting. There are threats to our industry, not only from disease, but also from regulations which will change the way in which we are able to practice and possibly not to the benefit of the health or welfare of the animals under our care.

I believe it is impossible to hold a meeting with pig vets or producers in current times without discussing the diseases which endanger us from afar – and perhaps not as far as we would like. PED continues to cause severe problems in North America and Asia; ASF is creeping ever closer. International disease monitoring, an update on PED along with practical advice on contingency planning will start the meeting.

Closer to home we will be hearing about those disease conditions which just don't go away and also about some of the smaller clients we deal with (figuratively and literally) as wild boar and minipigs come under the spotlight.

The antimicrobial debate continues apace; our Society has had a continuous and visible presence throughout the discussions currently going on. Strategies to reduce antimicrobial use will be presented – let's not be at all complacent; whether we like it or not there is change coming and there will be immense challenges ahead for the industry. We will continue to make representation on behalf of the Society and remain at the heart of discussions going forward.

Come and contribute to the debate - I hope to see you next month at Oulton Hall.

Annie Davies

The Pig Veterinary Society is a specialist division of the British Veterinary Association. The Pig Veterinary Society exists to assist its members to care for pigs, through dissemination of knowledge about health, disease, the pig's welfare and its management. PVS, as a society, is a champion for pig welfare while maintaining balance with the need to maintain viability.

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