



# ANIMAL HEALTH ROUNDTABLE

Sharing Experience and Best Practices in Biosecurity and Food Security

Kansas-Czech Roundtable

February 4, 2025

## Agenda

### I. Opening Remarks 08.00 a.m. – 08.15 a.m. CST / 03.00 p.m. – 03.15 p.m. CET

**Moderator: Dr. Laurie Pieper**, Assistant Director [for Global Resources, International Division, Kansas Department of Commerce](#)

**Jakub Utěšený**, [Consul General, Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Chicago](#)

**David Toland**, [Lieutenant Governor](#), State of Kansas and Secretary, [Kansas Department of Commerce](#)

**Dr. Pavel Sekáč**, Deputy Minister, [Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic](#)

### II. Keynote Speeches 08.15 a.m. – 08.45 a.m. CST / 03.15 p.m. – 03.45 p.m. CET

**Dr. Petr Šatrán**, Director of Veterinary Section, [State Veterinary Administration of the Czech Republic](#)  
*Animal Health and Biosecurity*

**Dr. Marshall Stewart**, [Executive Vice President for External Engagement and Chief of Staff](#), and **Dr. Hans Coetzee**, [University Distinguished Professor and Interim Vice President for Research, Kansas State University](#)  
*K-State Next-Gen and Animal Health Research & Industry in Kansas*

### III. Research and Development 08.45 a.m. – 09.40 a.m. CST / 03.45 p.m. – 04.40 p.m. CET

**Dr. Theresa Reinhardt Piskáčková**, [Czech University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources, Department of Agroecology and Crop Production](#)  
*Feedstock Selection and Weed Management Implications to Animal Health*

**Tomáš Zoubek**, [University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Faculty of Agriculture and Technology, Department of Technology and Cybernetics](#)  
*Technology for Automation Monitoring of Animal Welfare*

**Prof. Luděk Žurek**, [Czech University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources, Department of Microbiology, Nutrition and Dietetics](#)  
*Ecology of Zoonotic Pathogens and Antibiotic-Resistant Strains*

**Dr. Justin Smith**, Animal Health Commissioner, [Division of Animal Health, Kansas Department of Agriculture](#)

*Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response – a Kansas Perspective*

**Dr. Stephen Higgs**, [Director, Biosecurity Research Institute, K-State University](#)

*Biosecurity Research and Training (Tentative Title)*

**Dr. Chad Mire**, Research Microbiologist, [Foreign Anthropod Borne Animal Disease Research, National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility \(NBAF\)](#)

*The National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) Overview*

**Dr. Bonnie Rush**, [Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University](#)

*Research Initiatives in the College of Veterinary Medicine*

**Q&A**

**IV. Private Sector** 09.40 a.m.– 10.30 a.m. CST / 04.40 p.m – 05.30 p.m. CET

**Vladimír Steinbauer**, Export Manager, [Cymedica](#)

**Markéta Dajbychová**, CEO, [Genomia Laboratory](#)

**Vladimíra Effenbergerová**, Head of Export and Product Management, [Addicoo](#)

**Chris Frankiewicz**, Site Director, MS Biotec Technology Center, [Axiota](#)

**John Stewart**, Advisor State Government & Public Affairs, [Elanco](#)

**Adam Craig** – Director of Product Development, [Hill's Pet Nutrition](#)

**Lindsay Lebahn**, Director, [Plug and Play Ag Tech and Animal Health, Topeka](#)

**Dennis Ridenour**, [President and CEO, BioNexus KC](#)

**Q&A**

**V. Wrap Up** 10.30 a.m. – 10.35 a.m. CST / 05.30 p.m. – 05.35 p.m. CET