

Invited Speaker Highlights

Alex Thiermann, World Organization for Animal Health

1. Must broaden collaboration between animal health and human health around shared goals of Public Health
2. Must think and act globally (health issues don't respect borders)
3. Must emphasize communications as an (essential) public health skill, not a product
4. Must learn to be participatory and collaborative

David Nabarro, United Nations

1. Must recognize indivisibility of Animal Health & Human Health as they relate to food safety and security
2. Must take global perspective as new zoonotic diseases will emerge, likely from Asia
3. Must push human and animal health collaboration on food safety SYSTEMS – bridge disciplinary silos
4. Must train communicators to be more flexible, nimble as data changes
5. Must recognize that stamping out alone may not work; opportunity to establish free “compartments” and zones
6. One health, one legacy for humankind

David Acheson, US Food and Drug Administration

1. Need global perspective: increasing percentage of US food is imported to meet consumer demands
2. Need integrated approach looking at both food safety and food defense
3. Must think about entire system, farm-to-table although not all components show the same level of risk
4. Must focus on biggest risks with more sophistication identifying relative risks
5. Must expand thinking to prevention of food-based problems (not just reactive to disease outbreaks)
 - requires local and international relationships
 - must be nimble to adapt to changing risks
6. Must recognize communications as critical before, during & after outbreaks
7. Must recognize importance of media as partner rather than an adversary