

RABDF Prince Philip Award: Certificate of Merit to XLVets



practical, relevant and best technical exhibit at the event went to world leading agriculture company, Genus ABS.

"We feel honoured and privileged to win this award for our exhibit featuring 'Make your Farm your Fortress', a campaign designed to put biosecurity at the top of farmers to-do lists," said Stuart Gough of the Cornwall-based Calwetton Veterinary Group. The practice is a member of XLVets, a previous winner of the overall RABDF Prince Phillip Award.

"The exhibit demonstrated in detail the campaign's first aspect – BVD, which is present in over 80% of both dairy and beef herds. It triggers general immunosuppression, and whilst animals can be symptom-free it has a profound impact on health and productivity. White BVD Check eartags can be applied to individual animals, harvesting tissue for virus-testing. All those animals testing negative are introduced to a central

database, a facility which can be accessed by farmers, auctioneers and processors alike."

RABDF president, Prof David Leaver says: "The RABDF Prince Philip Award is for innovations in the field of dairy farming and the industry benefits greatly from such R&D developments by supply companies like Genus ABS and XLVets. The new products developed by these companies clearly have the potential to increase the productivity of dairy farming in the UK, and to improve our competitiveness in the global marketplace."

RABDF will once again be staging the RABDF Prince Philip Award at the Livestock Event 2014, to be held at The NEC, Birmingham on 8 and 9 July.

XLVets has been presented with the RABDF Prince Philip Award Certificate of Merit by His Royal Highness at Buckingham Palace. The honour was made to the group of independently owned, progressive vet practices for research and development in the field of dairy farming at the Livestock Event 2014. The overall RABDF Prince Philip Award for the most

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