



Recent APUA Activities to Improve Antibiotic Use in Food Animals

Various coalitions with IDSA and Pew to promote STAAR and PAMTA

98 web clippings uptake by Yahoo, Bloomberg, MSNBC, AOL and others

October 2010-Joined Pew letter to renounce USDA comments that all is well with antibiotic use in food animal production

October 1, 2010-[APUA testimony](#) before US/EU Transatlantic Task Force highlighting resistance impact of antibiotic use in food animals.

August 31, 2010-[APUA Press Release](#) on FDA draft guidance noting step forward but need to strengthen by establishing a system to monitor use of antibiotics in food-animal production.

August 30, 2010-3 letters by Thomas F. O'Brien, MD, Stuart B. Levy, MD and Kathleen T. Young sent to FDA commenting on their draft guidance, "The Judicious Use of Medically Important Antimicrobial Drugs in Food Producing Animals." Copies submitted to Pew.

July 15, 2010-Signed on to IDSA/Pew Commission on Industrial Farming [joint statement](#) for hearing on antibiotic resistance and use of antibiotics in agriculture Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Energy & Commerce, US House of Representatives

July 14, 2010-[APUA Press Release](#) on the July 14 Congressional testimony highlighting PAMTA

July 14, 2010-[Stuart B. Levy's testimony](#) before U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce

July 13, 2010-[APUA Press Release](#) on conference and the need to treat antibiotics as special class of drugs with better stewardship in agriculture

July 13, 2010-Stuart B. Levy, M.D. Keynote at CDC International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases: highlighted cost of ABR and role of food animal production

June 29, 2010-[APUA Press Release](#) on FDA's draft guidance, lauding them for action on antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals

June 7, 2010-APUA travel to DC for [listening session](#) of Transatlantic Task Force representatives

April 14, 2010-Staff attendance and [report by Genevra Pittman](#) on House and Senate briefings, "Antibiotic Use on the Farm and Public Health: A Looming Crisis."

April 1, 2010-APUA's [public comments](#) on U.S. Interagency Action Plan on AMR highlighting need to do more on food animal use

February 9, 2010-Work with Katie Couric producers to provide farm photos from S.B. Levy studies used in her [feature](#).

January 2010-APUA contacts with Congressman Edward Markey's office to brief them on ABR and issue of antibiotic misuses. 40 minute phone call with fellows.

2010-[APUA newsletter](#) featuring policy updates on PAMTA and the article, "Limiting antibiotics for growth promotion." Vol 28 No 1.

December 2, 2009-Staff attendance and [report by Genevra Pittman](#) on Congressional briefing, "Antibiotic Resistance: A Multi-Billion Dollar Healthcare Crisis"

July 24, 2009-Signed on to [IDSA letter](#) to Melody Barnes supporting FDA to phase out use of antibiotics for growth promotion and feed efficiency.

2009-[APUA newsletter](#) featuring articles, "Strengthening scientific evidence to control misuse of antibiotics in agriculture" and "Updates on U.S. Legislative Activities: PAMTA, STAAR Act, ADUFA." Vol 27 No 3.

2006-The [FAAIR II project](#) was a one-year study involving an Advisory Committee of key officials from the FDA, CDC, USDA, animal health industry and academia to develop consensus regarding collection of animal antibiotic use data to inform agricultural policy in the United States. Results were published in the international veterinary journal, [Preventive Veterinary Medicine](#), and provided policymakers with a strategy for implementing animal antibiotic use surveillance to better inform agricultural policy.

2004- [GAO Report](#), "Antibiotic Resistance: Federal Agencies Need to Better Focus Efforts to Address Risk to Humans from Antibiotic Use in Animals." APUA contacted Senator Tom Harkin's office to offer help in implementing recommendations from the report.

2003-At a meeting sponsored by the American Society of Microbiology, the [APUA Annual Leadership Awards](#) were presented to:

- McDonald's Corporation for its Global Policy on Antibiotic Use in Food Animals
- Danish Veterinary Institute for their groundbreaking research on the improvement of antibiotic use in agriculture in Denmark

2001-Concluded FAAIR I, a 2-year study to evaluate the human health impact of antibiotic use in agriculture. The study involved national scientific and clinical experts and results were published in [Clinical Infectious Diseases](#) (Volume 34, Supplement 3) in 2002.

This study was cited in several agricultural policy deliberations including:

- Administrative hearings to withdraw approval of fluoroquinolone use in poultry
- **March 15, 2003**-Institute of Medicine's report, "[Microbial Threats to Health: Emergence, Detection, and Response](#)"
- The "Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2003," intended to improve antibiotic use in agriculture
- **October 23, 2003**-The FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine's [Guidance for Industry #152](#)