

SELLERS SPEAKS AT CROATIAN FEED MANUFACTURERS' TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

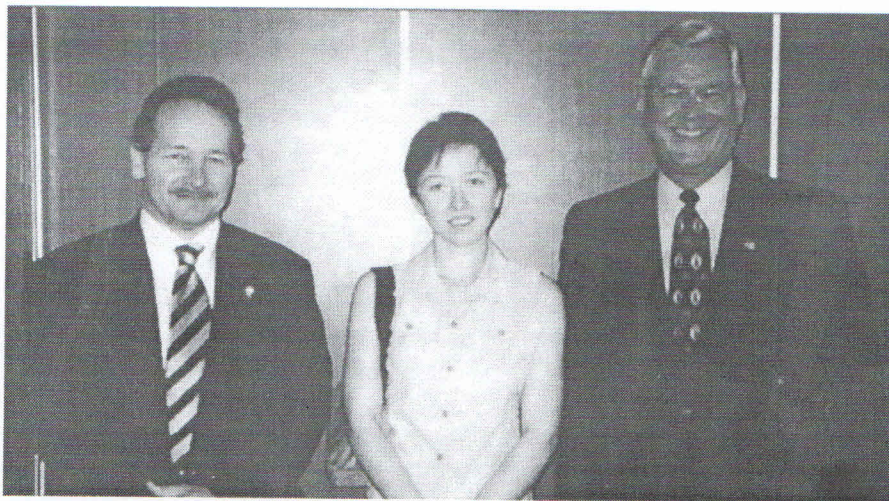
SELLERS GOVORI NA DESETOJ GODIŠNJOJ KONFERENCIJI HRVATSKIH PROIZVOĐAČA KRMIVA

Ataše za poljoprivredu u Beču, Austrija, pozvao je potpredsjednika AFIA-e za kontrolu krmiva i prehrane Richarda Sellera da govori na desetoj godišnjoj konferenciji KRMIVA 2003, čiji je domaćin bilo Udruženje proizvođača krmiva pod pokroviteljstvom programa američke vlade Hrana za mir.

Hrvatska je zemlja izdvojena iz bivše Jugoslavije i smatra se biserom Istočne Europe. Ima kolebljivu proizvodnju životinja i industriju krmiva te izvozi perad u druge europske zemlje. Obdarena je prekrasnom obalom i prirodom, nema mnogo obradive zemlje, ali je zemlja poljoprivredno samostalna s brojem stanovnika oko 4,5 milijuna. Hrvatska doživljava pad proizvodnje stoke kao i većina zemalja u svijetu.

AFIA's Vice President for Feed Control and Nutrition Richard Sellers was invited by the regional agricultural attachd in Vienna, Austria to address the 10th annual KRMIVA ("feed") 2003 conference hosted by the Croatian Feed Manufacturers' Assn. He was sponsored by the U.S. governments Food for Peace program.

Croatia is a country drawn from the former Yugoslavia and is considered die pearl of Eastern Europe. It has a vibrant animal agriculture and feed industry, which exports poultry to other European countries. Blessed by a beautiful coast and countryside, there is not much arable land, but the country is self-sufficient in agriculture with a population of about 4.5 million. Croatia is experiencing cattle production declines, as is being felt in most of the world's countries.



Richard Sellers (desno), potpredsjednik za kontrolu hrane i hranidbu, govorio na zadnjem hrvatskom Savjetovanju zajedno s Robertom H. Curtisom (lijevo) USDA austrijski poljoprivredni ataše i Andreja Misir (sredina) poljoprivredni specijalist stacionirana u Hrvatskoj

Richard Sellers (right), AFIA's Vice President of Feed Control dr Nutrition, meets during his recent Croatian visit with Robert H. Curtis (left), USDA's Austrian Agricultural Counsel, and Andreja Misir (center), USDA Agricultural Specialist stationed in Croatia

Sellers je u svom izlaganju govorio o izazovima i mogućnostima u industriji krmiva u SAD-u te je usporedio ove dvije zemlje s naglaskom na sigurnosti hrane i potrebama potrošača. Imao je čvrste stavove u prilog GMO proizvoda i spomenuo da oni nisu problem u hrani u SAD-u.

Na povratku u SAD Sellers je rekao: "Zadovoljan sam kako su moje primjedbe primljene u KRMIVIMA te velikom podrškom osoblja odjela za poljoprivredu Američkog veleposlanstva. Imali smo nekoliko diskusija o BSE, GMO, poljoprivredi u odnosu na dinamiku Europske Unije nakon što je Hrvatska predala zahtjev i očekuje odobrenje za ulazak u EU. Dobro je što AFIA održava te veze s veleposlanstvima SAD-a pa AFIA može biti izvor tržišta i informacija korisnih članovima i partnerima u trgovini.

Sellers' presentation consisted of challenges and opportunities in the U.S. feed industry, and he compared/contrasted the two countries with an emphasis on food safety and customer needs. He made strong statements in support of GMO products and noted these do not appear to be an issue in feed in the U.S.

After returning to the U.S., Sellers said, "I was pleased with the reception by KRMIVA of my remarks and the great support of U.S. embassy agricultural personnel. We had a number of discussions on BSE, GMOs, agricultural trade as it relates to the dynamics of the EU, given Croatia's application to the EU and expected entrance. It's good for AFIA to maintain these relationships with U.S. embassies, so that AFIA can be a source of markets and information mutually beneficial to both members and trading partners."

