

Robotic Milking and Mastitis Seminar

31st March to 1st April 2020

Hatherley Manor Hotel, Gloucester, England

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KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES;

- 1. FARM VISIT TO A DAIRY UNIT WITH FOUR ROBOTS.**
- 2. Why choose a robot** ~ what are we trying to achieve, advantages and disadvantages and potential pitfalls? How to help guide your clients through this maze
- 3. Robot capacity** ~ how many cows will a robot milk, idle time - what is it and why it is important. Consequences of low idle time.
- 4. Cow flow** ~ what gets a cow into the robot, free access, feed first, what are the common mistakes made here
- 5. How to adapt cows to robots** ~ the vital first days
- 6. Milking routine** ~ how does the robot work. What are its limitations. What common problems are encountered; how do you assess its performance. Which robots do what in relation to preparation?
- 7. Mastitis detection and warning messages** ~ alter messages, what do they mean, how to detect mastitis, how to avoid overtreatment
- 8. Management considerations.** Cow adaptation, replacements and heifers, environment, frequency of milking
- 9. Mastitis and milk quality targets** ~ what data should you monitor, what are acceptable targets, what is achieved in the field
- 10. Common problems encountered with robots** ~ the A to Z of all the things that can and have gone wrong!
- 11. Problem herd** ~ work in small groups to solve a problem herd

The seminar is presented in a practical format that involves discussions amongst all participants.

Places: Limited to 20

Start time; 09.30 am Tuesday 31st March ~ tea and coffee
10.00 am Seminar starts

End; 16.00 Wednesday 1st April

ROBOTIC MILKING & MASTITIS SEMINAR COSTS & BOOKING

Tuition fee: **GBP £500 + VAT of GBP £100.00. Total is £600.00** to include the course, notes, farm visits, lunches, teas and coffees and hotel facilities.

Hotel costs: Residential rate is **GBP £100.00** (inc. 20% VAT) to include dinner, bed and breakfast for the Tuesday night (31st March 2020).

For those who wish to stay the night before (Monday 30th March) the bed and breakfast rate is **GBP £80.00** (inc. 20% VAT).

Please complete the online booking form on the webpage and payment details for an online bank transfer will be emailed to you.

Your place is confirmed once payment has been received.

HOTEL:

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