



## Media Release

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### **HSA presents award for significant advances in humane slaughter**

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) has presented its 2015 award for significant advances in humane slaughter to the Danish Meat Research Institute (DMRI).

The award, made annually by the HSA, recognises individuals or organisations that have made significant scientific, technical or other advances that have led to improvements in the humane slaughter of livestock. This year's award was presented to DMRI during the HSA's international symposium held recently in Zagreb, Croatia.

DMRI has had a major input in improving the welfare of pigs during transport and at slaughter, and have been particularly influential in encouraging their transport from farm to slaughter in natural social groups to improve welfare. The Institute has also provided advice on making animal transport systems more humane and has set up systems for traceability and documentation of animal welfare used by the meat industry both as a control and to improve handling procedures and technical performance with the aim of improving animal welfare. DMRI members also serve as experts for the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), national and international authorities, the industry and NGOs, and undertake educational activities on behalf of the European Commission, national authorities and the meat industry.

The HSA is an independent charity that works through educational, scientific and technical advances to improve the welfare of food animals worldwide during transport, marketing, slaughter and killing for welfare reasons or disease control. For more information about this work visit [www.hsa.org.uk](http://www.hsa.org.uk) or telephone 01582 831919, email [info@hsa.org.uk](mailto:info@hsa.org.uk).

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Attached photo:



Susanne Støier of Danish Meat Research Institute at the HSA International Symposium in Zagreb, Croatia, July 2015 where she received the 2015 HSA award for significant advances in humane slaughter on behalf of the Institute.

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#### **Note to Editors:**

As an independent registered charity, the HSA is unique in working exclusively to achieve the highest worldwide standards in food animal welfare at markets, during transport and at slaughter through scientific and technical advances, education and training. Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

For more information about the HSA's work call 01582 831919, email [info@hsa.org.uk](mailto:info@hsa.org.uk) or visit [www.hsa.org.uk](http://www.hsa.org.uk)

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