

PREFACE

The Satellite Symposium to the 49th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Animal Production entitled "Feed additives in nutrition of new-born and young animals" and a Round Table Discussion "Environmental, human/animal health consequences of the use of antibiotics and other growth promoters in animal feeds" was held at the Conference Centre of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Jablonna near Warsaw.

Knowledge about feed additives in intensive animal production is accumulating rapidly; the lectures given by the invited speakers discussed a number of new compounds (e.g., proteins, peptides, amino acids and their derivatives, organic acids) suggested for use as feed additives. The contributors presented their own research and discussed the literature data from different points of view. Indeed, the idea of this meeting was to gather a multidisciplinary group of researchers representing different specialities, animal nutrition, physiology, microbiology as well as ecology, and veterinary and human medicine, around one table. The presentations thus focused on both applied animal nutrition and basic science as well as on the environmental, human and animal health consequences of using feed additives. We hope that this meeting has stimulated the creation of an interdisciplinary network of researchers interested in making animal production more environmentally friendly while providing the consumer with healthy products.

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