

WG3 – Identifying Sources of KBD and Interventions

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Objectives WG3

- WG3a Determine causes of KBD in varying systems
 - Cage systems: role of perches
 - Non-cage systems: risk of collision
- WG3b Developing intervention strategies for the laying hen industry



Intervention strategies

Interventions will be broadly classified into three categories:

1. Housing and management
2. Genetics
3. Nutrition

Deliver various options that producers can determine most appropriate given their individual, local, and national priorities: application

European network



- Opportunities to learn from each other:
 - Some countries mainly cage housing, others non-cage systems
 - KBD is high on the agenda of welfare issues in some countries, not (yet) in others
 - Differences between countries: low incidence of KBD in Danish flocks? Why?



Reducing KBD in practice

- Ultimate goal of reducing KBD: develop innovations that have a solid scientific basis AND are attractive to producers
 - Close collaboration academic research and industry
 - Attention for uptake of innovations (workshops, technical leaflets)
- Inclusion of industry partners will allow for developments to be applied directly, leading to a strengthened industry, more capable of meeting the high standards of the European community

Recommendations workshop



- 4 - Investigate the role of bird development in KBD susceptibility
- 5 - Investigate the role of escape reactions as a source of KBD
- 6 - Investigate genetic capacity to reduce KBD
- 7 - Investigate housing adaptations that affect frequency of KBD
- 8 - Investigate nutritional solutions to reduce KBD

(Harlander-Matauschek et al., World's Poultry Science Journal, 2015)

First STSM



- Janja Sirovnik from UoBern to Wageningen University
 - Data analysis pilot study effect of light during incubation on chick development and bone development
 - Proposal for post doc project on optimising incubation and early-life conditions to minimise the risk of KBD (BrightStart project)



Activities WG3

- Inventory ongoing research and interested parties
- Investigate possibilities to create new European collaborations
 - Connect ongoing national projects
 - Expand existing European collaborations
- Explore the needs for industry training and define action plan
 - Start basic > expand as innovative strategies develop

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15:10 Alexandra Harlander, UoGuelph, Canada:
Effects of early-life environment

15:30 John Tarlton, UoBristol, UK: Effects of nutrition

15:50 Teun van der Braak, Hendrix Genetics, NL:
Possibilities to reduce KBD through breeding

16:10 Alexandra Jeremiasson, SvenskaAgg, Sweden:
Experience with KBD in various housing systems in practice

16:30 General discussion WG3

Thank you!

