

Dear friends,

We would like to highlight the <u>International Seminar for Animal and Plant Health (SISA 2011)</u>, a very important event will be organized by **the National Centre for Animal and Plant Health (CENSA)** and will be held from May 3rd to 6th, 2011 in Havana (Cuba).

CENSA was established in Cuba in 1969; its mission is preserving and improving animal, plant and human health. A qualified staff works to develop research and services with a level of excellence in obtaining, testing and marketing of products and technologies for the diagnosis, prevention and recovery of the main illnesses that affect the economic and social programs in the country, promoting staff training at national and international level.

The main objective of the Seminar is to bring researchers, producers and executives to exchange knowledge, through the presentation and discussion of the most updated scientific and technological information in themes related to animal and plant health at the service of food production.

It is particularly important to highlight the *Milk Laboratories, Food Quality and Inocuity Workshop*, with experts from Cuba, Argentina, Italy, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and which will provide an opportunity to present and discuss issues and practices about new technologies, certification, quality and food control, innovation, safety and management of the dairy chain.

The event will also be an opportunity to present the product **STABILAK**, created by the CENSA for stabilizing milk without cold box, and used in Cuba and many other countries. The STABILAK product activates a system of natural defenses present in the milk of all mammals, called the *Lactoperoxidase System (LPS)*. It is used to conserve the initial quality of raw milk for human consumption. You can find more information about STABILAK in the brochure published by the IDEASS website: http://www.ideassonline.org/public/pdf/br-18_28.pdf

Considering the importance of dairy value chain management in Latin America, specially in that rural areas where the LEDAs work, the organizers of the event informed ILSLEDA they are interested in LEDAs attending the Seminar, to learn more about latest best practices, sharing knowledge, forming alliances between professionals and to know the characteristics and production processes of STABILAK.

Depending on the interest shown, they may also organize a specific session dedicated to the LEDAs.

For further information http://www.ilsleda.org/events/detail.php?id=17