BOOK REVIEW

'PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (PRRS)'

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It is always a pleasure to review a book produced by a member of our Society, and this is no exception, for it is of the highest standard and a worthy contribution to the literature about pig diseases. The publication, which is sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica GmbH and is available at no charge from them, comprehensively reviews all aspects of PRRS, including its history, its world wide occurrence, clinical effects, pathogenesis, diagnosis, immunity, epidemiology, treatment, management, prevention and eradication. The text is backed up by a glossary of terms, an index and 158 references which are a part of the 500 PRRS publications held on disk by the Pig Disease Information Centre and available from them.

When PRRS first appeared in the USA in 1987, it naturally caused a great deal of concern, especially when it arrived in Germany in 1990. Since that time, a great deal has been learnt about the Lelystad virus that is responsible for the disease and it is recognised it is a disease to be lived with and managed rather than eradicated. Interestingly, it has for the majority of farms proved to be less of a hazard than was originally feared, but that does not take anything away from the importance of this work which deserves a place on every pig veterinarian's bookshelf. The one criticism that could be made is that the book's paperback format makes it difficult to keep on a bookshelf and to refer to in the way that it deserves.

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