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Istituto G. Caporale Teramo (Italy), in collaboration with Aretè Srl, organises the second edition of the training course on “Animal Welfare concerning the farming of pigs”.

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The training course is held on 25-28 September, 2012 in Pescara, Italy. The event allows participants to achieve the necessary skills to:

- a) interpret relevant EU legislation;
- b) apply scientific basis for proper housing, management (including provisions of enrichment material, group housing of sows and gilts, feeding practices for dry pregnant sows and gilts, mutilation procedures such as tail docking, tooth clipping and castration) and handling of pigs;
- c) assess existing farming systems (including requirements for manipulability and rooting materials, flooring types etc.) with the current EU legislation;
- d) monitor animal welfare outcomes, throughout practical experience on the farm;
- e) carry out efficient inspections at farm level, including practical guidance on how to verify compliance of farming systems and management practices with the EU legislation;
- f) collect specific information in order to contribute to the future development of internet based learning activities for veterinarians both in Member States and in Third Countries.

During the event, representatives of the DG SANCO of the European Commission and other international organisations are invited to present relevant approaches concerning animal welfare standards and legislation. Moreover, delegates from Swedish and Danish Competent Authorities contribute in sharing experiences and perspectives on the implementation of the European Union Legislation. The course provides also practical training on welfare inspection of pigs in farms. Practical demonstration on how to use animal and resource based welfare outcomes are included.

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