

STSM at Animalia, the Norwegian Meat and Poultry Research Center (24th – 28th April 2023)

In April 2023 I took part in a Short-Term Scientific Mission Animalia, the Norwegian Meat and Poultry Research Center. The outlined goals for this experience were to review improvements in Norwegian meat inspection, in particular the system of MAKKS for competent authorities and Dyrehelseportalen for farmers and veterinarians and also, on the surveillance system for *Campylobacter* spp in Norway. The week activities were organised and supervised by Sigrun Johanne Hauge and Janne Holthe.

Upon my arrival I was acquainted with the organisational structure of Animalia and the links that it holds with the various stakeholders in the meat industry from farmers, the national research centre, the industry itself and to the competent authorities. I was able to visit the Norwegian Veterinary Institute and viewed how the institution is ran and discussed the current *Campylobacter* spp control programme. During the week, we also discussed many projects that Animalia is working on including training, clean livestock policy, slaughter robotics and MAKKS, a system for information sharing between the meat production stakeholders. I was able to see the application of MAKKS both at the abattoir level when I did a site visit and at the offices of the Norwegian Food Safety Authority, completing the information loop. I was able to further expand on a systematic literature review I am currently conducting within the RIBMINS group and that Ole Alvseike from Animalia is part of.

This experience allowed me to further broaden my expertise in areas I currently work on including transmission of information and training targeted at the various meat production stakeholders besides research on *Campylobacter* spp. I was amazed by how well MAKKS worked and the efficiency of interorganisational communications and this gave me background info that I will hopefully be able to further apply in my work. I am extremely grateful to Animalia for being an excellent host and e-Cost for enabling this experience.



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