



**Humane Slaughter Association**

## **Media Release**

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### **Applications invited for the HSA 2015 Humane Slaughter Award**

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) – an independent charity that works through education, training, research and technical developments towards achieving high standards of welfare for food animals at markets, during transport and at slaughter – is now inviting applications for its prestigious 2015 Humane Slaughter Award for significant advances in the humane slaughter of farmed livestock.

Very large numbers of farmed livestock are slaughtered daily around the world to provide food and other resources for human benefit. It is important that slaughter methods are as humane as possible – that they approach as closely as possible the ideal of not causing any fear or pain. Great advances have been made in this field in recent decades and work in pursuit of further improvements is continuing.

The HSA's Humane Slaughter Award scheme aims to help give recognition to important contributions and to help promote the pursuit of further advances. It is open to individuals or organisations, anywhere in the world, whose work has resulted in significant advances in the humane slaughter of farmed livestock such as cattle, sheep, pigs, other mammals, poultry or fish.

Winners of the HSA Humane Slaughter Award in recent years include Dr Bert Lambooij of Wageningen University, The Netherlands, the IRTA/UAB Animal Welfare Research Group, Institut de Recerca i Tecnologia Agroalimentàries (IRTA)/ Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), and the Stunning and Slaughter Group of the University of Bristol Veterinary School.

The HSA is keen to receive applications, or nominations of potential candidates from third parties, relating to advances in science or important technological developments that have led or are leading to advances in humane slaughter. The award is for £3,000 and the deadline for the receipt of applications or nominations is 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

Details and application or nomination forms can be obtained from the HSA, The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Telephone 01582 831919, fax 01582 831414, email [info@hsa.org.uk](mailto:info@hsa.org.uk) or can be downloaded from [www.hsa.org.uk](http://www.hsa.org.uk)

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Note to Editors:

The HSA is an independent charity recognised internationally for promoting scientific, technical and educational advances towards improving the welfare of food animals worldwide at slaughter, killing, marketing and transport.

Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

For more information about the HSA's work call 01582 831919, email [info@hsa.org.uk](mailto:info@hsa.org.uk) or visit [www.hsa.org.uk](http://www.hsa.org.uk)

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