



MVSC is again proud to sponsor Lithuanian visitors to [World Dairy Expo 2009](#)! Please join us in welcoming our guests on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00pm the [Brink Lounge, 701 East Washington Avenue](#) in Madison.

Visiting this year will be four [Lithuanian Veterinary Academy](#) graduates. Our visitors are:

Dr. Jonas Kutra, DVM, Ph.D. graduated from the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy (DVM) and holds a doctorate in biomedical sciences/biology. Dr. Kutra's work at the Lithuanian Veterinary Institute of Animal Science includes animal reproduction biology, embryo transplantation and sperm cryo-conservation. Dr. Kutra is the author of 39 scientific articles and serves on numerous academic committees as a graduate advisor. In addition to his academic career, Dr. Kutra acts as distributor for World Wide Sires Ltd. (USA) in Lithuania.

Mr. Virmantas Minkevičius, DVM is also a graduate of the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy, where he trained as a veterinary surgeon. Mr. Minkevičius started his professional career as a veterinary surgeon at M. Melnikaites collective farm. Later, he worked at J. Škiko veterinary clinic as a veterinary surgeon, and at Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service as an animal husbandry specialist. Since 2003 he has been a technical manager at Litagra, working as a cattle nutritionist and advisor. Litagra is a multinational company working in the areas of crop and livestock production, in addition to advising in the areas of farm management. Mr. Minkevičius is a board member of the Lithuanian Dairy Producers Association.

Two of the visitors represent [Linas Agro Consulting Corporation](#). The company was founded in 2003 and provides management and consulting services for farming companies. The total area of agricultural land of the consulted companies is over 13 000 ha, with production of wheat, rape seed, barley, triticale, and corn. In addition, the companies breed over 5700 cows, including 2300 dairy cows. Their annual milk yield is almost 15 thousand tons.

Mr. Gintaras Kazakevičius is General Director of Linas Agro. Mr. Kazakevičius graduated from the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy with a degree in mechanical engineering and furthered his training at various academic institutions in Lithuania and Germany. He has worked as a consultant on Lithuanian agriculture, providing advice on business planning.

Mr. Valdas Knatas is the head of the animal husbandry division of Linas Agro. He is also a graduate of the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy with a specialization in livestock technology. He has worked in various capacities in the area of livestock care and livestock technology.