



ISVEE 13 NEWSLETTER no. 4 22 January 2012

Dear colleague,

This is the fourth Newsletter of the ISVEE 13 organizing committee, focusing on the Call for Abstracts, information on the Workshops offered, on the Keynote speakers and bursary awards. Please also visit our website (www.isvee13.org) for detailed information on all aspects of the conference and to subscribe to our mailing list. If you do not wish to receive these newsletters, please let us know by sending an e-mail to: s.pauwels@pauwelspcn.nl.

ISVEE 13 third call for Abstracts

We welcome all abstracts related to veterinary epidemiology and economics. Abstracts can be submitted through a user friendly [online submission system](#) in more than 12 different categories. Please visit our website for a link to the submission system. Some topics for [mini-symposia](#) (grouping presentations on similar topics) have already been suggested and more may be created based upon the submitted abstracts. Each oral presentation will receive a 15 minute presentation and 5 minute discussion time.

For more information on the abstract submission, you may want to read a [short description](#) of the submission process at the ISVEE13 website. Please note that, to assure a maximum participation of all delegates, the scientific committee has decided that one author can have no more than 2 oral presentations. There are no limits on the number of abstracts for poster presentations submitted by one person. We also foresee a (PhD) student poster price.

The **deadline for abstract submission is February 15, 2012**. By mid-April, we expect to be able to send you an e-mail, in which we indicate whether your abstract has been accepted for oral or poster presentation.

Bursary awards

It is our aim to attract delegates from as many countries possible to share new knowledge and ideas on the important topic of Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics. Yet, we do realize that for many potential delegates finding the necessary resources to pay for a 5 days conference and accommodation is difficult. Therefore we have developed the **ISVEEXIII symposium bursary award**.

The objectives of this bursary are to cover the cost of the conference registration fee (including meals and social events as appropriate) and 5 nights' accommodation including breakfast (accommodation allocated by the Organizing Committee), representing a value of around €1000, for delegates that are participating actively at the conference (poster or oral presentation) and that are residents of **emerging and developing countries** as well as **central and eastern European countries**. All other expenses, including travel, are the responsibility of the delegate and will not be reimbursed.

Applications must be made through a bursary application form (can be downloaded from the ISVEE website, navigate to Registration\Student bursaries) and will be judged by the ISVEEXIII Organizing Committee, based on a set of eligibility criteria. Bursaries will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Pre- and post-conference Workshops

It is great pleasure for us to inform you that the pre and post conference workshops are now announced on the ISVEE13 website (navigate to Workshops on the ISVEE13 website). The workshops will take place in Ghent, Belgium. In response to our call for workshops, 19 workshop proposals have been submitted. They were all scrutinized very thoroughly and finally 12 proposals were selected by the organizing committee, i.e. **6 pre-conference** and **6 post-conference workshops**. We want to thank all applicants for submitting a proposal.

We are confident that the workshops are of high quality. They also cover a wide range of topics and introductory as well as advanced workshops are offered. Therefore we hope that many delegates of the ISVEE13 conference will also register for one of the workshops that are offered.

Registration for the workshops will be possible when registration for the ISVEE 13 conference is launched. Detailed information (course content, etc.) can be downloaded from the ISVEE 13 website (navigate to pre- or post-conference workshops on the ISVEE13 website). We hope that you can enjoy at least one of the workshops and would be glad to welcome you in Ghent.

Key note speakers

The scientific committee is proud to present five superb key-note speakers (brief intros, for more details navigate to Programme/Key note speakers on the ISVEE 13 website) that were asked to give cross-border presentations linking veterinary epidemiology and economics to related and emerging scientific disciplines.



Prof. Derek Smith will make a bridge between molecular research and veterinary epidemiology. Derek Smith is Professor of Infectious Disease Informatics in the Centre for Pathogen Evolution at Cambridge University (UK). His research concerns the use antigenic cartography, along with genetic and population biology techniques, to study basic questions in pathogen evolution, and coevolution with the acquired immunity in host populations.



The link between climate change, global warming and animal diseases will be critically discussed by **Prof. David Rogers** (Oxford University, UK). David Rogers is a Professor of Ecology, and specialized in temporal Fourier processing of satellite data and the development of discriminant analytical models to describe the distribution and abundance of vectors and diseases, in the form of risk maps.



The applications of the emerging field of social media and social networks in epidemiology will be illustrated by **Dr. Theresa Bernardo** (Michigan State University, US). Dr. Theresa Bernardo works at the intersection of new information technologies with health, education and international development.



Prof. Ynte Hein Schukken (Cornell University, US) will introduce the session on epidemiology in veterinary practice by illustrating the link between epidemiological research and daily veterinary practice. Prof. Schukken is both Director of Quality Milk Production Services and professor of Epidemiology and Herd Health at the College of Veterinary Medicine from Cornell University.



In collaboration with the European College of Veterinary Public Health (ECVPH), **Dr. Katinka De Balogh** (FAO) will talk on the link between epidemiology and Food Safety and Food Security from a global perspective. Since 2007 she holds the position of Senior Officer – Veterinary Public Health at the Animal Health Service where she leads the global veterinary public health activities of FAO.

Important dates

- **January 22, 2012** Announcement of pre and post-conference workshops on ISVEE13 website
- **February 15, 2012** Deadline for abstract submission.
- **April 15, 2012** Response to the authors on abstract selection.
- **June 1, 2012** Deadline of registration for pre- and post conference workshops.
- **August 13–18, 2012** Pre-conference workshops.
- **August 20–24, 2012** 13th ISVEE conference.
- **August 26–31, 2012** Post-conference workshops.

The ISVEE 13 organizing committee