



## ISVEE 13 NEWSLETTER no. 2 September 2011

Dear colleague,

This is the second Newsletter of the ISVEE 13 organizing committee, and we want to update you on several different issues concerning the conference. Please also visit our website ([www.isvee13.org](http://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](mailto:s.pauwels@pauwelspcn.nl).

### ISVEE 2012 first call for Abstracts

The scientific committee of the 13th International Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE) conference to be held in Maastricht (August 2012) is happy to announce that the **abstract submission has now been opened**.

We welcome all abstracts related to veterinary epidemiology and economics. Abstracts can be submitted through a very user friendly [online submission system](#) in more than 12 different categories. 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.

### Update on our Sponsors

The ISVEE 13 organizing committee proudly announces that the following companies and organizations are willing to sponsor our conference:



**Platinum sponsor:**



**Gold sponsor:**

## **Exhibition package: Lely, Avia-GIS**

**Student Bursary Award: Nordic Society for Veterinary Epidemiology (NOSOVE); Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratory Agency (AHVLA, UK); Flemish Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (VEE); Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine (SVEPM); World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).**

## **Shopping list: AUV Dierenartsen Coöperatie, Kela**

Several companies and organizations are still thinking about sponsoring ISVEE 13 and we welcome new applicants. As different organizations have different requirements, we can offer a wide variety of sponsorship opportunities. The sponsorship brochure is available at our website [www.isvee13.org](http://www.isvee13.org). If you have any questions or suggestions that would be helpful to your organization or company, please feel free to raise them with us directly (contact: [Dominiek.Maes@UGent.be](mailto:Dominiek.Maes@UGent.be)). We look forward to having your support and participation in an exciting and highly successful conference.

## **Key-note speakers**

The scientific committee is proud to present five superb key-note speakers that were asked to provide cross-border presentations linking veterinary epidemiology and economics to related and emerging scientific disciplines.

**Prof. Derek Smith** (Cambridge University) will make a bridge between molecular research and veterinary epidemiology. The link between climate change, global warming and animal diseases will be critically discussed by **Prof. David Rogers** (Oxford University). The applications of the emerging field of social media and social networks in epidemiology will be illustrated by **Prof. Theresa Bernardo** (Michigan State University). **Prof. Ynte Hein Schukken** (Cornell University) will introduce the session on epidemiology in veterinary practice by illustrating the link between epidemiological research and daily veterinary practice. 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.

Each of the key-note speakers will be presented individually and in more detail in the following newsletters.

## **Mini Symposia**

During the conference several **mini-symposia** will be organized on specific and well described topics. These will have an extended introductory presentation followed by several short presentations on the same topic and will be concluded by a 90 minutes discussion.

At this stage already several topics for mini-symposia were suggested:

- Cross-border collaboration in prevention and control of contagious livestock diseases.
- Experimental epidemiology: Modelling and measuring transmission.
- Ethical tools in veterinary decision making: needs and possibilities.

More will be selected based upon the submitted abstracts.

## **Epidemiology in Veterinary Practice**

To enforce the **bridge between veterinary epidemiology and economy and the reality of daily veterinary practice**, we plan to preserve one parallel session over two days (Thursday and Friday) on epidemiology in veterinary practice. This two day parallel session will be introduced on Thursday by a plenary lecture on the use of epidemiology and epidemiological tools in the field during daily veterinary practice by Prof. Ynte Hein Schukken from Cornell University. For this specific line "epidemiology in veterinary practice", we aim at selecting presentations that are either illustrations of the application of epidemiology in veterinary practice or presentations on interesting results that are applicable in daily practice either in farm or companion animals. Authors that have interesting data that may fit in this line are encouraged to submit abstracts for this topic. The organizers will strongly advertise among practitioners associations to motivate their members to attend the conference and enjoy the synergy between epidemiology and veterinary practice.

## Update on pre- and post-conference Workshops

Since our first call for applications to organize a pre- or a post-conference workshop in our first Newsletter, we have received 4 official proposals for workshops. From a number of others we have received word that they have the intention to submit a proposal. It is our intention to host 7 pre- and 7 post-conference workshops. So if you want to offer a workshop, please follow the guidelines for conference course proposals that are available on the [ISVEE13 website](#) (section: "Workshops"). Other pre- and post-conference course information can be found there. If you have any inquiry, please contact the conference course organizer ([hans.laevens@kahosl.be](mailto:hans.laevens@kahosl.be)). We are looking forward to your proposals and contributions to the ISVEE 13 conference workshops.

## Some important dates

- **September 2011** First call for abstracts and opening of the abstract submission system.
- **November 2011** Second call for abstracts.
- **December 1, 2011** Deadline for workshop proposal submission.
- **January 3, 2011** Inform workshop applicants on results workshop proposal evaluation.
- **January 16, 2011** 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**