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Welcome to our 9th Feline Congress here in Amsterdam.

We are delighted to revisit Amsterdam for our congress this year – it was the venue for our second congress back in 2003. We are returning not only

because it is a beautiful city, but because when we were considering venues back when the economic recession was just beginning to bite, we wanted somewhere easily accessible by a range of different travel methods. Of course then we had not even considered that a volcanic cloud might influence flights too, so in hindsight it was a very good choice! We are right in the centre of the city here and we hope you make the best of this fantastic city during your afternoon off and in your free time.

You will notice that we are now ISFM instead of ESFM – this Congress is part of the launch of our International status. The reason for the change is actually very simple and straightforward – increasingly ESFM has been attracting interest, membership and strategic partnerships with individuals and groups way beyond the confines of Europe. While a lot of our work will remain ‘Eurocentric’, and without wishing to detract or dilute in any way from what we are doing in Europe, it seems ridiculous to disenfranchise those people outside of Europe by not embracing them fully within the organisation.

We would like to thank our sponsors for partnering us throughout the congress – they make it possible and also add not only cpd but join in with all of the activities. Our founding sponsor Hill’s have been with us for 9 years and we thank them for their continued support – we do indeed work together to improve feline veterinary care. Our other Main Sponsors are Boehringer Ingelheim, Bayer, Merial, Intervet Schering Plough, Novartis and Pfizer, and speakers’ sponsor Virbac. We have enjoyed our relationships with these companies and they want feedback from your experience of their products and services – our delegates have a reputation for being interactive and enquiring, so over to you.

This is a very exciting Congress with a great deal going on. We chose dentistry as one of our key topics as (being medicine people on the whole) we can undoubtedly benefit from others’ expertise. We joined forces with the European Veterinary Dental Society (EVDS) and have some fantastic speakers for you this week – Philippe Hennet and Margherita Gracis. Those who took advantage of the wetlabs on our pre-congress day will also have gained excellent practical experience from these experts.

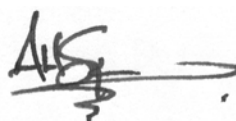
We thank EVDS for all of their hard work on this and Satelec for sponsoring the equipment for the labs for us.

Our second topic is also of great interest. When, in 2009, we launched the clinical practice issues of the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery, we looked at which articles from the past 10 years had been downloaded most frequently. Top of the list and third were articles on pain recognition and management in cats – indeed authored by speakers we have at the congress – Sheilah Robertson and Polly Taylor. Other work done by Duncan Lascelles has shown that cats get a poor deal with it comes to pain relief – not helped by the fact that they will do almost anything to prevent us knowing they are in pain in the first place. But when you know what to look for and how to interpret small changes in behaviour, these mysteries begin to clear – our speakers are experts when it comes to picking up the small clues shown by cats and navigating through the range of products available to relieve pain. We hope you will be a better feline pain detective and have a clearer idea of the tools available to you in this task by the time you leave.

We hope that those who attended the pre-Congress study days run by Merial and by Boehringer Ingelheim enjoyed the programmes and of course the ISFM/Merial Welcome Reception.

Over the past few years regular attendees will have got used to our themed dinner parties and have joined in with great imagination to the dress code we set them. This year we have made it a bit more of a challenge with our ‘Release the Beast’ theme, so we are very much looking forward to seeing interpretations of the theme – watch out for the pictures on Sunday!

This is a friendly congress – take the opportunity to talk to the other delegates and the speakers and feed back anything you think might improve it.



Andy Sparkes



Claire Bessant

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Dentistry speakers



Philippe Hennet

Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College. Diplomate of the European Veterinary Dental College. Founding member and past president of the European Veterinary Dental College. Founding member and past president of the European Veterinary Dental Society. Currently running a referral practice limited to oro-dental, maxillofacial and ENT diseases in a speciality veterinary clinic located downtown Paris. Independent consultant for research-works focusing on dental diseases. Scientific co-organiser of the ESAVS dental courses. Author of numerous publications and book chapters both in French and English.



Margherita Gracis

After working in private practice for a few years, Margherita did a Residency in Veterinary Dentistry at the Veterinary School of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (USA). From 1998 until July 2000 she worked at the same institution as a Lecturer in Veterinary Dentistry. Since 2000 she has been working at different referral clinics in and near Milan (Italy), dedicated to dentistry and oral surgery. She is a Diplomate of both the American (AVDC) and the European (EVDC) Veterinary Dental Colleges. Dr Gracis is Former Past President of the European Veterinary Dental Society (EVDS) and the Italian Veterinary Dental Society (SIODOV). She is Consultant in Dentistry of the Scientific Committee of SCIVAC (Italian Veterinary Society – Small Animals) and member of the Editorial Review Board of the Journal of Veterinary Dentistry and other scientific publications. Since 1997 she has authored several scientific publications, and lectured at national and international meetings.

Pain Management speakers



Sheilah Robertson

After a short time in mixed animal practice Sheilah spent a year as a surgery resident at Bristol University before pursuing specialization in anaesthesia. Sheilah obtained her PhD from Bristol University in 1985. She is board certified by both the European and American Colleges of Veterinary Anesthesia and is a past-president of the ACVA. She has worked at University teaching hospitals in Saskatchewan and Michigan and is currently in the section of anaesthesia and pain management at the University of Florida. Her research interests are primarily focused on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of analgesic agents in cats, foals and horses and more recently iguanas. She is certified in small animal acupuncture by the Chi Institute of traditional Chinese veterinary medicine. She received a Douglas Houghton memorial fund Scholarship for 2004 - 2005; this is awarded to assist in promoting animal welfare and is currently enrolled in an animal welfare certificate course at Cambridge University.



Polly Taylor

Having graduated from Cambridge in 1976, Polly worked in general practice for three years. She then worked in anaesthesia at the Cambridge University Veterinary School, obtaining the RCVS DVA in 1980. Became chief of anaesthesia at the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket in 1983 and gained her PhD (Cambridge University) in 1987 for her thesis concerning equine anaesthesia. In 1994 she became University Lecturer in anaesthesia at the Cambridge University Veterinary School where she was responsible for running the clinical anaesthetic service, teaching undergraduates and post graduates in anaesthesia and for the anaesthesia research program. She became a Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Anaesthesia in 1995 and was founding President of the College. She now works as a freelance consultant in anaesthesia, with work ranging from clinical anaesthetic services and teaching to drug registration and research. Her current research interests continue in anaesthesia and analgesia. She has studied pain and analgesia in cats since the 1980s and a number of papers on opioids and NSAIDs in cats have been published. She published numerous papers on anaesthesia and analgesia and is a contributor to Flecknell's "Pain Management in Animals".



Duncan Lascelles

After graduating from the veterinary program at the University of Bristol, U.K., in 1991 with honors, Duncan completed a PhD in aspects of pre-emptive/perioperative analgesia at the University of Bristol. After an internship there, he completed his surgical residency at the University of Cambridge, U.K., in 1999. He moved to Colorado for the Fellowship in Oncological Surgery at Colorado State University, then a period of research in feline pain and analgesia at the University of Florida, and is currently Assistant Professor in Small Animal Surgery with active clinical and research interests in acute and chronic pain. He organizes the Integrated Pain Management Service. He is board-certified in small animal surgery by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the European College of Veterinary Surgeons, and the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.



Alexander German

Alex qualified, with honours, from the University of Bristol (UK) in 1994. After two years in mixed practice he returned to Bristol to undertake a PhD in canine mucosal immunology, and then a residency in small animal internal medicine. He moved to the University of Liverpool in October 2002, where and currently holds the position of Royal Canin Senior Lecturer in Small Animal Medicine. He is a Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Recognised Specialist in Internal Medicine, and a Diplomat of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. His clinical and research interests include all aspects of small animal internal medicine, gastroenterology, and comparative obesity biology.



Lyn Forster

Lyn is a PhD student in the Centre for Animal Welfare researching the welfare implications of amputation in cats. Lyn graduated in 2006 from the Royal Veterinary College. After 14 months in small animal practice in Essex, she returned to complete a junior clinical training scholarship in anaesthesia at the RVC Queen Mother Hospital. She started her PhD at the RVC at the end of 2008. In addition she is currently undertaking a RCVS Certificate in Veterinary Anaesthesia. Lyn's research is primarily looking into the possible existence of phantom phenomena in amputee cats and the welfare implications of amputation in this species.