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IEVA CONFERENCE 2023

Delivers Largest Equine Veterinary CDP Event in Ireland!

All veterinary roads last week were leading to Co Cavan for IEVA Conference 2023, which commenced on Thursday 23rd November with an excellent- hands on and immersive wetlab day at the Cavan Equestrian Centre. This workshop dealt with the imaging of the equine head. In addition to the quality of the speakers, the latest in equine diagnostic imaging equipment were showcased and displayed by Molloy Veterinary and Celtic SMR. The successful day ended with a hotly contested quiz and supper at the Slieve Russell Hotel, home to IEVA23.

For the next two days; Friday 24th and Saturday 25th IEVA Conference 2023 delivered an action packed and thought-provoking series of lectures, talks and presentations by leading experts in the field of equine veterinary as well as a number of case studies and abstract studies. A series of hands-on workshops, including the very popular one on bandaging took place over the two days also.

The panel discussions over the two days sparked great debate and exchanges of opinions between the veterinary community. The conference delivered the perfect platform and opportunity for equine veterinarians to come together to both teach and learn as well as transferring experiences and knowledge.

It also importantly facilitated the opportunity for veterinarians both established and the next generation and those involved in veterinary nursing to network with key industry stakeholders.

The IEVA Exhibition Hall, which was full to the brim with key service and product providers to the equine veterinary sector was a hub for interaction and engagement between exhibitors, sponsors, speakers and delegates alike. A lot to business- to- business activity took place.

The IMV Imaging sponsored Case Awards saw Milda Baltrimaire from Tullyraine Equine Clinic be judged the overall winner for her study into Absorbable urethral stent placement in the standing horse for the successful treatment of a urethral stricture.

We are pleased to say the inaugural Future Proof campaign, which saw many industry stakeholders sponsor a veterinary student to attend IEVA Conference 2023 was a runaway success and delivered 17 Irish students, some of who are studying abroad the opportunity to attend the conference. Plans are being put in place to expand the campaign for IEVA24.

The social fixture of IEVA Conference 2023 was the Gala Dinner on Friday evening, which was expertly hosted by Brendan McArdle of The Irish Field. All present and looking glam were treated to a sumptuous dinner and dancing into the wee hours. The highlight of the evening was when Brent Pope, guest speaker took to the floor. He delivered a very impassionate speech on the importance of minding one's mental health, the importance of reaching out and looking for help, with his key message being its ok not to be ok. An auction on the night for both Veterinary Support Fund and the Elephant In the Room's beneficiary charity; namely Samaritan's Ireland for 2023 raised a lot of money due to the generosity of all attending the Gala Dinner.

Commenting on the success for IEVA Conference 2023, its newly elected President Sabrina Barnwell, of Dooneen Equine Veterinary Clinic, based in Co. Limerick said "As we draw the curtains on what has been a truly successful IEVA23 I would like to thank the many delegates and exhibitors that made the weekend such a fun and vibrant event. The weekend highlights were excellent speakers, a truly glamorous Gala Ball and a whopping €6000 raised for charity. We discussed heads, behaviour and the latest updates in the papers. Dr Ellen Hegarty highlighted how our 2022 feedback to the NVPS team at DAFM has been acted upon and now at the time of the NVPS rollout, antimicrobial medications only need to be recorded in horses.

2023 has been a busy year for the Irish Equine Veterinary Association. We have hosted several one- day CPD events and most importantly we have investigated the issues of retention and recruitment that are facing the profession. The mission statement of IEVA cites professional development, wellness of members and evidence- based leadership. We brought a survey to the members and gathered Irish data, and now we are working on Irish solutions. A key part of the recruitment process is to showcase equine veterinary as a career to veterinary students and new graduates.

This year IEVA23 has continued the Case Award prize with a significant purse for recent graduates and introduced the FutureProof Students Scheme which was generously supported by our industry and saw 17 students supported to attend the event. We are already planning another action-packed conference for 2024. If you were at IEVA23 we invite you back and if not then don't miss out again!

As the curtain closes on Cavan, all eyes are on firmly fixed on IEVA24, taking place at the Lyrath Estate, Co Kilkenny from 7th – 9th November 2024. #IEVA24. Save The Date!

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