

IEVA CONFERENCE 2026

Programme

Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny • 5th - 7th November

Keeping the horse at the centre









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President's Welcome to IEVA26



Fáilte róimh go léir! Welcome all to IEVA Conference 2026, the largest equine CPD event in Ireland this year. Welcome back to our returning sponsors and exhibitors, without whom we couldn't run this annual event, your support is greatly valued, as always. Welcome also to all our veterinary and veterinary nursing colleagues, it's wonderful to see many familiar faces return. Céad míle fáilte to those of you attending for the first time, we hope you thoroughly enjoy yourselves, and get real benefit from the experience.

We continue with two clinical streams again for 2026, together with our annual veterinary nursing stream. This year, our Saturday Green stream places a particular emphasis on providing educational content of interest to equine general practice and mixed practice colleagues. Sincere thanks to Celtic SMR for their renewed sponsorship of this years case awards. Thanks also to the Irish Equine Centre for their support of poster presentations and abstracts showcasing equine research. A huge thank you again to Jerry O'Sullivan and the team at Clinic na gCapall for hosting the pre-conference wet lab on peri-carpal anatomy and imaging.

Our speaker line up is particularly strong this year, with experts in various fields from within our profession in Ireland, as well as many internationally renowned speakers. Our sales and sports medicine panels on Friday afternoon promise lively exchanges of views, so I would encourage you all to please engage and contribute to the debate!

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the IEVA committee for their dedication throughout the year, and a particular thanks to those involved in the conference and CPD committees, who strive every year to surpass themselves with the quality of continuing education provided to Irish equine vets. Also to those committee members who have engaged with multiple stakeholder groups on behalf of our profession, I am extremely grateful to you all. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

All that remains is for me to encourage you all to enjoy the educational and social aspects of IEVA 2026. Be sure to catch up with old friends for a coffee or perhaps something a little stronger!

Bainigí sult as!

Patrick O'Sullivan

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SPEAKERS AT IEVA26


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WETLAB

Giorgio Ricardi & Jerry O'Sullivan

Pericarpal Ultrasonography • Radiography

Clinic na gCapall
Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow
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TIME	TOPIC & SPEAKER
9am	Welcome, Registration and Coffee
9.30am	Giorgio Ricardi & Jerry O'Sullivan *Pericarpal Ultrasonography • Radiography*
1pm	Lunch at the Arboretum
2pm	*Pericarpal Ultrasonography • Radiography (cont'd)*
3pm	Coffee break and questions
3.15pm	*Pericarpal Ultrasonography • Radiography (cont'd)*
4.45pm	Review of the Morning Session
5pm	Day Ends

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RED ROOM

TIME	TOPIC & SPEAKER
Time	Speaker & Presentation title
8.15am	Registration Period
9am	Pat O'Sullivan *Presidents Address*
9.30am	Pete Ramzan *Bone bruises and bad movers: everything I've learnt about palmar/plantar osteochondral disease in the racehorse*
10am	Coffee Break
10.20am	Pete Ramzan *Overview of conservative versus surgical management of bone chips in the racehorse*
11am	Simon Hennessy *Osteochondral fragments: lesion, location and significance*
11.30am	Case Awards Presentations sponsored by celticSMR VETERINARY VETEQUIP
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Emma Adam *Social Licence to Operate*
2pm	Pete Ramzan, John Hanly, Simon Hennessey, Mark McRedmond *Sales Panel chaired by Pat Sells*
3.30pm	Tom O'Brien, Emma Adam, Giorgio Ricardi *Sports Panel chaired by Marcus Swail*
5pm	Day Ends

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GREEN ROOM

TIME	TOPIC & SPEAKER
8.15am	Registration Period
9am	Giorgio Ricardi *Standing Fracture Repair*
9.30am	Emma Adam *Rectal Tears*
10am	Coffee Break
10.30am	David Freeman *Peri Partum Colic*
11am	David Freeman *Colic in Foals*
11.30am	Pat Sells *Early life influences on career performance & injury in the thoroughbred*
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	David Freeman *Challenging Cases*
1.45pm	*All move to Red Room for Interactive Sessions* *(Double VCI Points)*

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TIME	TOPIC & SPEAKER
8.15am	Registration Period
	Industry Stakeholders - Industry Updates
9.15am	*Michelle Fogarty: Weatherbys Update*
9.30am	*Lynn Hillyer: IHRB Update*
9.45am	*Órla McGlynn: Atlantic Technological University*
10am	*Peter O'Reilly: ITBA*
10.15am	*Des Leadon: EFTBA & ITBA Veterinary Committee*
10.30am	*Joe Collins: FEEVA Update*
11am	Coffee Break
11.30am	David Freeman *Current Status of Colic Surgery*
12pm	Rebecca Watson *Beyond the Colic – What about the Microbiome?*
12.15pm	Abstract Presentations *Abstracts*
1pm	Lunch
2pm	Abstract Presentations *Abstracts*
2.45pm	Michelle Fogarty *Weatherbys - Best Veterinary Practices*
3pm	Prof Ann Cullinane, Dr Don Collins, Dr Jennie Henderson *IEC Update on Equine Parapox*
3.30pm	Siobhan McAuliffe *Preview of the Papers - International Medicine*
4pm	Tom O'Brien *Preview of the Papers - Surgery*
4.30pm	Sean Finan *Preview of the Papers - Reproduction*
5pm	Jerry O'Sullivan *Preview of the Papers - Lameness*
5.30pm	IEVA President *Closing Address*

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TIME	TOPIC & SPEAKER
8.15am	Registration Period
9am	Emma Adam *Joint Disease Med Options*
9.30am	Kevin Quigg *IMFA Lecture - Farriery & Veterinary Symbiosis*
10am	Coffee Break
10.30am	Hugh Suffern *Field Caesarean Situation*
11am	Jane Boswell *VDS - The Bigger Picture: Radiology Risk & Reason in the Equine PPE*
11.30am	Siobhan McAuliffe *Antibiotic choices in first opinion practice. A case based discussion*
12pm	Giorgio Ricardi *How to inject cervical articular process joints, spinal roots and the first costo-transverse joint*
12.30pm	Emma Adam *Stresses of New Practitioners Resilience*
1pm	Lunch
2pm	Giorgio Ricardi *Injection Techniques of the SI Joint*
2.30pm	Giorgio Ricardi *Radiography of the Stifle*
3pm	David Freeman *Management of Hernias*
3.30pm	Ian Rountree *Cold Atmospheric Plasma in the management of Wounds*
4pm	Giorgio Ricardi *Diagnostic Nerve Blocks of the Hindlimb and Hock*
4.30pm	Day Ends

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Nursing Stream

TIME	SPEAKER & TOPIC
8.15am	Registration Period
9am	Rebecca Watson *Feeding the Colic Patient*
10am	Siobhan McAuliffe *How to: Catheters and fluid (cont'd after break)*
10.45am	Coffee Break
11am	Siobhan McAuliffe *How to: Catheters and fluid (cont'd)*
11.30am	Lisa Devane / Kirsty McCann / Jackie Ryan *Career Journeys*
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Anne O'Brien *Wound Management*
2.15pm	Ian Rountree *Cold Atmospheric Plasma in the management of Wounds*
2.30pm	Lisa Reidy *Beyond the Small Print: Understanding and Negotiating Your Employment Contract*
3.15pm	Dominique Doyle *IVNA Update*
3.30pm	Day Ends

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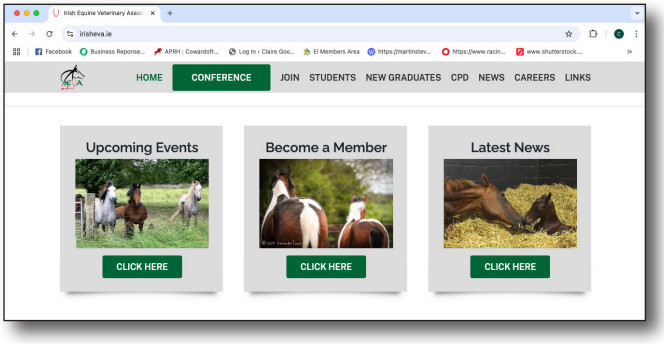
Case Awards – Finalists

TIME	AUTHOR
11.30am	Miles Lockwood *Presentation, treatment and long-term survival in three horses with pneumothorax secondary to axillary wounds*
11.45am	Sorcha Ni Ogain *Successful post-mortem in vitro embryo production following NSAID treatment in two mares*
12pm	Magdalena Opalka *Laparoscopic adhesiolysis of the ventral uterus from the abdominal wall followed by standing laparoscopic uterine imbrication in a 12-year-old thoroughbred brood mare - a case report*
12.15pm	*Charlotte Tomley* Escherichia fergusonii: An emerging equine pathogen?

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Abstracts

TIME	SPEAKER & TOPIC
12.15pm	Andrew Waller *Antibody Titres Correlate with Protection Against Strangles*
12.30pm	Aurore Le Breton *Impact of In Utero Exposures on the Foal Faecal Metagenome: A Preliminary Investigation*
12.45pm	Sarah Ross *Antimicrobial susceptibility patterns of bacterial isolates from horses in Ireland, 2019-2024*
1pm	Lunch
2pm	Claudia Gilders *A multi-center study investigating treatment efficacy in equine glandular gastric disease*
2.10pm	Jennie Henderson representing Emma Golding *"I wouldn't be brave enough to just do nothing": Risk, responsibility and the realities of practice driving individual equine veterinarians' antimicrobial prescribing decisions*
2.20pm	Nicole Groyer *The major mineral and trace element concentration of grazed herbage on Irish Thoroughbred farms*
2.30pm	Sarah Ross *Investigation of antibody responses to parasites in racehorses in Ireland*

Key Speaker Profiles



Emma Adam

Emma grew up on a commercial thoroughbred breeding farm in Newmarket and started working for Sir Michael Stoute during Vet School, staying on after graduating as assistant for a few years. After that she joined an ambulatory practice near Newmarket before furthering her education with stints in Australia before heading to the US for more formal training.

In the US, where she now resides and works, she undertook an internship at Colorado State University, an internal medicine residency at Texas A&M, and a surgery residency at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center. Following more years in clinical practice including a year in France, she completed a PhD in musculoskeletal science at the University of Kentucky's Gluck Equine Research Center where she now works in a position that combines research with outreach. Her role forms the bridge between academic and clinical research engaging with local farms and veterinarians to help address issues affecting our industry.



David Freeman

David Freeman graduated from the Veterinary College of Ireland in 1972 and then worked in private practice for 10 months. He did an equine internship at New Bolton Center of the University of Pennsylvania from 1974 to 1975, followed by a residency in large animal surgery at New Bolton Center from 1975 to 1977. He was awarded a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1985. From 1981 to 1994, he was an equine surgeon at New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania. He became a board-certified surgeon in the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1989. He joined the faculty at the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1994 and became Head of Equine Medicine and Surgery in 1998.

In 2004, he joined the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, as Professor of Equine Surgery and Associate Chief of Staff, and subsequently as Service Chief in Large Animal Surgery. He was also interim Department Chair in Large Animal Clinical Sciences at the University of Florida from 2009 to 2012 and in 2021. David was recognized by the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil in 2011 for "outstanding contributions to the development of equine surgery worldwide." He received the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) Award for Career Achievement in 2022. He was the John Hickman Plenary Speaker at the British Equine Veterinary Association Congress in 2025. He is the Martha and Arthur Appleton Endowed Professor in Equine Studies, and Director of the Island Whirl Equine Colic Research Laboratory, University of Florida. David's main area of clinical interest is improving survival and reducing postoperative complications after gastrointestinal surgery in horses.

Key Speaker Profiles



Pete Ramzan

Pete graduated from the University of Sydney 1994. He subsequently worked in the cattle industry in the Kimberely region of Northern Australia before moving to the UK in 1996. He gained experience in large animal practice in the West Country before joining Rossdale and Partners in Newmarket in 1998. He became a partner in 2005 and a clinical director from 2021 to 2025.

Pete is a member of Rossdale's busy racing team and is involved in pre-purchase work (both private and at public action) within the UK and worldwide. He is Nominated vet for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Pete has a strong interest in advancing the science and practice of racehorse sports medicine and has lectured and published widely on a range of subjects, relation to this, including in 2014 The Racehorse: A Veterinary Manual -the first comprehensive textbook wholly dedicated to veterinary management of the racehorse. Pete is a previous recipient of BEVA's Richard Hartley Clinical Award and in 2018 was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) to Meritorious Contributions to Clinical Practice.



Giorgio Ricardi

Giorgio qualified from the University of Turin, Italy 1989. After a few externships, he did an Internship Equine Surgery in 1991-1992 at the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket, UK He then moved back to Italy where he was in private practice in 1993-2014; during this time, he developed his main areas of interest in lameness and surgery. During this time, he has been Contract Professor in Equine Surgery at University of Pisa – and Visiting Equine Surgeon at University of Milan. In 2014-2015 he moved to the United Arab Emirates where he was Senior Clinician at Wrsan Racing Stables, Abu Dhabi, attending flat and endurance racehorses. Since 2016 Giorgio is a senior lameness clinician and surgeon at Donnington Grove Equine Hospital, Newbury, UK. His main field of interest is orthopaedic disease in racing and sport horses, with special emphasis on scintigraphy and diagnostic ultrasonography. Giorgio is a Past President of SIVE (Italian Association of Equine Practitioners) and FEEVA (Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations). He currently sits in the BEVA council and WEVA board officers. He is an ISELP certified member since 2018.



Pat Sells

Pat qualified from Liverpool Vet School in 2007 with the Equine Clinical Prize. He spent 5 years at Rossdales in Newmarket, where he obtained his Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice and supported busy breeding operations such as Juddmonte Farms. Pat subsequently set up a stud and racing practice in New Zealand at Windsor Park Stud.

When Pat moved home to the UK in 2016 he set up a stud and racing practice based at Chasemore Farm, where he is now non-exec director. Having moved to the Newbury area in 2025 he is now co-director and co-founder at Arrowdown Equine Vets. Areas of clinical interest include podiatry, sales, reproduction & orthopedic development. Pat sits on two committees for the HBLB and is a keen owner breeder.

Exhibitors

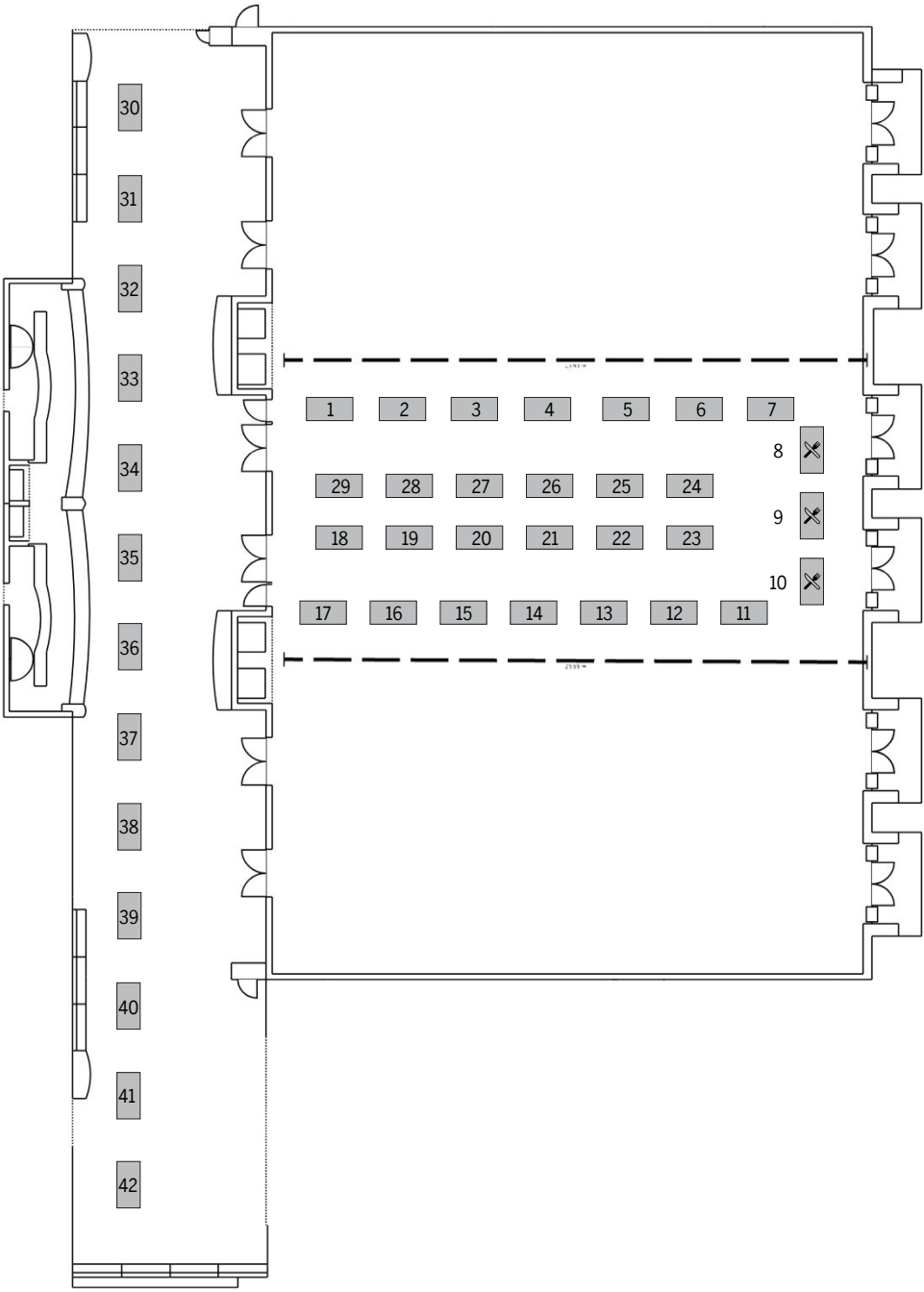
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- Direct Aid in Gaza
- Public Solidarity
- Campaigns & Advocacy
- Institutional Statements

The IEVA'26 Charity Raffle is equally in aid of IVBF (Irish Veterinary Benevolent Fund) and IVPFP (Irish Veterinary Professionals for Palestine), both of which are most worthy causes. This takes place on Friday night during the Gala Dinner.

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