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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

DEADLINE FOR  
SUBMISSION OF  
EXAMINATION  
QUESTIONS

1 APRIL 2008

INT. SYMPOSIUM ON  
LAMENESS IN  
RUMINANTS  
KUOPIO, FINLAND

9-13 JUNE 2008

WORLD BUJATRICS  
CONGRESS  
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

6 - 11 JULY 2008

INT. CONFERENCE ON  
MASTITIS CONTROL  
THE HAGUE,  
NETHERLANDS

30 SEPT – 2 OCT 2008

BCVA CONGRESS  
KILLARNEY IRELAND

13 - 15 NOVEMBER  
2008

ESDAR CONFERENCE  
UTRECHT, THE  
NETHERLANDS

20 - 23 NOVEMBER  
2008

## **ECBHM FORUM IS AVAILABLE**

One of David Barrett's last achievements as President was the establishment of the College Forum. We hope that as many residents and diplomates as possible make constructive use of the forum, as it has the potential to serve as a virtual learning environment for our residents and it will allow us to exchange ideas on bovine health management.

The forum has not yet been widely used but it is available and waiting for people to log on.

## **VACANT POSITIONS**

### **Residency Position:**

Applications are invited for a three-year ECBHM Residency position in dairy herd health at University College Dublin, Ireland. Clinical experience of at least two years in mainly bovine practice or an equivalent one to one-and-a-half years bovine internship is required. The successful candidate will join a team of specialists in bovine health management, epidemiology, reproduction, veterinary public health and nutrition, who are involved with teaching, research and the delivery of dairy herd health and fertility

The forum can be found at:  
<http://www.ecbhm.org/4um/index.php>

If individuals are having trouble using it please contact Mrs Heisler.

When creating your username, would you think of how you will be easily identified by the other users? The suggestion is, use your surname with your first name following it, if you like.

programmes.

For further details, please contact Professor Michael Doherty:  
[Michael.Doherty@ucd.ie](mailto:Michael.Doherty@ucd.ie)

### **Veterinarian Wanted:**

Position available for a veterinarian in a large animal practice in Co. Meath Ireland that is significantly expanding its involvement in the provision of dairy herd health and works closely with the UCD Herd Health Group. Contact: Mr. Frank O'Sullivan at:  
[mailto:pawsawhile@eircom.net](mailto:mailto:pawsawhile@eircom.net)

## **CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**

### **15<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Lameness in Ruminants**

To be held in Kuopio, Finland  
9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Conference Website:

<http://www.ruminantlameness.org>

### **International Conference on Mastitis Control: From Science to Practice**

To be held in The Hague, The Netherlands

30<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008

<http://mastitiscontrol2008.com>

### **British Cattle Veterinary Association Congress**

The dates for this year's congress are

13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> November and the venue is to be the INEC Killarney, Republic of Ireland. The registration brochure will be circulated in April.

<http://www.bcva.org.uk>

### **ESDAR Conference**

The next annual conference of ESDAR (European Society for Domestic Animal Reproduction), combined with a meeting of the European A.I.-vets, will take place in Utrecht, The Netherlands, from November 20<sup>th</sup> till November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008.

For details of the venue and scientific program: see [www.esdar.org](http://www.esdar.org)

Deadline for submission of abstracts: April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

As you are aware, we will be holding our first examination for Residents the week beginning September 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Munich. The Chairman of the Examination Committee, David Logue has asked all Diplomates to submit appropriate questions for the examination with a deadline of April 1st. We have not been overwhelmed but would like to sincerely thank those Diplomates who have provided questions and encourage as many of you as possible to send questions along with model answers, using the training brochure guidelines to: David Logue <mailto:d.logue@vet.gla.ac.uk>.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Milk Quality Paper

There is a recently published paper on the development of a bulk milk quality assurance programme for paratuberculosis in dairy herds. *Vet Res* (2008) 39:12

It may be of interest to members of the college, because paratuberculosis and its potential link with Crohn's disease are of concern to the European dairy industries and this programme aims to reduce the potential risks.

Even though the programme was developed specifically for the Dutch dairy population, its aim (to reduce M.a. paratuberculosis in milk delivered to the milk factories) is of global interest, and the concepts of this study equally apply to other European countries.

*Maarten Weber, Animal Health Service, Deventer, The Netherlands*

### Veterinary Folklore

that linguistic evidence and evidence gleaned from folklore (traditional beliefs regarding health and disease) can be used to shed light on the history of disease in cattle. Thus, from a veterinary perspective, it would appear that over 100 years ago in parts of Ireland, the ancient practice of transhumance, that involved moving cattle to upland or mountain grazing areas known as 'booleys' during the summer months to allow conservation of grass for winter feeding, was associated with maintaining a delicate equilibrium between phosphorus deficiency and cobalt deficiency in cattle. If there are any colleagues out there interested in this particular branch of ethnoveterinary medicine, please contact Michael Doherty at:

<mailto:Michael.Doherty@ucd.ie>

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## WORKSHOP FOR RESIDENTS

Most of the resident-training is conducted at accredited institutions in various European countries. However, not all areas of bovine health management in which residents should gain in-depth and detailed knowledge can be covered by the local training programmes. Therefore, the ECBHM is currently organising a five-day workshop for its residents to be held March 10-14, 2008 in Munich, Germany.

Topics to be covered in this workshop delivered by well known specialists in the respective fields of cattle medicine are:

- Nutrition of cattle
- Animal health economics and dairy farm economics
- Milking technology and its influence on udder health
- Cattle behaviour and cattle housing

Further topics to be covered will be good clinical practice, bluetongue vaccination

and registration of drugs at the European level.

The workshop will not only aid residents to prepare for the first certifying examination to be held in September 2008 it will also provide young veterinarians with the opportunity to meet fellow residents and colleagues in the field of bovine health management. Networking and the cooperation of clinicians and scientists are very important in successfully advancing the knowledge of a certain field of interest. The ECBHM therefore wishes to support collaborative activities of its residents – the future specialists in bovine health management.

This ECBHM workshop kindly acknowledges additional funding support from Bayer Ireland Ltd., Pfizer and Intervet.

*Nicole Gollnick, Clinic for Ruminants, Munich,*