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INT. SYMPOSIUM ON
LAMENESS IN
RUMINANTS
KUOPIO, FINLAND

9-13 JUNE 2008

WORLD BUIATRICS
CONGRESS
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

6 - 11 JULY 2008

BEEF CATTLE PRACTICE
MODULE 4
BRISTOL, UK

25 JULY 2008

INT. CONFERENCE ON
MASTITIS CONTROL
THE HAGUE,
NETHERLANDS

30 SEPT – 2 OCT 2008

2008 FRENCH
BUIATRICS ASSOCIATION
MEETING
PARIS, FRANCE
16 – 17 DEC 2008

BCVA CONGRESS
KILLARNEY IRELAND

13 - 15 NOVEMBER
2008

ESDAR CONFERENCE
UTRECHT, THE
NETHERLANDS

20 - 23 NOVEMBER
2008

REPORT FROM THE EBVS AGM

The College was represented at the EBVS AGM in Brussels in April by Prof. Michael Doherty and Dr. David Barrett. The meeting was a very positive one for the ECBHM, which received encouraging support from the EBVS President, Frank Gasthuys and other Colleges. Some key issues were resolved in our favour.

1. The EBVS have agreed that the ECBHM can establish a credentials mechanism to allow those who just failed the de facto process to sit our examination. The Credentials Committee will present agreed criteria at the Budapest AGM.

2. The requirement that other College specialists e.g. Nutrition, ECAR, etc. must be present in an institution requesting recognition as a residents training centre for ECBHM residents no longer applies. This change was the subject of a vote and is effective immediately. The ECBHM will continue to work constructively with other Colleges in residency training programmes.

3. The ECBHM has also been given the go ahead to implement our own re-accreditation system.

Michael Doherty

RECENT WORKSHOP FOR RESIDENTS

On the 10th of March the first workshop for ECBHM Residents commenced at the Clinic for Ruminants in Munich. The previous day, a large number of residents enjoyed a tour around the city of Munich. After a short introduction by Professor Klee more serious business started with Professor Coenen discussing nutrition. During the week, the range of other subjects presented included: disease economics, bluetongue, good clinical practice, milk technology, drug regulations, European drug registration and animal behaviour.

Theory was put into practice on a couple of farm visits; certainly a good way of keeping the group focused and awake. At night, when classes were finished, it was time to reflect, relax and meet the other residents. Bonding took place, during the dinner with dishes from all over Europe being prepared at the Clinic, and later in the city centre where most residents enjoyed tapas enlightened with a performance of some Spanish Tango. Overall it was a great week to upgrade my knowledge on bovine health management and to meet the other residents from other veterinary faculties in Europe.

The workshop received financial support

from the ECBHM, Pfizer, Intervet and Bayer Irl Ltd..

Lies Beekhuis, Resident at UCD Dublin



The group of residents who attended the workshop in Munich in March, with Prof. Michael Doherty and Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Klee (back row) and Dr. Marcel Drint (front row right).

THE COLLEGE'S FIRST EXAMINATIONS

A milestone in the development of the ECBHM will be reached on September 15th 2008 when four residents will sit the first of our college's examinations. The examinations will be held in the Clinic for Ruminants, Munich, Germany.

DID YOU KNOW?

HACCP on Dairy Farms

Wageningen Academic Publishers have recently published "Applying HACCP-based Quality Risk Management on dairy farms", edited by Jos Noordhuizen, Joao Cannas da Silva, Siert-Jan Boersema and Ana Vieira. The aim of the book is to give practical guidelines and examples for dairy farmers, cattle practitioners and extension people, who desire to jointly develop and implement a HACCP-based quality risk management programme.

First, the assessment of strong and weak points on a dairy farm are dealt with, which is useful for farm inspection and herd health programmes. Then, the 12-steps for developing a HACCP-based plan are followed through the various chapters. An example farm, FX, is introduced to show how the different elements may look in reality. At the end of the book characteristics of entrepreneur-like dairy farmers are given

and compared to strong and weak points of cattle practitioners. For information on purchasing this book refer to the Animal Sciences section of:

<http://www.wageningen.com>.

Production Diseases of the Transition Cow, Special issue of The Veterinary Journal

Significantly, the inaugural Special Issue of The Veterinary Journal concerns production diseases of cattle. Edited by Finbar Mulligan and Michael Doherty the issue is a compilation of peer-reviewed papers presented by leading international scientists at a 2-day Symposium, sponsored by Alltech, hosted by UCD, Ireland on Sept. 28-29th 2006. The issue draws together world authorities in the field of production diseases of the dairy cow and provides a topical, timely and authoritative expert review on management of the transition cow. The issue is available on-line at <http://www.sciencedirect.com>.

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

15th International Symposium on Lameness in Ruminants

To be held in Kuopio, Finland
9th – 13th June 2008

Conference Website:

<http://www.ruminantlameness.org>

World Buiatrics Congress

To be held in Budapest, Hungary.
6th – 11th July.

<http://www.xxvwbc2008.com>.

ECBHM AGM

To be held in association with the Hungarian Association for Buiatrics during the World Buiatrics Congress.
9th July.

Key Topics in Beef Cattle Practice, Module 4

Beef Finishing Systems: optimizing health, welfare and productivity.

Bristol, United Kingdom

25th July 2008

<http://www.expertvets.com>

International Conference on Mastitis Control: From Science to Practice

To be held in The Hague, The Netherlands

30th September – 2nd October 2008

<http://mastitiscontrol2008.com>

2008 French Buiatrics Association Meeting: Haematology and Blood Chemistry

To be held in Paris, France
16th – 17th December 2008

<http://www.buiatricsforum.com>

British Cattle Veterinary Association Congress

To be held in Killarney, Ireland
13th -15th November 2008

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

ESDAR Conference

(European Society for Domestic Animal Reproduction), combined with a meeting of the European A.I.-vets, will take place in Utrecht, The Netherlands, from 20th - 23rd November 2008.

<http://www.esdar.org>

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