



AVSPNI AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2016

14th - 16th October, Slieve Russell Hotel, County Cavan



Welcome to our annual conference!

Maybe I'm biased but I think this is shaping up to be one of the best AVSPNI conferences ever! I have to commend AVSPNI Council for helping to pull together such a strong programme of lectures which I am certain will appeal to a broad cross section of the practising profession. My only difficulty will be choosing which lecture stream to go to but comprehensive conference proceedings will ensure that all delegates have the opportunity to glean something from every lecture, even those that they can't attend.

As a GP, handling infrequent horse calls can be daunting so Phil and Andy's talks will help empower you to handle beast and owner more confidently. Cattle lectures by Mike, Peter, Martin and others plus Jason and Eileen's sheep topics will boost our food animal knowledge significantly. Liz is back by popular demand with an excellent programme of s/a lectures. The clinical CPD is the backbone of this event but how you manage your business is critical too. Employment and employee issues can be costly and disruptive to the practice team so we have engaged Louise Simpson to highlight many potential pitfalls. David McKeown's VDS role gives him special insight into areas of practice where extra care is needed and his talks are always very popular and highly enlightening.

As well as top-class CPD, this conference also enjoys a well-deserved reputation as a highly sociable family event. We are told that it is quite unlike any other vet conference . . . in a good way! The Slieve Russell Hotel provides us with a beautiful venue — I look forward to seeing you there.

Cahir King - AVSPNI President

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Our conference venue

The Slieve Russell Hotel in County Cavan provides luxury 4* hotel accommodation in a tranquil setting. Set in 300 acres, including 50 acres of lakes, the hotel includes a world class spa and wellness centre, a championship golf course, a flood lit driving range, a par 3 academy golf course, state of the art conferencing facilities, a superb leisure centre with a great range of indoor and outdoor activities including an adventure golf course.

Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, County Cavan

GPS Coordinates 54°05'48.50"N 7°33'25.19"W



Our conference speakers



Jason Barley

Jason qualified in 1985 and has worked in mixed Practice, at the RVC as a Research Fellow and the pharmaceutical industry before joining AFBI to work in diagnostic pathology. He is a past president of the Sheep Veterinary Society



Francis Lively

Francis is a Senior Scientific Officer within the Beef Research Unit of the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI), Hillsborough. He obtained his Ph.D. in Meat Science from Queen's in 2006 after completing a degree in Agriculture. His research since then has been focused on areas of beef production covering nutrition, breeding, health and welfare, evaluation of energy utilization efficiencies, production systems and meat quality.



Andy Crawford

Andy's varied career includes an equine internship, work in a race practice in South Africa, a 3 year residency in surgical training at the RVC and an RCVS Certificate in Equine Orthopaedic Surgery. He is a Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons & is a partner in the Arundel Equine Hospital.



Eileen McClosky

Eileen graduated from Queens with an Agriculture degree followed by an MSc in Ecological Management and Conservation Biology. Her PhD in Biological Sciences looked at grazing behaviour, diet and social interactions of traditional and non traditional sheep breeds on hill farms. Having worked as a livestock lecturer at SAC, she now works as sheep technologist with CAFRE.



Lindsey Drummond

Following time in practice and at AFBI, Lindsey worked as the temporary Programme Manager for Animal Health and Welfare Northern Ireland with responsibility for the BVD Eradication Programme. She has a long-held interest in production animal medicine and is a Cow Signals® Certified Master.



David McKeown

David is a Glasgow graduate who spent 24 years in a 6-vet mixed practice in North Antrim before becoming a VDS Board member. He has daily involvement in delivering the VDS advice service, and retains a particular interest in communication issues and graduate support.



Peter Edmondson

Peter is a dairy vet who runs Udderwise, a consultancy specialising in mastitis and milk quality offering practical solutions to farmers, vets and the dairy industry. He qualified from Dublin and spent 35 years in vet practice working in Ireland, the UK, Saudi Arabia.



Louise Simpson

Louise has more than 20 years of HR consultancy experience working at senior levels of businesses in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. This experience has proved invaluable when advising clients on ensuring legislative compliance and minimising the exposure to litigation whilst, crucially, understanding commercial realities.



Phil Ivens

A Cambridge graduate, Phil holds an RCVS Certificate in Equine Internal Medicine and a European Diploma in Equine Internal Medicine (DipECEIM) and is a European recognised specialist in Equine Internal Medicine. His particular interests are in equine infectious diseases, ophthalmology, gastroscopy and sarcoid removal.



Sam Strain

Sam is Chief Executive of Animal Health & Welfare Northern Ireland (AHWNI). He is also Programme Manager for John's Disease for AHWNI and acts as consultant to the Animal Health Ireland John's Control Programme. He has a PhD in veterinary immunology and is currently participating in a large multidisciplinary research consortium assessing novel John's Disease diagnostics, the economics of the disease, herd level risk factors and approaches to herdowner engagement in control programmes.



Martin Kavanagh

Martin is a qualified veterinarian, Cow Signals® trainer and dairy herd health consultant. He has worked internationally in a variety of ruminant production systems. Over the past 20 years he has worked in roles as a farmer, practising veterinarian, cattle nutritionist, in agri-business and skills training.



Mike Kerby

Mike qualified from Bristol and since graduating has worked exclusively in farm animal practice and dairy practice since 1989. He was awarded a Diploma in Bovine Reproduction from Liverpool in 1994 and his special areas of interest are all aspects of dairy herd health and production and especially bovine surgery.



Liz Welsh

Liz graduated from Glasgow in 1989. After a PhD in pharmacology and a year in small animal practice she moved to the University of Edinburgh where she completed a Senior Clinical Training Scholarship in small animal soft tissue surgery. Until 2007 she was a Senior Lecturer in soft tissue surgery at the Royal (Dick) Vet School. She now offers a soft tissue referral service at the new Vets Now Hospital in Glasgow.

Programme for the weekend

Key	
Bovine lectures	Equine lectures
Ovine lectures	Practice management lectures
Companion animal lectures	Cross-species lecture

Day	Time	Vet Lectures				Kids Programme	
		Golf — tees available from 1440. Must be pre-booked on your registration form. Rooms available for check-in from 1500 onwards				Why not arrive early and go for a swim?	
		DAERA TB training for Approved Veterinary Surgeons <i>Under the new contract, all vets involved in the TB testing programme must complete a half day DAERA training annually in order to retain their “Approved” status. This session is one of four available dates for this training, each delivering an identical programme. Any questions on this AVS training should be directed to TBCM@daera-ni.gov.uk</i>					
	1300	Registration					
	1330 -1450	The Contract; Supervision protocol; TB syringe care; Testing for TB.					
	1450 - 1510	Refreshments					
	1510 - 1700	The role of the local field DVO; TB epidemiology; Badgers; Biosecurity; Health and safety.					
	1700 - 1930	Free time/Family Time Older children can eat with parents at 8pm. Younger children can eat in Setanta restaurant from 6pm.					
	1930 – 2000	President’s Welcome, Drinks Reception & Official opening of Trade Exhibition					
	2000 - late	Dinner – Informal, buffet style <i>in Cranaghan 1</i>				Kids Film Club <i>in the Woodford Suite</i>	
	0700 – 1000	SATURDAY 15th October - Breakfast for hotel residents					
	0815	Registration Desk Open					
	Location	<i>Cranaghan 1 – L/A Refresher</i>	<i>Cavanagh Suite – S/A & Business</i>	<i>Pike Suite – Equine & L/A Improver</i>	<i>Claddagh Suite</i>	<i>Woodford Suite</i>	
	0915 – 1000	Eradicating BVD The PVP’s role in the NI BVD Eradication Programme “ <i>Lindsey Drummond</i>	Employment law Pitfalls in practice <i>Louise Simpson</i>	Using synchronisation & artificial insemination in the beef industry <i>Francis Lively</i>	Creche <i>For under 4s</i> <i>Age appropriate toys and activities provided</i>	Jumping Clay Workshop	
	1000 – 1045	Calf Nutrition How to work through options and arrive at nutrition advice for the farmer that improves the health outcome for sick calves , 0–12 weeks old. <i>Martin Kavanagh</i>		Standing surgery techniques Recent advances <i>Andy Crawford</i>			
	1045 – 1130	Coffee & scones in the Trade Exhibition					
	1130– 1215	Mastitis theory Everything you need to know about mastitis and how it is controlled including understanding the milking machine and how it affects mastitis <i>Peter Edmondson</i>	A surgical approach to the acute abdomen <i>Liz Welsh</i>	Employment Issues clinic 10 minute private appointments for employers to discuss HR and employment issues. Booking essential. <i>Louise Simpson</i>	Transition cow nutrition What do we measure in the dry/fresh cow to assess health problems and what do we measure nutritionally to put things right? Learn how to usefully contribute to the farmer’s decision making process in conjunction with his/her nutritionist. <i>Martin Kavanagh</i>	Creche <i>For under 4s</i>	Followed by Quiz, Bingo and Indoor games
	1215 – 1300						
	1300 – 1415	Lunch in the Conall Cearnach Restaurant for everyone except AVSPNI Members attending the Business Meeting Lunch in Cranaghan 1 with AVSPNI Business Meeting - for AVSPNI members only					
	1415 - 1500	Problems of the lamb before weaning <i>Jason Barley</i>	Haemoabdomen - the spleen and beyond <i>Liz Welsh</i>	Recurrent airway obstruction in horses An update on management <i>Phil Ivens</i>	Creche <i>For under 4s</i>	Outdoor Fun & Games Treasure hunt, bungee trampoline, races, tennis & more! <i>Weather permitting, 4 years and over. Meet in the Conference Suite foyer promptly at 2pm. Make sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.</i>	
	1500 - 1545	Selective dry cow therapy Teat seals, cluster flushing, PCR testing , vaccines etc. <i>Peter Edmondson</i>	Gastrointestinal tract surgery and septic peritonitis <i>Liz Welsh</i>	Appropriate and cost effective ewe diets Purchased feed is a significant part of a sheep farmer’s variable costs and a huge range of expensive supplements are available. Learn how you can provide independent advice on choice of appropriate feed for sheep <i>Eileen McClosky</i>			
	1545 - 1630	Coffee & cookies in the Trade Exhibition					
	1630 – 1715	Differential diagnosis of and surgical approach to the right-sided abdominal ping <i>Mike Kerby</i>	Managing pneumothorax <i>Liz Welsh</i>	Trace element deficiencies in sheep – their diagnosis and management <i>Jason Barley</i>			
	1715 - 1800	Cautionary tales for farm vets Common pitfalls best avoided <i>David McKeown</i>	Dog bite wounds <i>Liz Welsh</i>	Orthopaedic correction of fractures/locomotor conditions of cattle <i>Mike Kerby</i>			
	1800 - 1900	Free time				Kids Tea <i>in the Woodford Suite</i>	
	1900 - 1930					Free time	
	1930 – late	Drinks Reception followed by Gala Dinner and Dancing to the Bentley Boys <i>Dress Code: Gentlemen— Lounge Suits; Ladies — Cocktail</i>				Kids Disco and Film Club	
	0700 – 1000	SUNDAY 16th October - Breakfast for hotel residents					
	0845 - 0930	Veterinary Christian Fellowship— An opportunity for non-denominational reflection and prayer <i>in the Erne Suite</i>					
		<i>Cranaghan 1 - Equine & L/A Refresher</i>	<i>Cavanagh Suite – S/A & Business</i>	<i>Carrigan Suite – S/A & Business</i>	<i>Erne Suite - L/A Improver</i>		
	0930 - 1015	Equine lameness What to do when 'bute and box rest' doesn’t work? <i>Andy Crawford</i>	Suture Workshop – Group 1 Places limited. Registration essential <i>Liz Welsh</i>	Communication that works! Optimise the reach of smart marketing and maximise your impact on digital media. <i>Steve Pollard & Claire McNamee, Ulster University Business School</i>	Marketing your farm skills and services to generate work and revenue <i>Peter Edmondson</i>	Splash time <i>5 years and over</i> Note: No crèche on Sunday	
	1015 – 1100	How to control an equine respiratory infectious disease outbreak <i>Phil Ivens</i>	Suture Workshop – Group 2 Places limited. Registration essential <i>Liz Welsh</i>	Communication that works! Optimise the reach of smart marketing and maximise your impact on digital media. <i>Steve Pollard & Claire McNamee, Ulster University Business School</i>	Field post mortems <i>AFBI speaker to be confirmed</i>		
	1100 - 1130	Coffee & scones in the Trade Exhibition					
	1130 - 1215	Johne’s Disease - doing a herd investigation <i>Sam Strain</i>	Cautionary tales for small animal vets Common pitfalls from the VDS archive and how to avoid them. <i>David McKeown</i>	A surgical approach to correction of head tilt following Mycoplasma bovis infection <i>Mike Kerby</i>	Cookery Club <i>4 years and over</i> Adventure Golf <i>4 years and over</i>		
	1215 - 1300	What’s happening to the vet profession elsewhere in the world Focusing on dairy practice but looking at the implications for the profession overall <i>Peter Edmondson in Cranaghan 1</i>					
	1315 onwards	Sunday Lunch <i>in the Woodford Suite</i>					

Programme may be subject to minor change. Places for some lectures & activities on the Kids programme are limited—please book early!

Accommodation must be booked directly with the hotel. Contact +353 49 952 6444

De-luxe rooms including breakfast are held at a specially negotiated conference rate up until **September 16th**.

You must mention the vet conference to secure these rates.

Single - €109; Double - €158; Children 4 – 14 sharing parents room - €20 per child/night

Children staying in interconnecting room - €60 per child/night with a minimum charge of €120 per interconnecting room per night



For additional information about this event and other CPD in Northern Ireland, please see www.vetni.co.uk

N.I. veterinary job vacancies and information about local veterinary associations are also listed on this web-site