

# AVSPNI Spring Conference

## Talking Heads

25th & 26th May  
2018

A full programme of lectures on all aspects of the s/a head for vets

## Words of welcome from AVSPNI President Phil Walsh

We hope that the brochure speaks for itself and that the excellent programme of lectures delivered by experts in their field coupled with the convenience of the La Mon Hotel and Country Club will convince you to join us for a fantastic weekend. Saturday's vet lectures are divided into GP and Advanced streams so we are sure that, whatever your level of experience, there is something here to suit you. The nursing programme includes essential clinical lectures focussing on the nurses role in tackling dental, oral, maxillofacial and airway cases in both cats and dogs. We're not in favour of all work and no play so come along and let your hair down at our Wild West themed party night this year. We have a few surprises up our sleeve to ensure a great night is had by all!

We hope you can join us, book early for the best rates and I look forward to seeing you at the La Mon!



## Our Conference Venue

La Mon Hotel & Country Club is an outstanding family owned 4 Star Hotel. It is conveniently located 15 minutes from Belfast city centre, yet nestled away in the beautiful countryside and has undergone an extensive (and expensive!) refit recently ! It is the perfect venue for the AVSPNI Spring Conference, it offers one of the largest state of the art conferencing & events suites amongst hotels in Northern Ireland and with its manicured gardens and fantastic Country Club it is the perfect venue for the AVSPNI Spring Conference. Come along and see for yourself!



**Book rooms at the La Mon Hotel & Country Club by calling their reservation team Tel: +44 (0) 2890 448631 or email: [reservations@lamon.co.uk](mailto:reservations@lamon.co.uk)**

All rooms are held at a specially negotiated rate on the Friday night so you MUST tell the hotel you are attending the "Vet Conference" to secure a room. We expect all rooms to be filled quickly, particularly on Party Night (Friday) so book early to avoid disappointment. Rates are:

£89 Single

£109 Double/twin

**Rooms must be booked directly with the hotel before 13<sup>th</sup> April to receive the special conference rate.**

## Our conference speakers



### Norman Johnston

Norman Johnston is a graduate of the R (D) SVS, University of Edinburgh. He is the clinical director of DentalVets - a referral only dental and oral surgical practice near Edinburgh.

Before embarking on a specialist career, he spent 21 years in general practice in Edinburgh. His qualifications are unique in the world. He is a current diplomate of both the American and European Veterinary Dental Colleges, a fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry and has been a registered RCVS Specialist in Veterinary Dentistry since 2002.

He is a past president of both the European Veterinary Dental College, the British Veterinary Dental Association and a past board member of many veterinary dental organisations world-wide. He is also a past chairman and director of VET Trust, an educational veterinary charity based in Scotland.

In 1997 he received the Simon Award from the British Small Animal Veterinary Association for outstanding contributions in the field of veterinary surgery and was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2016 for meritorious contributions to clinical practice.



### Rita Gonçalves

Head of Service, Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Neurology, DVM Dip ECVN MVM FHEA MRCVS RCVS Specialist in Veterinary Neurology and EBVS®

Rita graduated from the University of Lisbon (Portugal) in 2003. After one year working as a small animal practitioner in South Yorkshire, Rita completed an internship at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket. She then moved to Scotland where she completed her residency in Neurology and Neurosurgery and also a Masters degree in Neurology at the University of Glasgow.

She was awarded the European Diploma in Veterinary Neurology in September 2008 and became an RCVS recognized specialist in this discipline in 2012. She has been at the University of Liverpool since 2009 and became a Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Neurology and Head of the Neurology and Neurosurgery Service in 2012.



### Lynne Kerrigan

Before joining the Myerscough teaching team fourteen years ago, Lynne spent the previous seventeen years working in various small and mixed animal practices as a head veterinary nurse and assessor.

Lynne is currently employed as the FE Assistant Head of School for Veterinary Nursing at the College. This role involves overseeing and co-ordinating the day-to-day running of the FE course provision combined with teaching across a range of courses from FE through to BSc (Hons) and Advanced Diploma level. Lynne completed her Certificate of Education in 2007, gained a Masters degree with Distinction in Education in 2011 and completed the ILM Leadership and Management Skills award in 2016.

Lynne is passionate about the veterinary nursing profession and her particular areas of interest include senior and palliative care/hospice nursing, bereavement care, nursing care of exotic species and wildlife and theatre practice/surgical nursing and she regularly contributes articles to veterinary nursing journals and delivers CPD courses on these topics.



### Terry Emmerson

After graduating from Cambridge University 1994, Terry completed an internship and a 3 year residency in Small Animal Surgery at the Royal Veterinary College. After leaving the Royal Veterinary College he co-founded North Downs Specialist Referrals in 1998, which is now a 23 specialist, multidiscipline referral centre where he is hospital director. Terry became a recognised European Specialist in Small Animal Surgery in 1999 and a recognised RCVS specialist in 2006. He has been examiner and chief examiner for the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Certificate in Small Animal Surgery and a member of the RCVS surgery board. He recently contributed to the BSAVA manual of Surgical Principles. He was awarded fellowship of the RCVS for meritorious contributions to clinical practice in 2016. Terry has wide experience of all aspects of surgery but has particular interest in oncological surgery.



### Claire Bloor

Claire qualified as a Registered Veterinary Nurse in 2003, with a First Class Honours Degree in Veterinary Nursing from Myerscough College and the University of Central Lancashire. She completed the BVNA VN Certificate in Dentistry in 2004 and gained her PGCE and QTLS teaching qualifications in 2007 and 2012, respectively. She

completed her Masters in Education in 2011 and enrolled on a Professional Doctorate in Education in 2012.

Claire has worked in a variety of mixed and small animal practices, part-time at an emergency practice for 17 years, and with a dental, oral and maxillofacial referral veterinary surgeon for around 16 years. Claire has taught a variety of different veterinary nursing subjects at Myerscough College since 2005 and is now HE Assistant Head of School for Veterinary Nursing and Farriery at University Centre Myerscough. Her key interests include anatomy and physiology, dental, oral and maxillofacial topics, surgical nursing, emergency and critical care nursing, anaesthesia, holistic nursing, pain management and imaging.



### Wendy Nevins

Wendy started as a trainee veterinary nurse at a small animal practice in Surrey in 1991 and on qualifying moved to Yorkshire; working in a large mixed practice. After progressing to head nurse she then left to have her first son and to re-locate to Germany.

Following a move to Devon she started work at a two branch, small animal practice as a veterinary nurse, VN assessor and then practice manager.

Moving to the North West in 2002, Wendy worked as a nurse in a small animal practice, before becoming the VNAC Co-ordinator at Myerscough College.

Wendy started working for Anthony Chadwick in 2007, initially as nurse manager, then as practice manager. During this time, The Webinar Vet was born. Once this became established, Anthony sold the practice and Wendy remained with him as operations manager.

In this role, Wendy organised CPD for vets, nurses and SQPs. She also dealt with dermatology referral clients and spent at least one day a month working in practice.



Programme for the weekend

FRIDAY				6.5 CVE Credits
Time	Vets Lectures		Nurse Lectures	Time
0845 onwards	DELEGATE REGISTRATION			0845 onwards
0930 - 1015	<b>How to do the neurological examination of the head with confidence</b> The essential starting point for all neurological dysfunction cases. <i>Rita Goncalves</i>		<b>Head and neck anatomy and physiology plus nursing care plans</b> The foundation for all other VN lectures - head & neck anatomy of the dog and cat. <i>Claire Bloor</i>	0930 - 1015
1015 - 1115	<b>Periodontology and homecare</b> Understand the basics of periodontal disease (including breed variation). Plan lifetime treatment for dogs and cats and be more proactive in offering treatment, reviews, monitoring and homecare. <i>Norman Johnston</i>		<b>BOAS a growing problem</b> A review of the causes and treatment options for BOAS <i>Terry Emmerson</i>	1015 - 1100
			<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>	1100 -1130
1115 - 1145	<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>		<b>Head Trauma/Emergencies – medical nursing management</b> The origins of head trauma and how this affects the brain. The optimal medical nursing management of such cases including a look at seizures. <i>Claire Bloor</i>	1130 - 1230
1145 - 1245	<b>Dental radiology - how and why</b> Dental radiology is a core skill and without it 70% of the tooth cannot be seen making diagnosis, prognosis and monitoring almost impossible. Case examples will illustrate the equipment needed to provide this service. <i>Norman Johnston</i>			
1245 - 1345	<b>LUNCH</b> in Trade Exhibition		<b>Veterinary Nurses - Shaping our future</b> <i>Wendy Nevins</i>	1230 - 1330
			<b>LUNCH</b> in Trade Exhibition	1330 - 1430
1345 - 1530	<b>BOAS and the airway investigation &amp; treatment</b> Current evaluation and treatment options for a growing Problem. <i>Terry Emmerson</i>		<b>Head Trauma/Emergencies – surgical nursing management</b> Jaw and hard palate fractures, tracheal collapse, laryngeal paralysis and BOAS – the VNs role during surgery. <i>Claire Bloor</i>	1430 - 1515
1530 - 1600	<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>		<b>Theatre Practice Considerations for Lower Airway/Thoracic Surgeries</b> The importance of adequate skin preparation, minimisation of hypothermia, prevention of gossypiboma and more . . . <i>Lynne Kerrigan</i>	1515 - 1600
1600 -1700	<b>Cranial nerve problems I should know about</b> The most recent knowledge on cranial nerve problems such as facial paralysis, vestibular disease and deafness. <i>Rita Goncalves</i>		<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>	1600 - 1630
			<b>Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome in Senior Patients - Part 1</b> With age, behaviour changes often indicate declining health. Lynne will cover the aetiology, symptoms & diagnosis of CDS. <i>Lynne Kerrigan</i>	1630 - 1715
1700 - 1800	<b>Extractions made easy</b> Solutions to the common pitfalls associated with poor surgical extraction technique and instrument selection – cats and dogs. <i>Norman Johnston</i>			<b>Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome in Senior Patients - Part 2</b> The implications of CDS for owners, treatment options and advice on the home care management of patients. <i>Lynne Kerrigan</i>
			<div><div><div>★ Prizes for best dressed</div><div>★ Drinks on arrival followed by nursing awards</div><div>★ 3 course dinner with wine then dance the night away to "The Gents" followed by DJ</div></div><div>Dust of the cowboy boots and come dressed for a <b>WILD WEST PARTY</b></div><div></div></div>	
1930 - late				
SATURDAY				4 CVE Credits
	Vets Lectures		Nurse Lectures	
	Stream A - GP	Stream B - Advanced		
0845 onwards				0845 onwards
0930 - 1030	<b>Head Trauma - the brain</b> Traumatic brain injury is associated with high mortality and costs; the key points in the management of these cases will be reviewed here. <i>Rita Goncalves</i>	<b>Oral cancer</b> Behaviour, staging and current treatment options <i>Terry Emmerson</i>	<b>Time to reset your dental compass?</b> A wide ranging introduction to “dental need” within the practice with an emphasis on the nurse’s role. <i>Norman Johnston</i>	0930 - 1015
			<b>Dentistry Part 1</b> How to perform a thorough conscious oral examination; common oral pathologies; oral assessment whilst a patient is under general anaesthetic and the case for oral x-rays. <i>Claire Bloor</i>	1015 - 1100
1030 - 1100	<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>			
1100 - 1200	<b>Trauma - the surgeon's view</b> Assessment and stabilisation of the multi trauma patient beyond the head <i>Terry Emmerson</i>	<b>Feline oral conditions</b> Diagnosis and management of hard-to-treat Feline Tooth Resorption Lesions (Feline TR) and Feline Chronic Gingivitis Stomatitis syndrome (FCGS) <i>Norman Johnston</i>	<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>	1100 - 1130
			<b>Dentistry Part 2</b> The vital role of the VN to both the patient and the vet before and during dental and oral/ maxillofacial procedures including environmental & equipment preparation <i>Claire Bloor</i>	1130 - 1215
1200 - 1300	<b>The eyes from a neurologist's perspective</b> Neurological problems affecting vision, pupil size and eye globe position can be missed or misinterpreted as a primary ocular problem; not after this lecture! <i>Rita Goncalves</i>		<b>Dentistry Part 3</b> Post-operative care requirements for dental/ oral/maxillofacial surgery patients. Care plans, optimal oral home care regimens and patient compliance post-procedure. <i>Claire Bloor</i>	1215 - 1330
1300 - 1400	<b>LUNCH</b> in Trade Exhibition		<b>LUNCH</b> in Trade Exhibition	1330 - 1415
1400 - 1500	<b>Facial reconstruction</b> Reconstruction of the facial skin, lip and cheek defects including a variety of flap techniques. <i>Terry Emmerson</i>	<b>Fits and Faints</b> Not everything is a seizure anymore! Several new syndromes have been identified over the last decade, generally treated in different ways and for which in some instances there are genetic tests available. <i>Rita Goncalves</i>	<b>Client support for patients undergoing maxillofacial oncological surgeries</b> Oral tumours frequently go unnoticed by the animal’s owner until the tumour reaches an advanced stage, resulting in feelings of blame. The VN has a vital role in providing support for the owner. <i>Lynne Kerrigan</i>	1415 - 1500
	<b>Lingually displaced canines in pups and adults</b> A new epidemic? Commonly seen from the first puppy exam, treatment is often needed for both the deciduous & permanent teeth. <i>Norman Johnston</i>		<b>Anaesthetic considerations for dental, oral, maxillofacial and airway surgeries</b> Anaesthetic requirements, alterations to drug protocols, intubation techniques, operative site access, airway management and the patient’s recovery from anaesthesia - the nurse’s role. <i>Claire Bloor</i>	1500 - 1600
1600 - 1630	<b>Afternoon reception with trade representatives, guests &amp; speakers</b>			1600 - 1630
1630 - 1730	<b>Treating Epilepsy</b> Management of epilepsy is frustrating for vets and owners. Rita will cover the approach to these cases plus appropriate medications. <i>Rita Goncalves</i>	<b>Oral cancer</b> Maxillectomy and mandiblectomy techniques <i>Terry Emmerson</i>	<b>Case discussion</b> A look at case studies from clinical practice covering the various scenarios/surgeries that have been discussed over the 2 days. An overview of the management of the cases from start to finish with time for Q&As. <i>Claire Bloor Lynne Kerrigan</i>	1630 - 1730
1730 onwards	<b>HOME!</b>			1730 onwards

Please note: This programme may be subject to alteration



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