

**AVSPNI**



# **CONFERENCE**

**Slieve Russell Hotel, Golf and County Club, County Cavan**

**27th—29th September 2019**



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## Words of welcome from AVSPNI President Paul Crawford

I am delighted to invite you to our Autumn Conference which will be held once again, in the Slieve Russell Hotel. This fantastic venue, with its golf and spa facilities, comfy rooms and fantastic food, has hosted great AVSPNI events in the past, and I am confident their team will deliver again.

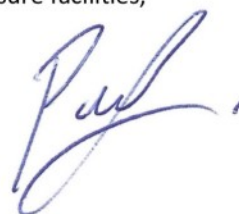
Themes introduced at previous conferences will be developed during this event – addressing not only our clinical learning, but also how we can take care of ourselves and the rest of our team. As veterinary professionals, we know that recognising the signs of ill-health is essential to addressing the problem - and the same goes for our own mental health and that of our colleagues. For this reason, we are delighted to announce that the charity Rural Support will be delivering their new 'Well Aware' programme at our conference. The initiative aims to raise awareness of, and boost, mental health and wellbeing, and you will be able to participate in this workshop on Friday afternoon. It is open to all practice team members, their families and members of the trade.

This year's clinical programme is packed with lectures from internationally renowned and local stars - meaning the biggest problem you will have is deciding which one to attend! The underlying thread will focus on disease prevention and how we can improve health through husbandry, environment and by eliminating chronic disease.

The Spring Conference saw colleagues from across the profession discuss recruitment and retention issues in small animal practice during a lively and engaging discussion forum. This time around, we hope to develop the debate even further by focusing on workforce issues in large animal practice, with John Fishwick leading the discussion on Saturday afternoon.

Our closing lecture on Sunday will be a thought-provoking look at euthanasia. Has this cherished right and responsibility of the veterinary profession, been relegated to the second division of treatments, or even seen as an admission of failure by a society driven by life extension over quality of life? Eddie Clutton, who has many years experience at the coalface of referral veterinary medicine, is ideally placed to make us all stop and think about this emotive topic.

As ever, our Autumn conference is an event for the whole family. From the hotel setting with its leisure facilities, golf course and walking routes, to the kids programme throughout the weekend, early dining options for young families and the provision of child care while the adults enjoy the two conference dinners and Saturday's dance, we have nearly everything needed for a fantastic weekend – so make it complete by joining us.



## 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



**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 1st**.

You must mention the vet conference to secure these rates.

Single - €115; Double - €170;

Children 4 – 14 sharing parents room - €20 per child/night

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



## Friday 27th September


Time	Vet Lectures		Time	Kids Programme
1430	<b>Golf</b> Enjoy a round on this PGA National Course, the only one in Ireland and one of only 8 in Europe.  Tee reserved for AVSPNI from 2.30. Prior booking via <a href="mailto:info@vetni.co.uk">info@vetni.co.uk</a> is essential	<b>Check in to your room from 3pm</b>		
1500 - 1730		<b>Well Aware</b> An interactive, educational workshop designed to support awareness of mental health and wellbeing. It is aimed at the farming community and those in allied industries within the wider rural community and aims to equip participants with essential knowledge and practical skills to help them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve general awareness of stress &amp; mental wellbeing and understanding of factors that influence this;</li> <li>• Learn how to recognise the signs in oneself or others who may be struggling with their mental wellbeing;</li> <li>• Develop the ability to listen and the confidence to engage supportively with someone experiencing difficulty;</li> <li>• Improve knowledge of sources of help available to the farming community and how to signpost people to these.</li> </ul> <i>J McCann</i>	1500 - 1730	<b>Pool time/play time with parents!</b>
1730 - 1930		<b>Free time to enjoy the beautiful Slieve Russell Resort</b> How about a walk, a pint, a swim or a visit the Spa?	1530 - 1930	<b>Kids' Tea</b> For little ones that can't wait until 8pm to dine with parents
1930 - 2000	<b>Presidents Welcome, Drinks Reception &amp; Formal Opening of Trade Exhibition</b> <i>in the Trade Exhibition – Cranaghan 2</i>			
2000 - late	<b>Dinner - Informal, buffet style, inclusive of wine and entertainment</b> <i>in the Erne Suite. Children welcome to dine with parents</i>		2000 - late	<b>Kids' Film Club</b> (supervised)

## Saturday 28th September



	<i>Cranaghan 1 L/A Stream 1</i>	<i>Erne Suite L/A Stream 2</i>	<i>Cuilcagh Suite S/A Lectures</i>		
0915 – 1015	<b>Challenges in treating infectious disease in the livestock sector</b> <i>John Fishwick</i>	<b>Water quality and access on dairy units</b> <i>Jamie Robertson</i>	<b>Maximising profits from existing clients</b> Add value for the client and revenue for the practice. <i>David Bradshaw</i>	0915 – 1015	<b>Cookery Club</b> supervised by the Slieve Russell Kids Club team <b>Creche</b> for under 4s (subject to demand)
1015 – 1100	<b>Coffee Break with mini pastries</b> <i>in the Trade Exhibition – Cranaghan 2</i>			1015 – 1100	<b>Break</b> with parents
1100 - 1200	<b>Robots</b> Love or loathe them, vets need to understand them. The key points pertaining to robotic milking systems. <i>Peter Edmondson</i>	<b>Developments in farm quality schemes for beef and lamb production</b> <i>Colin Smith</i>	<b>The orthopaedic exam</b> <i>Laura Cuddy</i>	1100 - 1200	<b>The Mad Professor</b> Crazy science experiments. Learn about air, sound, density and the amazing manufacture and release of gases (mostly pleasant!) Volcanoes, slime and explosions - what's not to love?!
1200– 1245	<b>Hygiene on young stock units</b> <i>Jamie Robertson</i>	<b>Reducing the use of antimicrobials in beef and lamb production</b> <i>Sam Strain</i>	<b>General fracture principles</b> <i>Laura Cuddy</i>	1200– 1245	
1245 - 1400	<b>Lunch</b> <i>in Conall Cearnach Restaurant</i>			1245 - 1400	<b>Lunch</b> with parents
1400 - 1445	<b>Mastitis</b> Top tips to help farmers really reduce environmental mastitis; some theory and plenty of practical examples. <i>Peter Edmondson</i>	<b>Veterinary workforce and education – where are we heading?</b> <i>John Fishwick</i>	<b>Internal fracture fixation</b> <i>Laura Cuddy</i>	- 1445	<b>Outdoor sports OR Pontoon jumping and sloppy slide fun</b> See overleaf for details



## Saturday 28th September (continued)

1445 - 1530	<b>AVSPNI Business meeting</b> in Cranaghan 1 Topical issues and business of the association – for members ONLY		<b>Rural Support – an overview</b> <i>Jude McCann</i>	1445 - 1530	<b>Outdoor sports and activities</b> Tennis, football, other outdoor sports, games, races and Adventure Golf (4+ years only) supervised by the Slieve Russell Kids Club team  <b>OR</b> <b>Pontoon jumping and slippy slide fun</b> at the Cavan Adventure centre (8 years +) <b>OR</b> <b>Creche</b> for under 4s (subject to demand)
1530 – 1615	<b>Coffee Break with ice cream</b> in the Trade Exhibition – Cranaghan 2			1530 – 1615	
1615 - 1700	<b>Update on the control of sheep scab in NI</b> A review of control options recommended by SCOPS. The diagnosis of sheep scab, effective control, what to do when faced with ML resistant sheep scab. <i>Jason Barley</i>	<b>Large animal anaesthesia &amp; analgesia - tips from the trenches</b> <i>Eddie Clutton</i>	<b>External fracture fixation</b> <i>Laura Cuddy</i>	1615 - 1700	
1700 - 1745	<b>Your last mistake is your best learning opportunity</b> <i>Maeve Moorcroft</i>	<b>Johne’s control requirements for assurance schemes</b> <i>Sam Strain</i>	<b>Fracture complications</b> <i>Laura Cuddy</i>	1700 - 1745	
1745 - 1930	<b>Free time</b>			1745 - 1930	
1930 – 2000	<b>Drinks Reception</b> in Cranaghan Suite Reception area and Cranaghan 2 followed by			1930 – 2000	<b>Kids’ Tea</b>
2000 - late	<b>Gala Dinner and dancing to Freefall</b> in Cranaghan 1 Dress code - Black tie			2000 - late	<b>Free time</b>
					<b>Kids’ Film Club</b> (supervised)

## Sunday 29th September

0845 - 0930	<b>Veterinary Christian Fellowship</b> A time of quiet reflection and prayer for all				0845 - 0930	
	<i>Room 1 – Cranaghan 1 L/A Stream 1</i>	<i>Room 2 – L/A Stream 2</i>	<i>Room 3 – S/A Lectures</i>			
0930 - 1030	<b>Top tips for top vets</b> What I wish I had known before starting out in farm practice. <i>Peter Edmondson</i>	<b>What's this?</b> A whistle stop tour through the gross pathology of common and less common sheep diseases, illustrated by noteworthy cases and including best post PM practice & sample submission. <i>Jason Barley</i>	<b>Introduction to the ex fix components workshop</b> <i>Laura Cuddy supported by Duggan Veterinary Supplies</i>	0930 - 1030	<b>Supervised Splash time</b> Parents - a great chance to get your room ready for checkout whilst the kids are having fun in the pool, supervised by the Slieve Russell Kids Club team! 	
1030 – 1115	<b>Future and present challenges facing the large animal vet</b> <i>John Fishwick</i>	<b>Fresh air – Why? How?</b> Let's talk cost benefits <i>Jamie Robertson</i>	<b>A simple fracture repair using ex fix workshop</b> <i>Laura Cuddy supported by Duggan Veterinary Supplies</i>	1030 – 1115		
1115 - 1200	<b>Coffee &amp; scones</b> in the Trade Exhibition – Cranaghan 2				1115 - 1200	
1200 - 1300	<b>Euthanasia in Modern Veterinary Practice</b> For a number of reasons euthanasia appears to be an increasingly unattractive means of solving problems in veterinary practice which is odd given the number of humans choosing a final holiday in some European states. The role of pet insurance, television, veterinary education and urbanization in the demise of this previously popular "therapy" will be discussed. <i>Eddie Clutton</i>				1200 - 1300	<b>Face painting</b> Parental supervision required 
1300	<b>Sunday Lunch</b>				1300	<b>Lunch with parents</b>



# Speakers

## Jason Barley



Jason qualified as a vet in 1985 and after working in mixed practice became a Research Fellow of the Royal Veterinary College working in the Department of Diagnostic Pathology. Following completion of his PhD he joined the veterinary pharmaceutical industry for 15 years before returning to his roots as a veterinary pathologist at SAC. He is currently a Veterinary Research Officer at AFBI VSD Belfast. He is a past president of the Sheep Veterinary Society and has received awards for services to the UK sheep industry and to sheep health & welfare.

## David Bradshaw



David graduated in Business and Finance and started his career in DuPont UK. He moved to economic development in 1993 and has over 25 years' experience in business start-ups in a variety of sectors. David's primary areas of expertise are business planning and finance. He is currently employed by Invest NI where his role primarily involves development of Northern Ireland's entrepreneurship strategy and supporting SMEs financial planning and profitable growth.

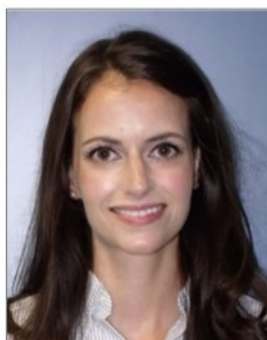
## Eddie Clutton



Eddie graduated (BVSC [hons]) from the University of Liverpool 1981. He worked for three years in the Department of Anaesthesia, The Royal Liverpool Hospital before undertaking Did various locums in mixed practice in Cheshire and South Wales. He was awarded Cert VA (RCVS) in 1983 and the DVA in 1988. Eddie then worked in the University of Virginia – Maryland, USA for 5 years as assistant professor in Veterinary Anesthesiology. He has been Head of anaesthesia in R(D)SVS (Edinburgh) since

1990 and became Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Anaesthesia in 1996. He is a Member of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, the European Society of Anaesthesiology, the Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law Veterinary Association, LAVA, LASA, and the Veterinary History Society. Eddie was Editor-in-chief of Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia (2000 – 2005) and is a past President of the Association of Veterinary Anaesthetists. His research interests include mini pig welfare, muscle relaxants in pigs and sheep, pain in pigs and sheep; depth of anaesthesia monitoring. Eddie Anaesthetized world's first mammalian clone (twice). He was awarded Chair of Veterinary Anaesthesiology August 2007 and the Morpheus Award 2019 (ECVAA). Currently, Eddie is Clinical Director of the Wellcome Trust Critical Care Laboratory for Large Animals and Academic Head, Veterinary Anaesthesia (R[D]SVS). He was approved FRCVS June 2019.

## Laura Cuddy



Laura graduated from University College Dublin (UCD) in 2008 with a first class honours degree in Veterinary Medicine. She completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery, followed by a Masters of Science and residency in small animal surgery at the University of Florida (UF). In 2013, Laura joined UCD as Assistant Professor in Small Animal Surgery. She was welcomed as a Diplomate of the

American and European Colleges of Veterinary Surgeons in 2014, and as a Diplomate of the American and European Colleges of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation in 2015 and 2018, respectively. She is actively involved in teaching and regularly delivers lectures and practical workshops nationally and internationally. Her research interests include orthopaedic biomechanics, especially medial coronoid disease in dogs, as well as teaching and proficiency assessment in minimally-invasive procedures. Laura maintains a strong interest in all aspects of orthopaedic, soft tissue, neurologic and oncologic surgery, however, her main clinical interests reflect her advanced training at UF in minimally-invasive techniques, traumatology and rehabilitation of the postoperative patient. She currently delivers her clinical services in all aspects of s/a surgery, sports medicine and rehabilitation from her newly opened referral hospital in Summerhill, Co Meath.

## Peter Edmondson



Peter is a vet who spent 35 years in dairy practice before forming UdderWise, a veterinary consultancy. He works with farmers, vets, pharmaceutical and dairy processing businesses around the world. He qualified from Trinity College Dublin in 1980. After five years in vet practice in Ireland he joined Almarai working with large dairy herds in Saudi Arabia and China. He then moved to a specialist dairy practice in the south-west of England. Peter's postgraduate qualifications include FRCVS; RCVS Registered Specialist in Cattle Health

and Production; Diplomat of the European College of Bovine Health Management (DipECBHM) and RCVS Certificate in Cattle Health and Production (CertCHP) however he is adamant that he is not an academic or a researcher. He is a trainer who has lectured across the globe and is known for his practical approaches to problem solving. He has written three books; 'How to Control Somatic Cell Counts', 'How to Control Clinical Mastitis' and 'Mastitis Control in Dairy Herds'. Peter is passionate about transferring skills to small scale dairy farmers in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe and visits Africa two or three times each year to carry out voluntary work. Peter can be contacted at [peter@udderwise.co.uk](mailto:peter@udderwise.co.uk)



## Speakers continued

### John Fishwick



Senior Lecturer, Royal Veterinary College and past President of BVA, John graduated as a vet from Cambridge in 1985 having gained an intercalated degree in Pharmacology. He worked for 5 years in mixed practice in Cheshire and Essex, gaining the RCVS Certificate in Cattle Health & Production in 1988

before moving to the RVC in 1990 where he ran the RVC's farm animal practice. In 1997 he moved to Saudi Arabia where he worked as Head Vet to the world's largest fully integrated dairy company, farming over 25,000 high producing dairy cows in a desert environment. He returned to the RVC in 2003 as Senior Lecturer in Dairy Herd Medicine and was head of the newly formed Department of Production & Population Health from 2012 to 2017. He is an RCVS and European College Specialist. He was president of the BVA 2017-18.

### Jude McCann



Jude joined Rural Support in 2012 as the Chief Executive. He grew up on a farm in Mid-Ulster and lived in New Zealand for 7 years. He graduated from Queen's University in 2007 after completing a PhD examining Rural Restructuring and Information Systems in New Zealand and Northern Ireland. He also recently

### Jude McCann cont.

completed a Nuffield Scholarship where he embarked on a journey to thirteen different countries including Switzerland, New Zealand, Norway & America, and conducted over 80 face to face interviews so that he could gain a global perspective on current and emerging issues and challenges facing farmers and farm families. Jude was committed to gaining more knowledge and a better understanding of resilience among farmers and how it effects their overall mental wellbeing. His Nuffield report is entitled 'Securing Farmers' Resilience in a changing world!'

### Maeve Moorcroft



Born in Dublin, after qualifying as a vet from UCD, Maeve went to work in mixed practice in the Peak District in England. Having married a Derbyshire sheep farmer, she never made it back to practice in Ireland as planned. After years as a veterinary advisor in the pet industry and then Head of Pets for the retail chain, Pets at Home, she is now the Membership Liaison Manager for the VDS. Helping vets to understand why mistakes happen in practice and how to

put systems in place to try to avoid a repeat of them, is now part of her work with the VDS.

### Jamie Robertson



Jamie has a degree in Agricultural Science and an MSc in Animal Production, and has worked at the SAC and the University of Aberdeen on R&D projects examining the link between environment and animal health, particularly respiratory health. He was also the UK representative on the International Commission for Agricultural Engineering working group on animal house environments. Jamie is

a Research Partner with AFBI on the Optihouse Project where the aim is innovative calf housing and environment management to promote calf health and performance.

### Colin Smith



Colin has been Industry Development Manager with the Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland (LMC) since 2012. He has overall budget responsibility for a wide range of business activities from the Northern Ireland Beef and Lamb Farm Quality Assurance Scheme to LMC's Education Services and Consumer Promotion activity. In 2018 Colin joined the Board of Animal Health and Welfare Northern Ireland. He is a graduate of

### Colin Smith cont.

the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne and on returning to Northern Ireland worked as a Policy Officer and Senior Policy Officer with the Ulster Farmers Union for five years covering the Animal Health, Pigs, Poultry, Rural Enterprise and Rural Development portfolios. Colin has also completed an Advanced Diploma in Management Practice from the University of Ulster and is a former Vice President of the Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster.

### Sam Strain



Sam Strain is Chief Executive of Animal Health and Welfare Northern Ireland (AHWNI). AHWNI is the delivery organisation for the NI BVD Eradication Programme. He has worked in mixed general practice and undertaken research into mycobacterial infections including the early pathogenesis of TB and Johne's Disease, the evaluation of novel vaccine and diagnostic targets for bovine mycobacterial diseases and the effect of parasite co-infection on

mycobacterial immune responses and disease outcomes. He is currently a member of the Animal Health Ireland (AHI) Technical Working Group providing technical input into the AHI Johne's Control Programme and the scientific member of the TB Eradication Partnership group tasked with overseeing the Northern Ireland bovine TB eradication programme.