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“Motivations and Motivators”

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VPHA & AGV Autumn Hybrid Virtual/In-Person Conference

Eastwood Hall, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3SS

27th-28th September 2024



Please join us as we explore your and our motivations and motivators and share our experiences of motivating others. Our conference will be led by our VPHA Student ambassadors from veterinary schools across the UK.

Friday 27 September:

- Round-table themed discussions led by students (from 4pm)
- Conference dinner (evening)
- Hotel accommodation available

Saturday 28 September: Confirmed speakers (more to be announced)



Andrew Storrar Memorial Lecture ‘Motivators to improve welfare around slaughter?’ Collin Willson B.Vet.Med., M.R.C.V.S., O.B.E.

Collin qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in 1973 and joined a rural mixed practice in Abergavenny S. Wales. He left the partnership and Practice in 2003. In 2005 he joined the FSA (MHS). In 2019 he chaired, on behalf of the British Veterinary Association, an Animal Welfare at Slaughter Working Group. With BVA and AHDB he has worked with Halal bodies to improve the understanding of stunning requirements for Halal slaughter. In 2022 Collin was FSA Vet of the year, in 2023 he received an RCVS Impact award and in 2024 in the NYH he was awarded an OBE. In his talk Collin will discuss welfare around slaughter - current status, areas for concern and possible solutions.



‘Motivations and motivators to use bacteriophages in combating antibacterial resistance through the food & feed!’

Dr Sudhakar Bhandare, Clinical Assistant Professor in Veterinary Public Health, School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, University of Nottingham, UK

Sudhakar has a longstanding track record of excellence in food safety research and Veterinary Public Health (VPH) teaching. around the globe. He is an internationally recognised expert in VPH area for the last 20 years since he started his career as an army Vet in India. He is qualified as a Veterinarian with food microbiology background with a PhD and Post Doc experience in phage research in tackling foodborne pathogens. He is currently leading two research projects as Principal Investigator (PI) funded by the UK Food Standards Agency and Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC). He extensively collaborates worldwide.

Antibacterial resistance is an escalating global crisis that threatens the efficacy of human as well as Veterinary healthcare systems. By 2050, as many as 10 million people could die annually as a result of overall antimicrobial resistance. In the quest for innovative solutions, one avenue that has gained considerable attention is the application of bacteriophages – viruses that specifically target and infect bacteria. This talk explores the ‘Motivations and motivators to use bacteriophages in combating anti-

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bacterial resistance through the food & feed' from a Veterinarian's perspective. Various applications of phages such as phage therapy, phage biocontrol, phage biosanitation etc will be discussed.



'Motives to advance cultured meat'

Clarisse Beurrier & Co-founder, Cellcraft Ltd <https://www.cellcraft.com> Cambridge

Clarisse is the co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Cellcraft, a B2B cultured meat start-up based in Cambridge. She holds a master's in Chemical engineering and Biotechnology and is one of the lead authors of the world's first textbook on cultivated meat. She is a Joint Honours Graduate in Management and Biological Sciences from Imperial College London and has led the charge towards a sustainable future in finance, charitable, and engineering organisations. In her talk, Clarisse will discuss: Discovering the future of animal protein: cultured meat's revolutionary potential • Environmental and animal welfare benefits • Public health advantages and economic opportunities • Veterinarians' role in advancing this innovative field. Join us to explore how cultured meat could transform our food system and create new possibilities for sustainable, ethical protein production.



'Working in and for the Government Veterinary Services'

Dr Sheila Voas, BVM&S, ARAgS, Hon DVM&S, FRCVS Chief Veterinary Officer Scotland

Sheila qualified from the Dick Vet (Edinburgh University) in 1988, and loved working in mixed first opinion practice in Yorkshire and southern Scotland for over 15 years, until taking up a post in government, initially in the field service, and later in policy development. She has been CVO since 2012, and has dealt with outbreaks of Avian Flu, Bluetongue and cases of BSE. Sheila led Scotland's application for Officially TB free status and BSE Negligible risk status and an ongoing BVD eradication programme. Her interests include public health, especially the relationship between animal health and welfare and human health and wellbeing, and she is a proud advocate for the veterinary profession in all its guises. In her talk Sheila will give an overview of her career, especially since she started doing government work, and the variety of work involved and the opportunities and challenges faced.



'What motivates medics to work with vets on One Health?' Including a brief refresher on CPR and use of defibrillators. Might need to apply one day! One never knows!

Dr Ann Sturdy, Specialty Registrar in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, London

Ann is a specialty registrar in infectious diseases and microbiology based in London, and has recently completed her MD(Res) at Imperial College London in tuberculosis. She has a particular interest in One Health and is looking forward to some interesting cross-disciplinary discussions! This talk will be a broad overview of different topics/case studies with a One Health flavour to generate discussion, probably with a bit about TB from a human perspective as that is her particular area of interest. Ann will give an overview of basic life support using Resus Council resources.



'Update on GB Import Control Policy' Defra speaker

Scott Reaney, Head of Defra Imports team – Technical policy

Scott is the head of a veterinary and technical policy team responsible for the development and implementation of trade policy. The team deals with imports for SPS animal and animal products into GB from both EU and non-EU trading partners. This is a complex and diverse role covering all aspects of trade including impact of notifiable disease, risk mitigation, trade related official controls, issue resolution and trade negotiations. A significant part of the role over recent years has been to design and develop our future border regime.

Please also join us for

Student poster presentations

Student roundtable feedback