



Innovative symposia for this year's congress!

We are now only two months away from the congress. Here is a foretaste of the content of the different symposia which will be taking place. Paris looks forward to seeing you again - go ahead and register now!

Animal Protection Symposium

Coordinator:
Janine Guaguère

The animal protection symposium is a regular fixture at our annual congress. It deals with the veterinary practitioner's increasing role in this field.



■ Veterinary practitioners are obliged to master all aspects in this sphere and to interact with local authorities and the various animal protection associations.

This year, the symposium will be looking at the veterinary practitioner's attitude towards stray animals, the traceability of carnivores and other aspects of new legislation. There will be veterinary speakers from a governmental body dealing in animal foodstuffs.

There is no doubt that this symposium will bring together many vets who are interested in these frequently encountered questions.

- Friday 10 December from 11.30 to 13.00 in Darwin 6.
- Saturday 11 December from 11.30 to 13.00 in Dickens 1 & 2.

Pharmacy symposium : Antibiotic therapy

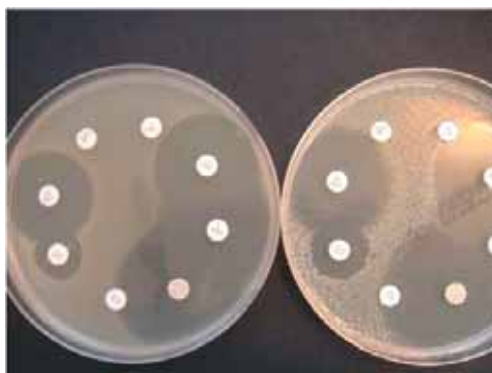
Coordinator: Jean-François Rousselot

By choosing to deal with topical veterinary issues, the pharmacy symposium has become a rendez-vous not to be missed at the annual congress.

■ Lille 2009: the latest measures concerning cancer drugs were announced. Paris 2010: antibiotic therapy is in the hot seat.

The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture have joined forces to create a national coordination committee for the reasoned use of antibiotics for animals, along the lines of the campaign advocating less automatic recourse to antibiotics for humans. The rest of Europe is also concerned by this question and is watching us.

It is important to demonstrate our knowledge, our professionalism and our ability to understand antibiotic therapy. The speakers at the symposium, whose competence in this field is



recognised, will help us to do this by showing how to take samples, isolate bacteria, interpret the results of the pattern of sensitivity to antibiotics and give the appropriate prescription.

In short, how to avoid failure, relapse and resistance.

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Symposium : lend an ear !

■ Otitis accounts for 20% of patients who consult for canine skin disorders. But the diagnosis is much more frequent as it is often associated with other skin diseases.

The treatment for otitis can, in some cases, be complex and always calls for a rigorous diagnosis.

After making an original comparison between human and animal medicine, five themes will be approached using clinical cases presented by experts in this field. The aim is to provide veterinary practitioners with the tools to deal with this serious and painful condition in animals.

- Saturday 11 December from 09.00 to 13.00 in Darwin 3.



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Symposium on networks, care chains and specialists, the future of the veterinary profession

Coordinator:
Emmanuel Bensignor

Changes in our profession make it important to understand the care chain from a medical and ethical viewpoint.

■ In a rapidly changing world, at a time when owners are becoming, rightly or wrongly, increasingly demanding, and due to the growing number of laws governing the society we live in, it is likely that some big changes will take place in the near future in medicine for domestic carnivores, such as contracts relating to care and services, group practices, specialist advice, etc.

Some of these developments are already a reality and it seems important that the profession makes the most of these advances, which some may see as a risk or a constraint but which can also be considered positively.

Obviously the generalist is at the heart of the system and it is only by improving the "win/win" relationship between enlightened veterinary generalists and specialists in adapted networks that this evolution can take place in the best possible conditions, beneficial for patients, owners and veterinary medicine.

This symposium aims to be dynamic and interactive to discuss existing models in other countries, the place of the generalist (the essential link in the care chain!), the specialist, hospital centres or specialised centres, or the other evolutions likely to take place in years to come.

If the future of our profession interests you, this symposium is made for you.

• Saturday 11 December from 14.30 to 16.00 in Darwin 6.

Investing in digital radiology in 2010" symposium

Coordinator: Didier Fontaine

■ A certain number of veterinary practices and clinics have already taken the step and are very satisfied. But there can be disappointments, too.

"The material is expensive. I don't feel that the number of X-rays performed each week justifies the investment. What material is best adapted to my needs amongst the vast choice on offer?"

This symposium aims to answer all your queries, to give you the knowledge essential to make the right choice, to explain that working with digital radiology is unlike working with previous methods of radiology.



Digital radiology work station.

All aspects of the problem will be looked at by specialists in the matter. The financial question will be directly and clearly debated.

By the end of this symposium you should have no more doubts. You too will be convinced to take the step.

• Saturday 11 December from 09.00 to 10.30 in Darwin 6.

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