

EBVM 2014

1st International Evidence-Based
Veterinary Medicine Network Conference

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Preliminary programme

Thursday 23 October 2014

09:30 - 10:15 **Registration** Beaumont Lobby

10:15 - 10:25 **Welcome to EBVM 2014** - Nick Royle (RCVS Knowledge), UK Hanover Room

10:25 - 11:15 **Present and future of EBVM** Hanover Room

How do we move forward, not as evangelical preachers or high-minded academics, but as colleagues and mentors working to improve the use of all available data? Steve Budsberg (University of Georgia), USA

11:15 - 11:45 **Coffee break and poster session** Beaumont Lounge

11:45 - 13:00 **EBVM in the trenches** Hanover Room

How can veterinary healthcare professionals implement EBVM in their day-to-day activities? Two general practitioners - one veterinarian and one medic - will describe a "day in the life" of an evidence-based practitioner, with its challenges and its small (and big) victories.


Brennen McKenzie (Adobe Animal Hospital), USA and Martin Brunet (Binscombe Practice), UK

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch** Beaumont Restaurant

14:00 - 15:00 **Parallel Sessions** The Buckingham & Windsor Suites

How to teach EBVM: Aimed at those who teach in practice and academia, we'll take a look at engaging teaching scenarios and support tools which have been established in veterinary schools around the world. Led by Sebastian Arlt (Free University of Berlin), Germany

Clinical records: This session will look at how apps, practice management systems and clinical records can be harnessed to help veterinary professionals make evidence-based decisions at the point of care. Led by Stuart Turner (Leafpath Informatics), USA

 **Systematic reviews and meta-analyses: resources and examples:** Systematic reviews are often said to be the "gold-standard" when looking for the best evidence. A selection of the most interesting recent systematic reviews will be showcased. Led by Annette O'Connor (Iowa State University), USA

Clinical research: The evidence base in veterinary medicine requires high quality clinical research. In this session, we will disseminate results of research which has been done in a clinical setting.

Led by Mark Holmes (University of Cambridge), UK

15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee break and poster session** Beaumont Lounge

15:30 - 17:00 **What's happening already? EBVM efforts across the world** Hanover Room

It is said that there is a lack of veterinary evidence and resources to support current treatment. Sandi Lefebvre will challenge the status quo and argue that the evidence does exist – it just hasn't been recognised.

Sandi Lefebvre (Banfield Pet Hospital), USA

Guidelines have been created for canine atopic dermatitis (AD). Douglas DeBoer will explain the process that ICADA went through to produce these and use it as a case study to show how practical clinical guidelines can be created using an evidence-based approach. Douglas DeBoer (University of Wisconsin), USA

17:00 **Time for meetings** Lancaster Rooms

19:00 - 21:00 **Party and awards ceremony** The Chapel

Taking place in the very striking setting of Beaumont House's Chapel, food and drinks will be served alongside a 6-piece band which has performed with artists such as Jamiroquai and Tom Jones. Seduce Bands


Friday 24 October 2014

07:00 - 9:00 **Breakfast** Beaumont Restaurant

9:30 - 10:30 **Evidence-based clinical guidelines - international efforts** Hanover Room

Focussing on clinical guidelines, Daniel Fletcher, veterinary emergency and critical care specialist, and Douglas DeBoer, Professor of Dermatology, will present the origin and outcomes of the two international taskforces, RECOVER and ICADA. Mirjam Nielen, specialist in epidemiology, will present AGREE II, an evaluation tool for veterinary clinical guidelines. Daniel Fletcher (Cornell University), USA; Douglas DeBoer (University of Wisconsin), USA; Mirjam Nielen (Utrecht University), The Netherlands

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee break and poster session** Beaumont Lounge


11:00 - 12:00  **Don't trust everything that you read: bias in the literature** Hanover Room

Who is the research funded by? What are the authors' affiliations? What was the sample size? Brennen McKenzie and Sebastian Arlt will unveil how to spot the weaknesses in the literature and what can be done to make the evidence base stronger.

Brennen McKenzie (Adobe Animal Hospital), USA; Sebastian Arlt (Free University Berlin), Germany

12:00 - 13:00 **Parallel Sessions** The Buckingham & Windsor Suites


Practice data: building the evidence base: Six different presenters provide a fascinating insight into the strengths and limitations of data from practice. Led by David Brodbelt (Royal Veterinary College), UK

 **Answering clinical questions through critical appraisal:** From those who are new to critical appraisal to those who have pioneered and developed them. Expect to find out about processes and options available for those who are time and resource poor. Led by Sandi Lefebvre (Banfield Pet Hospital) USA

Can "alternative" medicine be evidence-based? Is there a contradiction in the terms between "alternative" medicine and evidence-based medicine? This session will offer guidance on an evidence-based approach to unconventional veterinary practices. Led by Brennen McKenzie (Adobe Animal Hospital), USA

Better practice using common sense and common resources: Focussing on quality improvement within a veterinary practice team, this session will consider affordable solutions for evidence-based practice and 'Significant Event Audit' in practice. Led by Mirjam Nielen (Utrecht University), The Netherlands

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch** Beaumont Restaurant

14:00 - 15:15  **What's all the fuss about systematic reviews?** Hanover Room

Systematic reviews are analyses of high-quality evidence for particular research questions. But are they just an academic effort, or are they relevant and practical for veterinary professionals to use at the point of care? Annette O'Connor (Iowa State University), USA

15:15 - 15:45 **Coffee break and poster session** Beaumont Lounge

15:45 - 16:40 **EBVM: What now?** Hanover Room

A panel composed of 4 speakers will make 5 minute presentations followed by a Q+A session. Delegates are invited to have their say on key decisions for the future of EBVM.

Chaired by Mark Holmes (University of Cambridge), UK

16:40 - 17:00 **Closing Session** Hanover Room

Announcement of EBVM 2015 and 2016, Best Poster and Best Early Researcher Awards.

 Information Specialist sessions

EBVM 2014 is a CPD conference in an EBVM context. It is organised by RCVS Knowledge, the not-for-profit partner of the UK's Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. The conference is led by the international EBVM Network, a global community of professionals interested in advancing evidence-based medicine in veterinary practice.

Set on 40 acres of parkland, 3 miles from the historic town of Windsor, Beaumont Estate is a majestic venue. The hotel combines state of the art conference and event facilities with grand elegance – including a restored 14th century chapel.

Just 15 minutes from London Heathrow, close to the M3, M4 and M25 and with direct train links from London, Beaumont Estate is a great spot for a Windsor break. Delegates will enjoy fine dining and socialising at the hotel restaurants and bars, as well as access to a gym and indoor swimming pool.



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