Playing an active role for the Progress of Veterinary Ophthalmology

Ophthalmology is a very attractive specialty field, with vets in many countries dedicated part or full time to the treatment and prevention of eye disease in animals. Cooperation and mutual support among those involved in this community is essential if we are to provide the animals and their owners with the best treatment possible. Cooperation means an open-minded attitude and a willingness to consider others as potential collaborators. Support is defined by those who know more in their area of specific interest helping others to learn and grow.

To pursue such tasks we need to be conscious of our potential and limitations and we must have a desire to interact with others sharing our interests, with no preclusions due to status or nationality. Of course, interactions may occur in many different ways, with competition and indifference also being possible choices. However, a transition from competition to cooperation is the natural evolution of all wise mature individuals and organizations. To encourage such progress it is essential that those with more experience and knowledge teach others.

Due to their key international role as promoters of competence, the specialty Colleges are essential players in this upgrade of the whole Veterinary Community. National and international Societies also can make important contributions. The ISVO’s goal is to link all organizations in the field of Veterinary Ophthalmology so as to increase individual opportunities for cooperation and professional growth.

Claudio Peruccio

Letter from the ISVO President

ISVO members from northern latitudes are no doubt looking forward to longer days and some welcome relief from the extreme weather conditions that seem to be becoming more of the norm than the exception. While large parts of the North Eastern seaboard of the USA have been experiencing heavy snowfalls and Great Britain and parts of Europe have seen unprecedented storms and widespread flooding, here on the parched continental mass of Australia we are only now seeing some significant rainfall that will hopefully relieve the livestock industries after long years of punishing drought.

This is the first issue of The Globe for 2014, and I am sure that each one of you will find it up to the same interesting and informative standard that Claudio and our Editorial Committee continue to strive for. It has also been gratifying to see the ISVO website www.isvo.info being referred to more and more, now with plenty of interesting content posted by Dr Gil Ben-Shlomo who has recently added quite a varied list of Upcoming Events. Our Facebook Group now has well over 300 members: (www.facebook.com/groups/441418442597991) and is being followed very actively on a daily basis, with newsworthy contributions and special case quizzes sent in by ophthalmologists and their institutions, all around the World.

It is very gratifying to the current Executive and Board Members to see the ISVO becoming increasingly recognized as a good medium for the exchange of information internationally. In time we
would like to see it become used as a worthwhile ‘issues platform’ as well, drawing attention to challenges perhaps unique to our select professional grouping, that present practical difficulties in some countries or geographic regions while in others the solutions are taken for granted. That brings me to a matter of minor housekeeping that Secretary/Treasurer Sandra van der Woerdt has drawn to our attention – the difficulty we are having sorting out current (paid up) members from those who have been on the ISVO mailing list for quite some time and are still receiving e-copies of The Globe newsletter, even though they may not have been called upon to update their subscription since the days when Treasurer Lloyd Helper kept us going on a $20 ‘shoestring’ fee, paid two yearly!

Perhaps you are one of the original membership group who thought you were ‘paid up for life’, or that larger cohort of members who continue to receive e-copies of ‘The Globe’ in your In Box but can’t remember when you last paid a fee to cover postage of the mailed-out copy (that’s 4 years ago now, in case you didn’t realise...). If so we would REALLY APPRECIATE IT if you could re-formalise our relationship with you by re-subscribing to the ISVO using the official website www.isvo.info where parting with your hard-earned cash is easy and quite painless! Go to the Membership page, hit on the Dues Form tag and then follow the steps. On completion of your membership and contact details, you will be asked to authorise a direct debit of the US$25 annual membership fee via Pay Pal (preferred, although there is the option of using a credit card or debit card). I thank you most sincerely for doing that, and we will look forward to seeing your next news item on Facebook!

I extend the Society’s warmest greetings wherever you may be, and I look forward to meeting you if by chance our paths cross at one of the excellent Ophthalmology programs that have already been advertised for the year 2014.

Bruce Robertson
ISVO President
(Sydney, Australia).

The ISVO - Acrivet Scholarship

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Acrivet, the ISVO is in the position to offer travel scholarships to aspiring ophthalmologists who wish to spend one month of study in a centre of ophthalmic excellence.

The scholarship will cover tuition, travel and subsistence costs up to $2,000 per person. Thanks to the generosity of the ACVO, Scholars will also receive a free 1-year subscription to the journal Veterinary Ophthalmology. Applications should include a full curriculum vitae and a plan of the study to be undertaken, including a statement to justify the necessity for the application for funding.

The selection of successful applicants will be made by members of the ISVO Executive Committee and any decision will be final. Unsuccessful applicants will be permitted to re-apply for subsequent scholarships.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary at:
sandra.vanderwoerdt@amcny.org

Acrivet extends its best wishes to the ISVO and we are pleased to be part of this exciting initiative to help in the continuing education of veterinary ophthalmologists worldwide. Our sponsorship of the ISVO-Acrivet Scholarship recognises particularly the rapid development of interest in ophthalmology in countries where teaching resources are currently limited and we would hope that our support will enable the development of expertise in such countries. We will raise the funding through a small levy on the sale of our intra-ocular lenses, tension rings, and viscoelastics. These products will be labelled to recognise our contribution to the project.

Ingeborg Fromberg
Director, Veterinary Division, Acrivet
We publish this session to give our readers the opportunity to better get to know some of the outstanding members of our community who have played and are still playing a significant role in the progress of Veterinary and Comparative Ophthalmology.

A good reason to interview Kirk Gelatt - a life dedicated to spreading his enthusiasm and interest for our specialty field among students and colleagues in all parts of the world. His contributions to study-specific areas of interest, like the glaucomas, have been fundamental to our understanding of these diseases. Gelatt’s books stand among the most recognized sources of updated information. The Journal Veterinary Ophthalmology was edited by Kirk for the first 10 years of its existence and remains the reference journal for all of us.

Claudio Peruccio

Meeting Kirk N. Gelatt

Dr Gelatt graduated from the Pennsylvania State University (Penn State; 1962), and the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania (VMD; 1965). He received his ophthalmology training at the veterinary and medical schools at Penn supported by a National Institutes of Health post-doctoral research fellowship. Dr Gelatt has served as a faculty member at three additional veterinary schools: Kansas State University (1967-70); University of Minnesota (1970-76); and the University of Florida (1976 to present). In 1999 Doctor Gelatt was promoted to Distinguished Professor, the first one in the veterinary college. He retired in April 2006 as Emeritus Distinguished Professor.

Dr Gelatt’s more than four decades in academia have included didactic and clinical teaching to more than 3,000 veterinary students, and the training of nearly 50 residents and postdoctoral fellows in comparative ophthalmology. He has presented more than 250 professional talks nationally and internationally. He has published more than 220 refereed articles, 80 abstracts, 92 non-refereed articles, 58 book chapters, and 18 books. He served as the editor for the reference, Veterinary Ophthalmology, the ‘gold standard’ for this discipline, for its five editions (1981; 1991; 1999; 2006; and 2013 (along with Brian Gilger and Thomas Kern).

Dr Gelatt’s research interests have concentrated on the canine glaucomas, inherited cataracts in the dog, clinical pharmacology of drugs that change intraocular pressure, and ophthalmic surgery. His research grants exceeded $3 million dollars with most concentrated in comparative glaucoma.

Dr Gelatt was also involved in veterinary college administration at the University of Minnesota (1975-76) and the University of Florida (1976-88). He served as department chairman from 1976 through 1988; and as Dean at Florida from 1981 through 1988.

Dr Gelatt is one of 9 veterinarians who petitioned the American Veterinary Medical Association to initiate the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists in 1969 and became a Charter Diplomate in 1970. He was its first secretary-treasurer from 1970 to 1976, and was its President in 1977-78. He served as the first editor-in-chief of the journal, Veterinary Ophthalmology, starting in 1998 for 10 years.

Doctor Gelatt has received the University of Minnesota Phi Zeta research award (1976), Ralston Purina research award (1979), alumni award of merit, University of Pennsylvania (1990), Gaines-Cycle-‘Fido’ research award (1991), North American Veterinary Conference Founders’ award (1993), Daniel’s senior clinical investigator award (1994), Bourgelatt International award from the British Small Animal Veterinary Association (1995), American Kennel Club Career Achievement Award (1998), Mark L. Morris Senior Life-time Achievement Award (2000), Florida Dog Clubs’ Clinical Investigator Award (2000), and the Pennsylvania State University, College of
Agriculture Alumni award (2002). He is also Honorary Diplomate of the Japanese College of Veterinary and Fundamental Ophthalmologists (1990), the Colegio Latinamerico De Oftalmologistas Veterinarios (2001), and the French Veterinary Academy (2008).

Five questions to Kirk N. Gelatt
from the Editor

Q: You directly experienced most events that made Veterinary Ophthalmology such a sophisticated area of interest. Which event among the others has been particularly instrumental to the progress of Veterinary Ophthalmology from your point of view?

A: There are so many major scientific events in veterinary ophthalmology since 1960 it is impossible to mention all of them. Perhaps one overlooked is the evolution of veterinary ophthalmology societies in the 1950s and thereafter (allowing veterinarians to educate each other); then the development of veterinary ophthalmology certification (College or Boards of Veterinary Ophthalmologists) to standardize the training and establish the entry level for new veterinary ophthalmologists. The result is from about one or two dozen veterinary ophthalmologists in the early 1960s, there is now about one thousand or more people advancing veterinary ophthalmology world-wide.

Q: In 1981 your first edition of Veterinary Ophthalmology was already considered the textbook for everyone dedicated to our field of interest. Year after year research increased our knowledge and new instruments and drugs made our profession more sophisticated opening more advanced therapeutic options. What do you think changed most in this long period?

A: The more we know about and understand specific eye diseases, the more ‘therapeutic windows’ and/or weak points can be identified. Our access to veterinary ophthalmology literature world-wide is truly amazing with the computer and internet. With PubMed and Google, there is little information I cannot retrieve in seconds!

Q: If you think of a person you knew who made an important contribution to Veterinary and Comparative Ophthalmology, who are you thinking of? Can you share anything of the human-professional lesson you had, anything important to be taught?

A: Veterinary ophthalmologists in the late 1950s and 1970s often had as mentors very senior MD ophthalmologists. Roy Bellhorn (Paul Henkind), Samuel Vainisi (Frank Newell and Kirk Packo), and Ray Roberts (Stanford Medical School Faculty) are examples. These physicians had great appreciations of animal ophthalmology as most were heavily involved in laboratory animal eye research. The American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology Association conventions provided a critical foundation for the early ACVO development. Herbert E Kaufman was chairman of Ophthalmology when I arrived at Florida (1976); he was a most impressive ophthalmologist at the time (corneal diseases and surgery) and he opened many doors for me! We established annual animal patient rounds with dozens of MD ophthalmologists in attendance in 1977 and thereafter.

Q: Would you let us know an important episode of your career you might wish to share with our readers?

A: In a career that spans nearly 49 years, it is difficult to pinpoint that important episode. Publication of the first refereed paper; new academic positions and advancements; starting a traditional academic ophthalmology department; becoming dean of a college, new research grants; restoration of vision in a patient - these are all important memories. Being editor of the book - Veterinary Ophthalmology (now five editions), the ophthalmic ultrasoundography techniques have graduated to 20 MHz, 25 MHZ or even 50 MHz high frequency ultrasound biomicroscopy. Then along comes in vivo pachymetry, confocal corneal microscopy, scanning laser polarimetry, optical coherence tomography (OCT), and color doppler, making fluorescein angiography and electroretinography seem old fashioned!

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surgery book, and later the first decade of the journal with the same name are probably my most significant contributions! Meeting and becoming friends with hundreds of veterinary ophthalmologists world-wide have markedly enriched my life!

Q: In light of your motivations and deep experience, what would you recommend to someone starting now her/his professional career in the same specialty field?

A: Veterinary Ophthalmology is an exciting and dynamic clinical specialty which offers unlimited opportunities. There are many subspecialties, which include clinical practice (small animal, equine, laboratory animal, zoo and marine animals), medicine, surgery, academia, toxicology, pathology, and pharmacology – to mention a few. It is a career I’d recommend to any interested veterinarian!

Peter is a graduate of the Royal Veterinary College, London, who gained his PhD for studies on canine glaucoma (1974) and his RCVS Fellowship for work on aqueous dynamics in the dog (1976). He was the GDBA Professor of Canine Medicine and Surgery at the RVC (1992 to 2002) and Head of its Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery (1996 to 2002). Currently he is its Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Ophthalmology (London University) and a Visiting Professor in Ophthalmology at St. Georges University (Grenada). Since 2002 he has been working in referral ophthalmology practice in London.

Peter is a Past President of the BSAVA (British Small Animal Veterinary Association, 1982-1983), a Past President of the ESVO (European Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology, 1987-1991) and a Past President of the WSAVA (World Small Animal Veterinary Association, 1994-1996). He is an RCVS Foundation Diplomate in Veterinary Ophthalmology (1982) and an RCVS registered Specialist in this discipline (2002). A Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists since 1993, he is currently a member of the College’s Executive Board, its Hereditary Eye Defects Committee and the incoming chair of its Planning Committee. He is a member and past Chief Panellist of the BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Examination Scheme and has been the ophthalmology Course Director for the European School of Advanced Veterinary Studies since its inception in 1996.

Peter’s interests include all aspects of veterinary and comparative ophthalmology and towards this end he has researched inherited ocular disease in several breeds of dog, including original work on Collie Eye Anomaly, Retinal Pigment Epithelial Dystrophy, Primary Angle Closure Glaucoma and his current research includes Primary Open Angle Glaucoma in the Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen.

Advance Notice – the next Interim Meeting of the ANZCVS Ophthalmology Chapter is just six months away...

As an adjunct to our formal AGM and Scientific Meeting held during the College’s Science Week celebrations held on the Gold Coast in early July each year, for the last five years the Ophthalmology Chapter of the Aust/NZ College of Veterinary Scientists has staged a much less formal but no less instructive Interim Meeting, held in a remote location or exotic setting over a three day weekend –
and this year’s chosen destination promises to be our best ever! Fremantle port was old-world and idyllic, the wineries in the Adelaide Hills great to ‘kick back’, Uluru (Ayers Rock, in Australia’s red centre) was well-attended and really spectacular and then the jungles of North Queensland something else again... Year by year, our excellent guest speakers plus a small handful of fly-in overseas visitors have used these events as an excuse to visit ‘down under’, quietly revelling in the opportunity to visit some unique and very special places in the unspoilt natural world, plus the chance to mix with our own very relaxed group of dedicated veterinary ophthalmologists. This year the organisers have decided to take us somewhere entirely different, for an Interim Meeting that promises to be the best yet – and with our guest speaker none other than the inspired academic

Ivan Schwab - Professor of Ophthalmology at the UC Davis School of Medicine and the author of landmark studies on the eye in the evolution of living species.

Ivan Schwab is an inspirational teacher and a captivating speaker, able to expand with some amazing facts and features to add to the fascination we all felt, reading the Comparative Ophthalmology chapters in Duke Elder for the first time. He will have us mesmerised by his knowledge of all eyes - from Trilobites to Tetrapods, from Cambrian era to Computer era. Professor Schwab is perhaps best known as the author of the wonderful book ‘Evolution’s Witness – a natural history of the evolution of the eye’ and we understand a lot of his planned presentation material will follow this theme. He sees not only the physical adaptations between diverging and developing species but also the surprising and quirky functional ones, as his treatise ‘Why Woodpeckers don’t get Headaches’ so clearly demonstrated – winning the (almost as famous) Ig Nobel Prize in 2006.

That is – way up north of Perth and closer to Indonesia in fact! Broome has been a multicultural ‘melting-pot’ since the romantic days of the early pearling luggers, and is the gateway to the spectacular Kimberley region of North West Australia.

Where: CABLE BEACH CLUB RESORT & SPA at Broome, Western Australia

Phone: +61 (0)8 9192 0400 for all accommodation enquiries at the resort (Contact: Ashley Arnold) and quote Australian College – Vet Ophthalmology.

OR CONTACT: CABLE BEACH CLUB RESORT & SPA, 235 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000
Tel +61 (0)8 9426 8856 Fax +61 (0)8 9322 4303 or Email: conference@cablebeachclub.com

WHEN: Friday 5th to Sunday 7th September 2014.

MORE details will be announced in due course, including help with travel itineraries; ‘must see’ destinations in the Kimberley region and the world famous National Parks in the Northern Territory - Kakadu, Lichfield and Katherine Gorge.

Bruce Robertson (on behalf of the ANZCVS Chapter Interim Meeting organisers)
BrAVO SPRING MEETING  
LONDON, UK  
May 14th 2014  
Pre-ECVO Satellite Meeting

The British Association of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (BrAVO) is an internationally recognised friendly BSAVA-affiliated group, consisting of around 200 members from all corners of the United Kingdom, as well as some European and Australian members. We are a sociable group and are always looking to welcome new members to our meetings, whether they have just an interest in ophthalmology or work as full time veterinary ophthalmologists.

BrAVO would like to extend a warm invitation to attend its pre-ECVO satellite meeting in London on Wednesday 14th May 2014.

The meeting will be held in the QEII Conference Centre in the heart of Westminster (the same venue as the ECVO meeting).

To complement the surgical theme of the ECVO meeting, the topic of the day will be cataract surgery with an impressive series of lectures being delivered by specialists in both veterinary and physician ophthalmology.

For further information please visit: www.bravospringmeeting.co.uk

Places will be strictly limited to 170 and allocated on a first come-first served basis after full payment is received and so please book early to avoid disappointment!
Preliminary Programme

Thursday May 15, 2014
Continuing Education: Ophthalmic Surgery

Speakers:
Dr. Adolfo Guandalini  DVM, PhD, Dipl ECVO
Dr. Nils Hakansson  DVM, Dipl ACVO - ECVO
Prof. Teresa Pena  DVM, PhD, Dipl ECVO

10.30 Surgery of the orbit (Dr. Nils Hakansson)
11.00 Surgery of the third eyelid (Dr. Adolfo Guandalini)
12.00 Lunch break
13.00 Surgery of the conjunctiva (Prof. Teresa Pena)
14.00 Discussion and clinical cases
14.45 Coffee Break
15.15 ECVO AGM
19.00 ECVO Welcome Reception

Friday May 16, 2014: Main Program

08.30 Opening
08.45 Resident’s Forum Session
10.00 Coffee Break
10.30 Scientific Session
12.00 Lunch
13.00 Poster Session & Industrial Exhibition
14.00 Scientific Session
15.30 Coffee Break - Poster Session & Industrial Exhibition
16.00 Hereditary Eye Diseases Session
18.00 End of the afternoon session
20.00 ECVO Social Dinner

Saturday May 17, 2014

08.30 Scientific Session
10.00 Coffee Break - Poster Session & Industrial Exhibition
10.30 State of the Art Lecture: Limbal stem cell transplants (Prof. Harminder Dua)
12.00 Lunch
13.00 Poster Session & Industrial Exhibition
14.00 Scientific Session
15.30 Coffee Break - Poster Session & Industrial Exhibition
16.00 Scientific Session
16.45 Closing and awards
17.30 End of the ECVO Annual Meeting

Masterclass and wet-labs: Ophthalmic Surgery

Speakers & instructors:
Prof. Harminder Dua: President, The Royal College of Ophthalmologists, Chair and Professor, Division of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, The University of Nottingham.
Prof. Farhad Hafezi: Chairman of Ophthalmology

Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University Hospitals of Geneva
Dr. Martin Leyland  BSc MD FRCOphth, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading
Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon West Berkshire Community Hospital, Newbury, Honorary Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon Oxford Eye Hospital, Oxford
Prof. Teresa Pena  DVM, PhD, Dipl ECVO
Dr. Mark Watts  MB ChB, FRCS, FRCOphth, DO RCS: Spire Murrayfield Hospital Wirral

Masterclass
(lectures repeated 13.30 – 17.00)
08.00 Introduction to corneal surgery (H. Dua)
08.30 Corneal repair and keratoplasties (M. Leyland)
10.00 Coffee break
10.30 Corneal surgery in dog and cat (T. Pena)
11.30 Corneal cross linking (F. Hafezi)
12.00 Discussion
12.30 End of the Masterclass

Wetlab 1
08.00 Introduction
09.00 Wetlab 1
12.30 End of wetlab 1
13.30 Masterclass lectures repeated
17.00 End of lectures

Wetlab 2
(for people attending the morning Masterclass)
13.30 Introduction
14.30 Wetlab 2
17.00 End of wetlab 2

Social Programme

Thursday May 15, 2014 (07.00 pm)
ECVO WELCOME RECEPTION
at
“The Great Hall” One Great George Street
1 Great George Street, London SW1P 3AA
United Kingdom

The Welcome Reception will take place at the historic, award winning Westminster venue “One Great George Street”.

The ECVO has chosen this magnificent, Edwardian building with rich neo-Palladian and Baroque interior for its “Get together” on 15th May 2014.
The venue is located close to the conference centre.

How to find One Great George Street:
www.onegreatgeorgestreet.com/location.asp

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Friday May 16, 2014 (08.00 pm)
ECVO SOCIAL DINNER
at
“The Underglobe” Shakespeare’s Globe
21 New Globe Walk, Bankside, London SE1 9DT
United Kingdom

“Shakespeare’s Globe” as venue for the ECVO Conference Dinner 2014 is one of London’s premier event destinations. Based under the Globe, the engaging and informative exhibition explores the life of Shakespeare, the London where he lived, and the theatre for which he wrote. A three course dinner and characteristic British entertainment will make this evening an extraordinary event you’ll never forget!!

The 11 piece band RetrOactive, renowned for their outstanding live performance, will entertain with a night full of dance floor favourites. RetrOactive is made up of a group of musicians who play together and perform as an 11 piece band comprising two singers (male and female) five saxophones (soprano, alto 1 & 2, tenor and baritone) plus rhythm section (bass guitar, rhythm guitar, drums and keyboard). The band members come from a variety of backgrounds from past tutors of Trinity College London, to symphonic players, through to associate music directors and performers from the West End. All of the band members are outstanding professionals in their own right, this talented and lively group performing together creates an outstanding live band that never fails to deliver.

Have a look to: www.retroactive-jazz.co.uk

How to find Shakespeare’s Globe:
www.shakespearesglobe.com/your-visit/how-to-find-us

For more information: www.ecvoconference.org

SOVI

Italian Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology
Ophthalmology Session at the
83rd SCIVAC International Congress
Rimini Congress Center, May 29th - June 1st, 2014

Language: Italian

Preliminary programme

Thursday May 29
- SOVI, 25 years of history (C. Peruccio)
- Diseases of eyelids (A. Vercelli)
- External ocular diseases (D. Multari)
- Corneal diseases (N. D’Anna)
- Advanced glaucoma treatments (F. Maggio)
- Cataract surgery (C. Peruccio)
- Retinal surgery (A. Guandalini)

Friday morning, May 30
- Ocular and orbital neoplasia (C. Giudice)
- Ocular ecography (P. Fonti)
- Ophthalmic photography (A. Cirla)

FSA

Animal Health Foundation &
Italian HED Panel
Ophthalmology Session at the
83rd SCIVAC International Congress
Rimini Congress Center, May 30th, 2014

Language: Italian

Preliminary programme

Friday afternoon, May 30
- The most important HEDs: literature review
- Clinical cases of presumed inherited eye disorders: open discussion

For more information: monica.borghisani@evsrl.it
MEETING EVENTS

Welcome Reception
Enjoy meeting up with old and ‘new’ friends, join us Thursday evening during our Welcome Reception. This will be an informal event on property where you may register for the following day, enjoy complimentary beverages and enjoy some light snacks. Due to the charges the hotel will issue, we ask that only registered attendees and guests attend. (Unregistered small children are okay but please let us know.)

Symposium Friday Evening dinner
This year we will be adventuring out to a nearby island called, Isola dei Pescator (Fishermen's Island), for a sumptuous dinner at the Ristorante La Pescheria. Transportation will be provided via boat from the host hotel property to the island and back. If you are staying elsewhere, you are welcome to attend and utilize the transportation to the facility. The menu is yet to be determined but should include drinks. If weather allows we will try to use their outdoor facility overlooking the water. Registration as an attendee or guest is required to receive a dinner ticket. (More information about dress and menu will be forthcoming).

SELECTED SPEAKERS & SCHEDULE
We would like to thank our esteemed speakers for agreeing to provide two hour presentations during the DHF Symposium.

Prof. Dr. Oliver Ehrt

Title: “What can equine ophthalmologists learn from a pediatric neuro-ophthalmologist?”

Biography: Prof. Ehrt is head of strabismology, paediatric and neuroophthalmology at the University Eye Hospital of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Muenchen, Germany. He spent a research fellowship in the field of amblyopia at McGill University, Montréal, Canada. Other research interests include strabismus surgery, retinopathy of prematurity and especially psychophysics of mon- and binocular vision and development of new diagnostic techniques. He is member of national and international strabismological and paediatric ophthalmological societies and has attended and organized many of their meetings.
Dr. J. Daniel Lavach, DACVO

Title: “Equine Ophthalmology: From Textbooks to the High Desert.”
Dr. Lavach looks forward to sharing the following: his early experiences in equine veterinary medicine and what led him to write Large Animal Ophthalmology, the diseases he has seen us get a handle on and things we have not over the years, his various experience in equine ophthalmology from academics to private practice, and his recent immersion in ‘wild horse management’ and their ocular disease.

Biography Summary: Dr. Lavach has a varied background in comparative ophthalmology. He had several years in general practice and emergency practice. In addition, he had academic and research experience as a faculty member of the University of Florida and Colorado State University. Dr. Lavach is a former President of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. He is an author and coauthor of textbooks, scientific publications, and general information publications for animal owners. Currently he is participating in ocular toxicology studies, general ophthalmology practice and continuing to survey captured wild horses in order to establish an ophthalmic disease database for wild horses.

The general schedule will be as such:
Thursday evening - Welcome Reception (time TBA)
Friday - Educational sessions until approximately 4:00pm (16.00)
Friday - Dinner off-site, transportation to island included (time TBA)
Saturday - Educational sessions approximately 9:00am - 5:00pm (17.00)
The specific details regarding presentations and topics of abstracts will be provided closer to the meeting.

THE HOTEL, SURROUNDING AREA AND TRANSPORTATION

The Grand Bristol Hotel - Stresa, Italy
The Grand Hotel Bristol enjoys a magnificent location on the lakeside of Stresa, a real pearl of Lake Maggiore, known throughout the world for its unique integration between the beautiful landscape and sumptuous mansions that dot it. Hotel guests can enjoy a privileged view of the Bella Island and the Borromean Gulf. The prestigious building of today’s Grand Hotel in Stresa was originally a noble home. A careful renovation has been able to maintain its elegance enriching high-profile services. The traditional focus of the Zacchera family for the high-end hospitality completes the features that make the Grand Hotel Bristol a great place to discover the beauty of Lake Maggiore and to relax.

(from http://bristol.zaccherahotels.com/en/)

The hotel is located close to Funivia Stresa-Alpino-Mottarone, Palazzo Borromeo and Giardini Botanici dell’Isola Bella. Also nearby are Palazzo Dei Congressi and Villa Ducale. Walk to town, boats and the cable car within 15 minutes.

A little bit about the area…
Stresa is located on Lake Maggiore, the second largest lake in Italy. Located in northern Italy, Lake Maggiore crosses into Switzerland.

The Italian part of the lake lies within two regions: Piedmont and Lombardy, with the division from Sesto Calende northwards. The lake also contains 11 islands; the most famous being the Borromean Islands in the gulf between Stresa and Verbania. In the Italian part of the lake one of the main tourist resorts is Stresa. Situated in an ideal position on the shores of the Borromean Gulf, Stresa overlooks the unique Isola Bella. Visiting Stresa today it is hard to believe it was once a tiny fishing hamlet (recorded for the first time in 998AD) occupying a narrow strip of land only accessible by a dusty old Roman road. There are many other quaint historical towns and smaller lakes in the area to visit as well.

Transportation
Attendees who are traveling via plane will want to fly into Milan and then arrange for transportation to
Stresa via hired car, van, bus or train. Drive time to Stresa is approximately 45 minutes. Travel via train takes about an hour. The train station is just over one mile from the hotel. Taxis are available.

**FUTURE DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**
The 2015 IEOC Symposium will be held June 4-6, 2015 in Savannah Georgia. Check the website for details on location and information as it develops.

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Dear friends and colleagues,
The Swedish Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology (SSVO) and European Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ESVO) cordially invite colleagues with an interest in Veterinary Ophthalmology to our Nordic Meeting in **Malmö 4-7 September 2014**.

Invited speakers are Cynthia Cook, Kristine Bastholm Jensen and Nils Wallin Håkansson.

The topics are:
- Development of Eye Diseases, C. Cook
- Ocular manifestations of systemic diseases, C. Cook and K. Bastholm Jensen
- Normal variations of lens and vitreous, N. Wallin Håkansson

There will be a workshop on Sunday, September 7 arranged by ESVO and this year we are going to increase our knowledge in ocular ultrasonography under the guidance of Ernst-Otto Ropstadt from Norwegian School of Veterinary Science.

Anyone with interesting topics who wants to have short communications or posters during the meeting, please contact ESVO, [www.esvo.org](http://www.esvo.org)

For more information: [www.ssvo.se](http://www.ssvo.se)

Registration will begin on April 1st, 2014

Best regards from the organizing committees.
SSVO board: Agneta Weidman, Ida Möller, Inger Kjellander, Gertrud Burman
ESVO board: Jiri Beranek, Esmeralda Delgado, Mike Woods, Thomas Larsen

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**ACVO 2014 Conference**

The ACVO invites you to participate in its 45th annual congress in Ft. Worth, TX (USA) this October 8-11th. Information will be updated on [www.ACVOconference.org](http://www.ACVOconference.org) prior to May 1st when registration opens. Please consider submitting a paper online, March 1st – June 1st.

**General Information**
This will be the 45th annual conference of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists.
The conference typically hosts approximately 650 veterinarians, 100 technicians, 100 vendors and 50 registered guests.
The schedule includes general abstract presentations, poster sessions, a practice management course, round-table discussion groups, a wet lab or masters course, and general practitioners' course of practical use topics.
Several social events are usually available including a Welcome Reception, Friday dinner and Vision for Animals Foundation auction reception.
Families are welcome to attend as appropriate.

**Call for Papers**
For those interested in submitting a paper for possible presentation at the ACVO 2014 Conference in Ft. Worth, TX. Please note that the call for papers time line has been moved up significantly. In order to better accommodate the needs of those traveling to the meeting, we have moved the call to open
March 1st. Acceptance of paper submissions will close on May 1st. We hope this change will better accommodate the needs of presenters planning their travel.

**Program**

ACVO is putting together the details on a practice management meeting, memorial speaker, residents’ workshop, poster session, general practitioners’ course, Friday night event and optional lab(s). Content, speakers, biographies and scheduling will be available May 1st and updated daily via the above referenced website. Searchable recordings of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 conference presentations are available for purchase, free access is provided to ACVO members. Access is also available solely for the general practitioners’ course recordings for a very low fee.

**Location**

The meeting will be held at the newly built, beautiful OMNI hotel in Ft. Worth, Texas. The facility is located centrally in this incredibly friendly Western town. We will promote some fun things to do in the area via the website, to help you get a little flavor of the ‘Old SW’. Airlift is easy, arrival is through the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport, a major airline hub in the USA.

**Important dates**

March 1st - NEW! Call for papers now open (March 1st - June 1st)

March 15th - Exhibitor materials available (view preliminary information)

April 1st - Open exhibitor registration for 2013 vendors (tiered system)

April 15th - Open exhibitor registration to new companies

May 1st - Close Call for Papers

Open conference registration

Open hotel registration

July 1st - Notify abstract submissions with acceptance / denial emails

**More information coming the spring!**

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**10th International Congress of Corneal Cross-Linking**

**Communicating and understanding cross-linking technology**

Zurich, Switzerland

December 5 - 6, 2014

Since 2005, the annual congress has grown from only a handful of participants to about 200 participants representing more than 35 countries. The purpose of this meeting is to disseminate information concerning the uses of this treatment method by providing a broad scope of understanding. From a general introduction to the field to debating the latest research, the congress’ aim is to allow each participant to be able to learn and apply the teachings/ information in his/her practice and discuss these with other colleagues and researchers.

For more information:

http://www.cxl-congress.com/
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Sandra van der Woerdt, Secretary-Treasurer ISVO

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