

Get more than you bargained for in 2009...



...with VICAS Quality CVE

Dear Colleague,

With the advent of mandatory Continuing Veterinary Education (CVE), as required by the Veterinary Practice Act 2005, it is incumbent on Veterinary Ireland, through its interest groups and co-ordinated by the Irish College of Veterinary Surgeons, to provide relevant and adequate education for its members on a structured and on-going basis.

To this end it is with great pleasure that VICAS is announcing its CVE programme for the remainder of 2009. I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know of our plans for future years. On reading the brochure you will see that VICAS is providing courses in ophthalmology and orthopaedics in 3 locations around the country (Limerick, Sligo & Naas) and a business course in Naas. These courses are being run at General Practitioner or 'GP' level - there will be something for everyone no matter what amount of small animal cases you see. Having listened to feedback from the membership these courses are generally taking place on Wednesday afternoons (with one being on a Saturday) and each will provide around 1/3 of the total required CVE Credits for the year.

Our longer term plan is to provide 6 of these 'multi-venue' GP-level workshops per year (i.e. 18 courses in total). In addition we will continue to run the VICAS Winter Conference (in Cork January 2010 and in Dublin as a joint venture with CAVI in 2011) and also aim to provide two or three 'Advanced-level' workshops in one location per year. All of these courses will be planned and advertised well in advance and in a way to complement each other. For example the ophthalmology course we are running this year is 'GP' level; we intend running an 'advanced' level course next May in Malahide, in conjunction with the European Veterinary Ophthalmology Conference, which will complement this year's course. Similarly for dermatology we hope to provide 3 workshops (Dermatology 1, 2 and 3). Dermatology 1 and 2 will be multi-venue workshops and at GP level; Dermatology 3 will be in a single location and will be at 'Advanced' level, aimed at colleagues with a particular interest in dermatology and perhaps spending most or all of their time in small animal practice. The same model will apply to internal medicine, orthopaedics, etc.

However for all this to happen we need just one thing from you: we need you to attend and support the workshops we have in place in this year. We have secured very generous sponsorship from industry to allow us to run these courses at very competitive rates, far less than is being charged by similar organisations or commercial entities, and securing future sponsorship is dependent on adequate turnout of delegates. By attending even one of these events, not only will you be earning valuable CVE Credits, but you will also be helping to support the provision of CVE events for future years. In summary these workshops will be an enjoyable, easy and excellent way for you to achieve the CVE Credits you will need for continued registration with the Veterinary Council of Ireland. With your support and attendance this year, VICAS will be in a strong position to continue offering such events in multiple locations around the country in coming years so we would encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you at VICAS CVE in 2009.

Finally if you have an interest in getting involved in VICAS and helping out, on CVE or any of the many other activities we are involved in, then please let us know - it's your organisation and getting involved is always welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Rossiter, Chairperson VICAS

James Dunne, Chairperson VICAS CVE sub-committee

Fintan Browne, Ciara Feeney, Katja Kelly, Liam Moriarty, Nicola Neumann (VICAS CVE sub-committee)



VICAS CVE OPHTHALMOLOGY: Common Presentations and Treatment

5.5 CVE Points

Sponsored by  **Intervet**
Schering-Plough Animal Health

Speaker: **Natasha Mitchell**

Saturday July 11th
10am - 5pm
Castletroy Park Hotel,
Limerick

Wednesday 11th November
1.30pm - 8.30pm
Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo

Wednesday 18th November
1.30pm - 8.30pm
Osprey Hotel, Naas

Natasha Mitchell MVB
CertVOphthal MRCVS
qualified as a vet from
UCD Dublin in 1998. She
worked in mixed practice
in the UK initially and then
spent three years working
and travelling in Australia,
where she developed a keen
interest in ophthalmology
and undertook an eye
course. She returned to the
UK in 2002 to study for a
Royal College of Veterinary
Surgeons Certificate in
Veterinary Ophthalmology
which she obtained in 2004.
Since then, she has worked
in referral ophthalmology
and dedicates all of her time
to eye cases.

Eye problems frequently occur and examination, diagnosis and decision-making can be quite challenging in a practice setting. During the course of the day there will be seven talks all with a practical approach. The first will deal with how to examine an eye correctly. This will be followed with a review on the correct assessment and treatment of ocular emergencies. There will then be well-illustrated talks on non-ulcerative corneal disease, corneal ulcers, lens disorders and the red eye - conjunctivitis / glaucoma / uveitis / episcleritis. The last talk will review basic ophthalmic surgery. The aim is to increase confidence in dealing with eye cases through updating your knowledge of examination techniques, common ocular problems and basic ocular surgery.

Lecture titles include:

- Examination of the normal eye
- Ocular emergencies
- Non-ulcerative corneal disease
- Corneal ulcers
- Lens disorders in dogs and cats
- The red eye
- Basic ophthalmic surgery
- Conclusion: Cases & Questions

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VICAS CVE BUSINESS: Key Steps to Practice Success

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Speaker: Clayton MacKay

Thursday 22nd October
1.30pm - 8.15pm
Osprey Hotel, Naas

Clayton MacKay DVM (Canada) spent 33 years in Companion Animal Practice including practice principle of a multi-doctor generalist/specialty practice. Having left practice Clayton spent 4 years in academic administration of a veterinary teaching hospital and now has twelve years in industry under his belt.

Clayton has had a long involvement in veterinary organisations including, Past President of the American Animal Hospital Association, Ontario Veterinary Medical Association, College of Veterinarians of Ontario, Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine and he is currently President of the Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics.

Clayton was a huge supporter of VICAS during the promotion period of WSAVA/FECAVA/ VICAS congress 2008 and presented in the management stream of that congress.

The course is aimed at anyone interested in developing the business skills of their practice - principals, practice managers, vets, veterinary nurses and recent graduates.


Do clients hear what we say to them? Do clients follow our instructions? Do clients come back when we ask them to? If practice staff understand how to increase client compliance and patient care, in turn practice turnover will improve. Isn't that what we all want?

Lecture titles include:

- The Key to Exceptional Patient Care and Practice Success
- Key Steps to Surviving - and Thriving - in an Economic Downturn
- Evidence Based Nutrition and its application to Dental Home Care
- Euthanasia: A Practice Dilemma

VICAS CVE ORTHOPAEDICS: Fracture Planning - Preventing and Treating Complications

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Speakers: James Dunne and Shane Guerin

The course will cover all the major modalities for fracture treatment including pins and wires, external skeletal fixation and bone plating. The emphasis will be on prevention and treatment of complications. There will be case based reviews and film reading sessions incorporated in the course. The course will be suitable for practitioners who regularly treat surgical fractures or for those who are beginning to treat surgical fractures.

Lecture titles include:

- Fracture assessment score
- Fracture planning
- Fracture Complications
- Bone grafting
- Post-operative management of fractures
- *IM pinning and cerclage application - tips and dealing with complications
- *Bone plating: tips and complications
- *External Skeletal Fixation: tips and complications

* Each treatment modality will be discussed with regard to indications for use, useful dos and don'ts with regard to insertion and also prevention and treatment of complications arising from their use. Discussion of cases including assessment of pre- and post-operative radiographs will be an integral part of all sessions.



Wednesday 16th September
1pm - 8.30pm
Castletroy Park Hotel,
Limerick

Wednesday 7th October
1pm - 8.30pm
Osprey Hotel, Naas

Wednesday 14th October
1pm - 8.30pm
Sligo park Hotel, Sligo

Shane Guerin, MVB
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Diplomate of the European
College of Veterinary
Surgeons, qualified in 1986.
After six years in private
practice he did a small
animal surgical residency
at Massey University, New
Zealand. This was followed
by a further three years
as clinical lecturer in UCD.
He became a Diplomate
of the European College
of Veterinary Surgeons by
examination in 2000.

James Dunne MVB
CertSAS MRCVS qualified
in 1998 from UCD. He
spent six years in England
in exclusively companion
animal practice before
returning to Ireland in 2004.
James was awarded the
RCVS Certificate in Small
Animal Surgery 2005. He
is currently a partner in a
mixed, primarily companion
animal practice in Galway.

Registration & Fees

PLEASE NOTE THE 20% DISCOUNT ON FEES IF BOOKED BY JULY 3rd 2009

Numbers are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

	Members* on or before 3/7/09	Non-members on or before 3/7/09	Members* after 3/7/09	Non-members after 3/7/09
Any one workshop	€75	€115	€95	€145
Any two workshops	€145	€215	€180	€270
All three workshops	€200	€300	€250	€375

*Members of Veterinary Ireland or BSAVA NI.

Reduced rates are available for year 1/2/3 post graduation colleagues and retired colleagues (both pay 50% of the applicable rates) as well as students (including post-grad students). Please ask HQ for details. Pick and chose workshops/locations to suit your location and availability. Tea and coffee breaks and a two course meal will be provided at all events as well as printed lecture notes. Notes will also be available online for delegates. Registration and refreshments are available thirty minutes before lectures commence.

Registration & enquiries: please contact Veterinary Ireland HQ by phone on 01 4577976, e-mail HQ@vetireland.ie or fax back this page having completed the registration form to 01 4577998. Registration is transferable between colleagues in the same practice if HQ is informed prior to the event. If a colleague is a non-member the supplemental fee for non-members as above will apply for that workshop.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Tel / fax: _____

email: _____

I am a member of Veterinary Ireland []

I am a member of BSAVA NI []

(NB Veterinary Ireland reserve the right to request written evidence of membership.)

I enclose my cheque made payable to Veterinary Ireland for € _____

I wish to pay € _____ by Visa/Mastercard.

Card number _____ Expires ____:____ Security Code _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mark the course(s) you wish to book with an [x]:

Ophthalmology Limerick [<input type="checkbox"/>]	Orthopaedics Limerick [<input type="checkbox"/>]	Business Naas [<input type="checkbox"/>]
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Ophthalmology Naas [<input type="checkbox"/>]	Orthopaedics Naas [<input type="checkbox"/>]	