

Concerned about compulsory CVE?

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with VICAS Quality CVE 2010



Date & Registration Time	Sligo, Sligo Park Hotel	Limerick, Castletroy Hotel	Naas, Osprey Hotel
Gastrointestinal	10th March, 12.30pm	12th March, 12.30pm	15th March, 9.30am
Dermatology 1	26th May, 12.30pm	28th April, 12.30pm	7th April, 9.30am
Dermatology 2	27th October, 12.30pm	8th September, 12.30pm	22nd September, 9.30am
Dermatology 3			1st December, 9.30am
Internal Medicine / Clinical pathology	6th October, 12.30pm	4th October, 12.30pm	8th October, 9.30am

Date & Reistration Time	Dublin, Croke Park	Malahide, Grand Hotel
Orthopaedics	11th November, 12.30pm	
ESVO Ophthalmology†		14th May, 9.30am

† NOTE: The ESVO Ophthalmology Day is held in association with VICAS and must be booked through the ESVO Conference website (www.evo2010.com), not through Veterinary Ireland HQ. The fees for delegates to this conference are set by the ESVO. Full details on the website www.evo2010.com

Cost per event	Members* on or before 8th March 2010	Members* after 8th March 2010	Non-members
One VICAS event	€120 per event	€150 per event	€325 per event
Two VICAS events	€115 per event	€140 per event	€325 per event
Three VICAS events	€110 per event	€135 per event	€325 per event
Four VICAS events	€105 per event	€130 per event	€325 per event
Five VICAS events	€100 per event	€125 per event	€325 per event
Six VICAS events	€95 per event	€120 per event	€325 per event

* Members of Veterinary Ireland or full members of BSAVA NI residing or working in NI. Reduced rates are available for year 1/2/3 post-graduation members and retired members (both pay 50% of the applicable rates) as well as students (including post-grads). Please contact HQ for details.

Tea and coffee breaks and a two course meal will be provided at all events. 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, email HQ@vetireland.ie or fax a copy of this page having completed the registration form to 01 4577998.

Registration is transferable between colleagues in the same practice if Veterinary Ireland is informed prior to the event. If a colleague is a non-member the supplemental fee for non-members as above will apply.

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Please book me in for the following course/s:

Course	State location / date
Gastrointestinal	
Dermatology 1	
Dermatology 2	
Dermatology 3	
Internal Medicine	
Orthopaedics	

Dear Colleague,

It has been coming down the track for a couple of years now and it still strikes fear into the heart of many vets. I am of course referring to compulsory CVE. From the 1st January 2012 it will not be possible to enrol on the Veterinary Register unless you have achieved the minimum CVE requirements over the last CVE year. For administrative and historical reasons the 12 months over which CVE credits are allocated run from the 1st August to the 31st July the following year. **So in order to practise as a vet from the 1st January 2012 you will need to have achieved a minimum of 20 CVE credits between the 1st August 2010 (yes, that's this year!) and the 31st July 2011.** Alternatively you can have a total of 60 credits over 3 years (from the 1st August 2008 to the 31st July 2011).

We in VICAS are keenly aware of the need for the provision of high quality, easily accessible and affordable CVE for our members. This year we have organised our most ambitious year of CVE events yet. This has been made significantly easier thanks to Hill's coming on as our Headline Sponsor for all our CVE events for 2010, for which we are very grateful.

The other thing that allows us to offer incredible value for money is the huge amount of work

done by volunteers on the VICAS committee. Without the tireless work, expertise and years of experience that are brought to the table by Veterinary Ireland members and staff we could not have put together this impressive range of events. In VICAS we are doing everything we can to support our colleagues in companion animal practice. If you want us to continue to organise and provide quality CVE from 2011 onwards please show your support by attending some or all of this year's courses.

We are continuing to offer courses in multiple locations throughout the country. We have attracted internationally renowned speakers to deliver engaging CVE on topics that are central to general practice. This year we have also introduced a modular course in dermatology which culminates in an advanced level session in Naas in November, and we have organised events in co-ordination with the ESVO and BVOA conferences which are both being held in Dublin.

Now all we need is for you to turn up!



Fintan Browne, VICAS Chairperson



Dear Colleague,

With the advent of compulsory Continuing Veterinary Education in Ireland it is now vital that there is widespread availability of high quality courses to all practitioners.

VICAS demonstrated wonderful initiative last year by bringing widely available, world class CVE to different corners of the country.

So it is with great pleasure that Hill's Pet Nutrition has been announced as the prime partner and major sponsor of the VICAS 2010 CVE programme. VICAS has created a great series of courses, providing a fantastic programme of CVE for 2010. By supporting the professional body, Hill's is supporting companion animal practitioners in Ireland and enabling you to benefit from world class speakers.

Hill's is fully dedicated to the Irish profession and understands the pressures on practitioners to attend CVE. Obviously attendance at CVE comes at a price, in terms of time out of practice and the cost of CVE at the present time. By supporting the VICAS 2010 CVE programme we are helping to provide more education on your doorstep and greatly reducing the time spent out of your practice. In the current financial climate, providing education at a highly competitive rate is also essential and our sponsorship has helped VICAS achieve this.

Our Irish team looks forward to meeting you throughout the year, listening to your needs and helping you to build your practice.

We wish you, and your practice, every success in 2010. See you around the country!

Adrian Pratt, BVSc MRCVS
Hill's Veterinary Affairs Manager, UK and Ireland



Dr Rory Breathnach MVB, MSc, MRCVS ,PhD

Rory qualified from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCD) in 1986. Following an internship in small animal clinical studies in Dublin, he obtained an MSc in drug toxicology from the University of London. After 4 years in small animal practice, he returned to the Dublin Vet School in 1991 as a lecturer. His PhD was obtained in UCD and involved a study of the immunopathogenesis of idiopathic pododermatitis in the dog. Rory currently teaches various aspects of small animal internal medicine, toxicology and dermatology. In addition, Rory is a member of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Medicines of the Irish Medicines Board and the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products of the European Medicines Agency.



We are running a full dermatology modular course for 2010. This will comprise 2 modules at 'GP' level and 1 module at 'Advanced' level. While any module can be done on its own, the 3 modules tie in together to give a full overview of dermatology in companion animal practice.

DERMATOLOGY MODULE 1 (6.5 CVE Credits)

The course will consist of some formal lectures and small-group break-out sessions, with a heavy emphasis on case-presentation studies and interactive exercises. Module 1 will primarily concentrate on infectious- and endocrine-related dermatoses of the dog and cat. In addition to basic aspects of disease pathogenesis, attention will largely focus on the following key areas:

- recognition and identification of clinical lesions
- appropriate diagnostic tests
- planned and strategic therapeutic interventions

The specific areas to be covered in Module 1 will include: Microbial skin infections (bacterial, viral and fungal), including

- otitis externa
- parasitic dermatoses
- current thoughts on therapy for microbial and parasitic dermatoses
- endocrinopathies 1 (common) - hyperadrenocorticism, hypothyroidism and sex-steroid imbalances. Particular emphasis on diagnosis and treatment.
- endocrinopathies 2 (less common) - Alopecia X, acromegaly, hepatocutaneous syndrome, hypopituitarism etc.
- feline dermatology - recognizing the conditions that occur commonly in practice.

DERMATOLOGY MODULE 2 (7 CVE Credits)

The course will consist of formal lectures and small-group break-out sessions, with a heavy emphasis on case-presentation studies and interactive exercises. Module 2 will concentrate primarily on immune-mediated (hypersensitive and auto-immune) dermatoses, keratinization disorders and neoplastic skin diseases. In addition to basic aspects of disease pathogenesis, attention will largely focus on the following key areas:

- lesion distribution as a clinical guide in allergy/autoimmune diseases

- current standards in allergy diagnosis
- immunosuppressive therapy - pharmacotherapy and desensitization vaccines
- alternative therapies - do they work?
- new therapies for skin tumours - particular attention on protein kinase inhibitors for mast cell tumours

The specific areas to be covered in Module 2 will include:

- atopic dermatitis - diagnosis and treatment
- flea allergy, food allergy, contact dermatitis, miscellaneous allergies
- autoimmune dermatoses - pemphigus complex, bullous pemphigoid, SLE/DLE, cold agglutinin disease
- immunosuppressive therapies for immune-mediated diseases
- keratinization disorders in dogs and cats - what's achievable and what's not!
- cutaneous tumours - biological behaviour
- new strategies in cancer care - receptor blockers, radiotherapy, chemotherapy

DERMATOLOGY MODULE 3 (7 CVE Credits)

The third module will be offered at a more advanced level and is specifically designed for those practitioners who desire to upgrade their skills for the more challenging skin case. This module will be almost exclusively interactive, with short formal lectures (20 minutes approximately) to introduce a concept, followed by problem-based break-out sessions where participants will be invited to apply these concepts to the diagnosis and treatment of real-life cases. A large part of the course will concentrate on the application and interpretation of diagnostic tests. In addition, the afternoon session will address some of the more unusual and challenging conditions that practitioners may face on an intermittent basis.

Specific areas that will be covered include:

- intra-dermal testing - performance, indications and limitations
- serology testing and vaccine selection - update on latest data available
- cytology - preparation and interpretation of smears, FNA
- skin biopsies - making practical decisions for case management based on histopathology results
- unusual feline dermatoses - "the weird and wonderful"
- unusual canine dermatoses - "the weird and wonderful"

Dr. Stan Marks BVSc, PhD, Dip. ACVIM (Internal Medicine, Oncology), Dip. ACVN

Dr. Stan Marks graduated from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, in 1986 and completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Missouri, Columbia in 1987. He completed a small animal residency program at the University of Florida and an oncology residency program at the University of California, Davis. Stan earned his PhD in nutrition from the University of California, Davis, where he is currently Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine and Epidemiology. Stan is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) in the subspecialties of internal medicine and oncology, and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (ACVN). His research interests are in the area of small animal gastroenterology, with an emphasis on dietary modulation of intestinal mucosal barrier function and bacterial gastroenteritis.



Stan is a big rugby fan!

GASTROINTESTINAL MEDICINE OF THE DOG & CAT (7 CVE Credits)

- Diagnostic and therapeutic approach to the vomiting dog and cat
- Diagnostic and therapeutic approach to the diarrhoeic dog and cat
- Protein-losing enteropathies in dogs
- Inflammatory bowel disease in dogs and cats
- Clinical case presentations (around two hours of lively interactive discussions)



Dr Jill E Maddison BVSc DipVetClinStud PhD FACVSc MRCVS

Dr. Maddison graduated from the University of Sydney and completed an internship there afterwards. Having spent time in private practice she then completed a residency in small animal medicine at the University of Guelph, Canada. She returned to Australia and completed a PhD on the neurochemistry of Hepatic Encephalopathy at the University of Sydney. She was a senior tutor and clinician in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences from 1987 and from 1990-2000 was a senior lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology. During this time she also worked in general and specialist veterinary practice and was a consultant for a veterinary clinical pathology lab. In 2000 she became the Director of the Veterinary Science Foundation at the University of Sydney. Jill moved to the UK with her family in April 2001. From 2002 she was a veterinary clinician and lecturer at the Royal Veterinary College, London based at the college's first opinion practice, the Beaumont Animals' Hospital, and a Fellow at Girton College, Cambridge where she tutored in pharmacology. In September 2005 she became the Director of Professional Development and head of the CPD Unit at the RVC.

Professor David Church BVSc PhD MACVSc MRCVS

David graduated with a BVSc from the University of Sydney in 1975. After graduating he was appointed as a small animal clinical instructor at the University of Sydney and then enrolled in a PhD programme in the Faculty of Medicine looking at various aspects of the pathophysiology of diabetes mellitus, completing this in 1983.

David was appointed as Lecturer in Small Animal Medicine at The University of Sydney in 1983, promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1991 and Associate Professor in 1999. David obtained membership (small animal medicine) of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in 1990, and was Hospital Director of the University Veterinary Centre from 1991 until his departure in 2001 to take up the Chair of Small Animal Studies at the Royal Veterinary College. Soon after his arrival at the Royal Veterinary College, the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery and the Department of Farm Animal and Equine Medicine and Surgery merged to form the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. David was Head of the new department until August, 2009 and has recently been appointed to Vice Principal (Academic and Clinical Affairs) at the Royal Veterinary College. He is looking forward to the challenges that this new position presents.

CLINICAL PROBLEM SOLVING IN SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE (8.5 CVE Credits)

- Logical problem solving - what does it mean and how do you do it?
- Logical approach to vomiting and diarrhoea
- Logical approach to polyuria / polydipsia (PUPD)
- Logical approach to seizures and weakness
- Workshop: clinical problem solving - case work in small groups



Dr Eithne J Comerford MVB PhD CertVR CertSAS MRCVS

Eithne graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, UCD, Ireland in 1995. From 1995-2006, Eithne worked at the University of Bristol gaining her Certificates in Radiology and Small Animal Surgery and was awarded her PhD on the pathogenesis of cranial cruciate ligament disease in 2003. Eithne was appointed to her current post as Senior Lecturer in Small Animal Orthopaedics at the University of Liverpool in October 2006. She was awarded the European Diploma in Small Animal Surgery in 2009. Her main clinical interests include management of the trauma patient and cranial cruciate

Mr Steven J Butterworth MA VetMB CertVR DSAO MRCVS



Steve qualified from Cambridge in 1986, spent a year as House Surgeon at Bristol Veterinary School, as an assistant in general practice for two years and then as a Lecturer in Small Animal Orthopaedics at Bristol Veterinary School for 6 years. In 1995 he established Weighbridge Referral Service in Swansea and has been there ever since. He holds the RCVS Certificate in Veterinary Radiology and Diploma in Small

Animal Orthopaedics, and has been an RCVS Recognised Specialist in Small Animal Surgery (Orthopaedics) since 1995. He has contributed to over twenty peer reviewed papers, three BSAVA Manuals and co-authored an orthopaedic text book. He is a past Chairman of the British Veterinary Orthopaedic Association.

SURGERY OF THE HIPS, KNEES, ELBOWS; DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF CANINE OSTEOARTHRITIS (7 CVE Credits)

- Hip Luxation
- Patellar Luxation
- Stifle Joint Instability - Cruciate Ligament Failure
- Stifle Joint Instability - Multiple Ligament Injury
- Hock Luxation - Tarsocrural Joint
- Hock Luxation - Intertarsal and Tarsometatarsal Joints
- Osteoarthritis - Aetiology and Diagnosis
- Osteoarthritis - Management



Professor Peter Bedford B VetMed, PhD, FRCVS, DvOphthal, DipECVO

A graduate of the Royal Veterinary College, London, Peter Bedford was the GDBA Professor of Canine Medicine and Surgery at the College (1992 to 2002) and Head of the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery (1996 to 2002). Currently he is the Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Ophthalmology (London University), working at the RVC and in private practice, primarily in ophthalmology, in all domestic species. He gained his PhD for studies on canine glaucoma and his RCVS Fellowship for work on aqueous dynamics. He is an RCVS Foundation Diplomate in Veterinary Ophthalmology (1982) and a Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (1993). He is a Past President of the BSAVA (1982-1983) and a Past President of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (1994-1996). He was President of the European Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology (1987-1991) and is currently a Genetics Committee Member for the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. He is a RCVS registered Specialist in Veterinary Ophthalmology.

EYELID DISEASE IN SMALL ANIMALS (7 CVE Credits)

As part of the first European Veterinary Ophthalmology Conference to be held in Dublin, Friday 14th May has been selected to provide a high standard of ophthalmology CPD aimed at general practitioners. Professor Peter Bedford from the Royal Veterinary College will discuss eyelid disease in small animals. He will review congenital and inherited conditions, helping us to understand breeding advice we should be giving. Eyelid surgery techniques, old and new, will be presented, such as traumatic wound repair, and reconstructive surgery for correction of eyelid abnormalities. The differences encountered with feline patients will be reviewed. Dr Terry Grimes will share his considerable knowledge of eyelid and corneal conditions in a 1.5 hour session on large animal ophthalmology, including congenital conditions, eyelid repair and tumour removal. Current techniques in bovine enucleation will be reviewed. This day should be attractive to small and large animal practitioners alike. A discount will be offered to members of Veterinary Ireland to attend the entire conference, which is a great opportunity to vets with an interest in ophthalmology to attend a European conference on our doorstep. The day will be concluded with an optional social evening at the Jameson Whiskey Museum, a chance to relax after a day of learning.



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