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## Annual General Meeting & Conference 2015



Friday 27th November 2015  
Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE 2015



### Dear Member

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the Veterinary Ireland Annual General Meeting & Conference 2015, which will take place on Friday 27th November 2015 in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

We are delighted this year to welcome Professor Stuart Reid, Past President, RCVS and Dr Margaret O'Rourke, Director of Behavioural Science/Consultant Forensic Clinical Psychologist, UCC, to deliver keynote lectures. Professor Reid was instrumental in leading a debate within the RCVS in the UK on the use of the courtesy title "Doctor" by the veterinary profession, as well as developing the "Vets Future Initiative" in conjunction with the BVA. Dr O'Rourke will deliver a lecture on the "Safemed Programme", which is a programme for doctors, psychologists, dentists, nurses and other clinical professions. It provides a methodology to promote health, well being and optimal functioning. It helps people to deal with stress and improves resilience.

We are also delighted to have a distinguished panel of speakers for a scientific session on exotic diseases, using the 1992 Irish Veterinary Association publication "*Animal Diseases Exotic to Ireland*" as a basis for discussion. The conference programme concludes with an update on employment law from Peter Bishton, Deputy Chief Executive.

Attendance at the Veterinary Ireland Annual General Meeting & Conference 2015 is open to **all Veterinary Ireland Members** and is offered **free of charge**.

Most importantly, full registered attendance at the Veterinary Ireland Annual General Meeting & Conference 2015 will qualify for **5 CVE Credits**.

Rounding off the day will be the Veterinary Ireland Presidents' Dinner, tickets for which are available to members for €50 per person.

We look forward to meeting you in Mullingar.

Yours sincerely

**Finbarr Murphy**  
Chief Executive

**John O'Rourke**  
President

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE 2015 PROGRAMME

5  
CVE Credits

- 8.30 am - 9.30 am **Registration**
- 9.30 am - 10.00 am **Opening Address**  
**Mairead McGuinness MEP**  
Vice President of the European Parliament
- 10.00 am - 12.30 pm **Scientific Session 1**
- 10.00 am - 11.00 am **The Future of the Veterinary Profession - A UK Perspective**  
**Professor Stuart Reid** BVMS PhD DVM DipECVPH FRSE MRCVS  
Principal, Royal Veterinary College, London  
Past-President, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
- 11.00 am - 12.30 pm **Looking After Your Own Health - Self-care and Wellbeing in Veterinary Medicine**  
**Dr Margaret O'Rourke** B.A., M.A., M.App. Sci., Psych.D., AFBPS  
Director of Behavioural Science/Consultant Forensic Clinical Psychologist, UCC
- 12.30 pm - 1.00 pm **Resolutions / Motions for debate**
- 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm Lunch (Cost Not Included)
- 2.00 pm - 2.25 pm **Chief Executive's Address**
- 2.25 pm - 2.30 pm **Outgoing President's Address / Handover of Chain of Office**
- 2.30 pm - 2.45 pm **Incoming President's Address - Mairead Wallace Pigott** MVB MRCVS
- 2.45 pm - 3.00 pm **Veterinary Ireland Annual General Meeting 2015**
- 3.00 pm - 5.30 pm **Scientific Session 2**
- 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm **"Animal Diseases Exotic to Ireland" - 23 Years On**  
**Facilitator: Professor Stuart Reid** BVMS PhD DVM DipECVPH FRSE MRCVS  
**Panel: Micheál Casey** MVB MSc, **Bill Cashman** MVB MRCVS MVM,  
**Danny Holmes** MVB, **Pat Kirwan** MVB CertPM  
**Michael Sadlier** Cert ES(Orth) MVB MRCVS CertESM MACVSc
- 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm **Employment Law - Back to Basics**  
**Peter Bishton**, Deputy Chief Executive, Veterinary Ireland
- 7.00 pm - 7.45 pm **Drinks Reception**
- 7.45 pm **Presidents' Dinner** (Black Tie)  
Incoming President's Address - Mairead Wallace Pigott  
After Dinner Speaker - Stuart Reid

## REGISTRATION FORM

*N.B. It is a requirement for any Veterinary Ireland Member who wishes to attend the Conference to pre-register using the form below.*

Name(s)

Address

Vet Reg

Email

Please tick the box of the event(s) you wish to attend.

AGM Day Event | 8.30 am - 5.30 pm | Free

Presidents' Dinner | 7 pm until late | €50.00 per person

Number of tickets required for Presidents' Dinner

Hotel Accommodation | €78 Single Room | €100 Twin/Double Room  
Rooms are limited, please contact the Mullingar Park Hotel directly for bookings.  
**NB: Veterinary Ireland cannot take hotel bookings.**  
Tel. No. 044 9337500 | www.mullingarparkhotel.com

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