

## **Irish Equine Veterinary Conference 2017**

Hosted by the Equine Group  
of Veterinary Ireland  
9th–11th November 2017  
Killashee Hotel and Spa  
Naas, Co. Kildare

**Pre-Purchase Exam  
Workshop**

9th November  
8 CVE Credits

**Equine Main  
Conference**

10th & 11th November  
11.5 CVE Credits

Neonatology  
Neurology  
Internal Medicine  
Infectious Disease

# WELCOME TO THE EQUINE CONFERENCE 2017

**It is a pleasure to welcome you to Naas and to the Killashee Hotel for our 2017 Irish Equine Veterinary Conference. The Irish name for Naas, Nas na Riogh, literally translates as Meeting place of the Kings, where pre-Norman Irish Kings met over 1,000 years ago. As that tradition continues, we have chosen a central location in the heart of thoroughbred breeding and racing country.**

We are proud to have two main international speakers who are leaders in their respective fields. Josh Slater, European Veterinary Specialist in Equine Internal Medicine is Professor of equine clinical studies at London's Royal Veterinary College. He will lecture on equine asthma, dermatology, strangles and gastric ulcer syndrome. We will also host Martin Furr who is currently Professor and Head of the Department of Physiology at Oklahoma State University. He has authored two textbooks of equine neurology, and over 80 primary journal articles in the field of equine medicine. His lectures will include equine neonatal medicine and critical care and equine neurological challenges.

Our popular case presentations, how-to sessions, updates and the Ned Gowing memorial lecture complete the line-up for two inspiring days of CPD. Our trade exhibition will offer you the chance to network with colleagues and exhibitors - or to invest in some new technology!

The Pre-purchase examination wetlab day on Thursday 9th November which precedes the main conference is organised in conjunction with the Veterinary Defence Society, with top class international speakers Martin Furr, Josh Slater and David Green being joined by local practitioners including Marcus Swail and Kevin Corley to include lectures and practical sessions.

Our annual dinner on Friday night will be held in the Great Hall of the hotel where you can unwind with peers, colleagues and friends. We anticipate that this year's conference will be a great get-away for continuing education and reunions of old and new!

*Catherine Dwan (Chair)*     *Donald Collins*  
*Rosalinda Devereaux*     *Bridget McGing*  
*Louis Hassett*                 *Liz O Flynn*

**Ensure you  
visit the  
exhibition at  
EQUINE 2017  
on Friday &  
Saturday**



# WETLAB PROGRAMME

THURS 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER /  
THE RACE ACADEMY, KILDARE

Kindly supported by:



09:30 - 10:00	Registration and coffee on arrival
10:00 - 10:30	<b>PPEs - it's all about the communication</b> David Green, VDS
10:30 - 11:00	<b>How to recognise neurological gait abnormalities</b> Martin Furr
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Ocular and cardiac findings at pre-purchase exams</b> Josh Slater
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Exercise all horses: describe and discuss sounds, respiratory noises (Stage 3 of PPE)</b> Hugh Suffern
13:30 - 14:15	(Divide into rotating groups of 10) <b>Demonstration of examination of the eyes and hearts of several horses in the box, describing and discussing findings (Stage 1 of PPE)</b> Josh Slater
14:15 - 15:00	<b>The In-hand Examination / Gait assessment (Stage 2 of PPE )</b> Marcus Swail / Martin Furr
15:00 - 15:45	<b>URT endoscopy - Courtesy of MED Equus Ltd.</b> Hugh Suffern
15:45 - 16:30	<b>Wide ranging discussion on grey areas and such matters as radiography, blood tests, flexion tests, sarcoids, melanomata, insurance, "suitability", height, etc.</b> David Green
16:30 - 16:45	Tea & Coffee Break
16:45 - 17:30	<b>Legal pitfalls of PPE</b> David Green
17:30	Session finishes

The wet lab is designed for those who spend a little or all of their professional time working with horses.

The subject covers an area, which has caused much concern in recent years, hence the inclusion of a speaker from the Veterinary Defence Society. The practical programme will include examining horses with particular reference to wind, eyes, heart, ageing, flexion tests, conformation, intended use and much more...

#### Key Learning Objectives:

- Be able to confidently perform a five stage vetting
- Be able to recognise and interpret cardiac, respiratory, and ophthalmic abnormalities.
- Be able to assess gait abnormalities
- Understand the pitfalls of Pre Purchase Examination
- Be able to recognise and communicate contentious findings

NB: you will need your ophthalmoscope, stethoscope and suitable outdoor clothing



# MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER / KILLASHEE HOTEL, NAAS

Session 1	
08:30	Registration and coffee on arrival in Exhibition Area
09:00	<b>Opening Address</b> John Oxx
09:10 - 10:00	<b>Equine Asthma and the coughing horse: what's new in equine respiratory medicine?</b> Josh Slater
	 stablelab
10:00 - 10:30	<b>How to differentiate between lame and neurological</b> Martin Furr
10:30 - 10:50	<b>Case Presentation:</b> <b>Septic Peritonitis Secondary to a Perforating Gastric Foreign Body</b> Sunita Jaewon
10:50 - 11:20	Coffee and Exhibition
Session 2	
11:20 - 12:10	<b>Irish Equine Centre Update</b>
12:10 - 13:00	<b>Diagnosis and treatment of spinal ataxia arising from compression (congenital or acquired via articular process joint disease)</b> Martin Furr
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch and Exhibition
14:00 - 14:30	Exhibition Networking
Session 3	
14:30 - 15:20	<b>Equine Dermatology Workshop</b> Josh Slater
15:20 - 15:40	<b>Case Presentation:</b> <b>Prospective Clinical Study on Standing Castrations Performed with the Henderson Equine Castration Instrument</b> Julien Racine
15:40 - 16:00	Coffee and Exhibition
16:00 - 16:40	<b>Ned C. Gowing Memorial Lecture</b> Terry Smith
16:40 - 17:00	<b>VDS Update</b> David McKeown or David Green
17:00	Equine Group AGM
20:00	<b>Annual Conference Dinner</b>



# MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER / KILLASHEE HOTEL, NAAS

Session 4	
09:00 - 9:50	<b>Recent Developments in Neonatal Medicine</b> Martin Furr
9:50 - 10:20	<b>Neonatal Case Review</b> Kevin Corley
10:20 - 11:10	<b>Practical Management of Strangles Outbreaks</b> Josh Slater
11:10 - 11:30	Coffee and Exhibition
Session 5	
11:30 - 12:10	<b>How to Session: Donkey Castration Technique and Drug Dosage</b> Joe Collins
12:10 - 12:45	<b>Gastric Ulcer Syndrome, todays approach</b> Josh Slater
12:45 - 13:05	Case Presentation: <b>Conservative Treatment of a Comminuted Tibial Fracture in a Foal</b> Joao Oliveira
13:05 - 14:20	Lunch and Exhibition
Session 6	
14:20 - 14:40	<b>How to optimise pregnancy rates with frozen semen</b> Andrea Ryan
14:40 - 15:10	<b>DAFM update: Medicine Legislation</b> Hazel Sheridan
15:10 - 15:30	Coffee and Exhibition
15:30 - 16:45	<b>Invited Speakers: Case Presentations interactive session</b>
16:45	Closing remarks & Award prize to best Case Presentation

## CVE POINTS

**EQUINE PRE-PURCHASE  
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In order to be allocated CVE points you are required to sign a Veterinary Council CVE attendance on your arrival and at the end of each day at the conference. The forms will be available at the conference registration desk.

The organisers will not be responsible for any delegates who does not sign the forms.



# MAIN CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



## MARTIN FURR

DVM, DIPLOMAT ACVIM,  
PHD, MA ED

**After graduating from Oklahoma State University with a DVM in 1986, Dr. Furr practiced veterinary medicine at a clinic in Oklahoma and then completed a Residency in Internal Medicine at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in 1989.**

For the following two years, he was an Assistant Professor of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. In 1991 Dr. Furr returned to the College's Equine Medical Center serving as an Assistant Professor of Equine Internal Medicine. He also attained Diplomat status that year, receiving Board Certification from the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Dr. Furr completed a PhD in Neuroimmunology at the University of Maryland in 2000, and also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Health Professions Education from Michigan State University.

Currently, Dr. Furr is Professor and Head of the Department of Physiological Sciences at Oklahoma State University, and the Interim Director of the OSU Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. He continues to teach and consult, and has spoken regularly at national and international meetings on topics of equine internal medicine, neonatology and neurology. He has published approximately 90 peer reviewed research papers, and is the primary author and editor of a major textbook of equine neurology, now in its second edition, with his colleague, Dr. Steve Reed. His research interests include equine neonatal medicine and critical care, equine neurology (particularly equine protozoal myeloencephalitis), and equine immunology.



## JOSH SLATER

**Josh Slater graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 1985 and spent 4 years in equine practice before moving to a residency in equine medicine at the University of Cambridge.**

He completed a PhD in equine infectious diseases in 1994 and was a lecturer, then senior lecturer in equine medicine at Cambridge during which he held a Welcome Trust research fellowship. He moved to the Royal Veterinary College, London in 2005 where he is professor of equine clinical studies and clinical director of the equine referral hospital.

His research is in equine infectious diseases, in particular strangles and equine herpesviruses and he has a wide range of interests in equine medicine. He is a past president of the British Equine Veterinary Association, the European College of Equine Internal Medicine and the Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations. He was biosecurity advisor for the 2008 Equestrian Olympic Games, the London 2012 Equestrian Olympic Games and the World Equestrian Games 2014.

He is a co-director of the British Animal Rescue Trauma Association, is chairman of the Horse Trust and secretary to the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation.



## VENUE & CONFERENCE DINNER



### JOIN US THIS YEAR AT THE KILLASHEE HOTEL, NAAS, CO. KILDARE.

The hotel is located just 35mins from Dublin City Centre, 40mins from Dublin Airport & just 2kms outside of Naas Town. Set amidst over 50 acres of historic & intriguing gardens, walk ways & parkland, with magnificent views over the Kildare countryside. A truly enchanted setting, with a wonderfully rich history, that's just waiting to be discovered.

From the hotel's beautifully appointed guestrooms with complimentary Wifi, to the indulgent services offered by the beautiful Leisure Club with a 25m swimming pool, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi and a fully equipped gymnasium and also the stunning Spa with 18 luxurious treatment rooms, there is much to pamper you and much to experience while at the Equine Conference.

Bedrooms are booked through the conference office at [equinereg@keynotepco.ie](mailto:equinereg@keynotepco.ie) or Tel: 01 4003626

### CONFERENCE DINNER IN THE GREAT HALL, KILLASHEE HOTEL FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

This year, delegates won't have to venture far for the conference dinner and will enjoy a delicious three course meal with wine on-site in the magnificent Great Hall at the Killashee Hotel.

Over the centuries, the Great Hall at Killashee Hotel has seen its fair share of celebrations from lavish Victorian banquets to hunt balls and garden parties. There's nothing better than people coming together to share, smile and break bread together. The former Victorian hunting lodge dating back to 1861 retains many of the original ornate and architectural features and makes the perfect venue for the 2017 Equine Conference Dinner. Delegates will enjoy a drink on arrival beside the crackling log fires in the original fireplaces before moving to the magnificent banquet hall to enjoy a fabulous three course dinner. Price: €60 per person. Make sure to book early as places are limited.



# CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

Ensure you visit the exhibition at Equine 2017  
on Friday & Saturday

