



# 2018 VICAS Conference

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

Killashee Hotel and Spa,  
Naas, Co. Kildare

Main Conference: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Wetlab: 1<sup>st</sup> March



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10.5 CVE Credits

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6 CVE Credits

**Nurse's  
Stream**  
3<sup>rd</sup> March  
5 CVE Credits

Dermatology  
Ophthalmology  
Resilience And Adverse Case Reporting  
Forensic Medicine And Animal Welfare

# WELCOME TO VICAS SPRING CONFERENCE 2018

It is such a pleasure to welcome you all to Naas for the VICAS 2018 Spring Conference. We are very much looking forward to hosting you in this fabulous venue over the next few days. We have an exciting and varied line up, with something for every member of your veterinary team.

Our main themes this year are 'The senses (eyes, ears, skin) - back to basics and beyond'. We have a very accomplished panel of speakers, some of whom are familiar and some who are new faces. I'm sure that they will be made very welcome here in Naas.

The veterinary and the veterinary nursing stream will focus on dermatology, ears and eyes. Dermatology has seen some interesting developments in the last few years and I'm sure will be of interest to all clinicians who see those repeat itchy pets! Kathryn Cuddy MVB Cert AVP (DERM) ([www.theskinvet.ie](http://www.theskinvet.ie)) will present to us about diseases of the skin in dogs and cats and Laura Buckley, Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Dermatology and Clinical Skills at the University of Liverpool, will present to us about Otitis and its best management. Mike Woods ([www.primrosehillvets.ie](http://www.primrosehillvets.ie)) and Natasha Mitchell ([www.theeyevet.ie](http://www.theeyevet.ie)) are going to cover all things eyes.

We are also excited to present two joint Veterinary and Veterinary nursing lectures. We are hoping that these sessions will promote teamwork and collegiality between all the members of the veterinary professions where we can learn from each others shared experiences. These will further cover dermatology and also will include a robust and interactive round table welfare discussion. This round table discussion includes stakeholders with a diverse range of experience and perspective and are from an array of arenas, including the charitable sector, academia, industry and regulatory authority.

We are also pleased to have Carolyne Crowe from the VDS here to talk to us about how to build resilience into our daily practice, to not just survive practice but to thrive!

On Friday evening, we will hold the VICAS AGM and hope to see many new faces at it. This is your profession and your future. We aim to represent you both at national level and international level but without member participation this can be difficult to achieve. If we want to see change, we have to ask for it!

And of course, don't forget the conference dinner. This is to be held at 8pm in the sumptuous environs of the Kilashee ballroom and promises to be a great night.

We hope that you enjoy the conference and take the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and perhaps meet some new ones too!

**VICAS 2018 Conference Committee:** *Fiona MacDermott, Lydia Langley, John O'Connor, Andrea Dineen, Clare Eugster, Danny Holmes*

## CONFERENCE FEES

	Early Fee (until Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Late Fee (after Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
<b>Full Conference including WETLAB (Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March)</b>		
Member fee	€380	€450
Non-member fee	€760	€875
Graduate member (from 2014 - 2017)	€240	€280
<b>Main Conference (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March)</b>		
Member fee	€280	€325
Non-member fee	€560	€645
Graduate member (from 2014 - 2017)	€140	€165
<b>WETLAB only (Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>)</b>		
Member fee	€150	€175
Non-member fee	€250	€300
Graduate member (from 2014 - 2017)	€150	€175
<b>Nursing Stream (Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March)</b>		
Member fee	€95	€120
Non-member fee	€120	€135

## CVE CREDITS

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**3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

In order to be allocated CVE credits you are required to sign a Veterinary Council CVE attendance sheet 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 delegate who does not sign the forms.*

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c/o Keynote PCO**

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Blackrock, Co. Dublin**

# MAIN CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

**Laura Buckley** – Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Dermatology and Clinical Skills – BVetMed CertVD DipECVD MRCVS RCVS Specialist in Veterinary Dermatology and EBVS® European Specialist in Veterinary Dermatology.

Laura graduated from the Royal Veterinary College in 2003. She then spent six years in general practice where she achieved her RCVS certificate in veterinary dermatology. In 2012 Laura completed a three-year residency in veterinary dermatology at the University of Liverpool and was subsequently awarded the European diploma in veterinary dermatology. Following her residency at the University of Liverpool Laura worked in private practice where she provided a dermatology service for two referral clinics in Yorkshire and London and for the Guide Dogs' Redbridge centre in Essex. Laura returned to the University of Liverpool in 2014 as Lecturer in Veterinary Dermatology and Clinical Skills. Laura also teaches and assesses the postgraduate RCVS CertAVP dermatology course at the University of Liverpool.



**Kathryn Cuddy**

Kathryn graduated from University College Dublin in 2011. She spent four years working in small animal practice in the UK, and joined the team at Gilabbey Veterinary Hospital in 2015. Kathryn has always had a special interest in veterinary dermatology, and began further study in dermatology with the University of Liverpool in 2013. In 2016, she achieved her certificate in advanced veterinary practice in veterinary dermatology from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Kathryn is an active member of the European Society of Veterinary Dermatology and the British Veterinary Dermatology Study Group. In 2016, Kathryn established Skinvet Ireland, a dedicated ambulatory dermatology referral service for pets in Ireland.



**Natasha Mitchell** MVB DVOPhthal MRCVS

Natasha obtained an honours degree in Veterinary Medicine at University College Dublin, and then worked in UK and Australia, where she developed a keen interest in ophthalmology. She obtained an RCVS Certificate in Veterinary Ophthalmology in 2004. She completed an alternative residency programme at the Eye Veterinary Clinic in Herefordshire and obtained an RCVS Diploma in Veterinary Ophthalmology in 2011. Natasha is a Veterinary Council of Ireland recognised specialist in Veterinary Ophthalmology. She has published journal articles, textbook chapters and two textbooks, as well as creating education apps in veterinary ophthalmology. She is a panellist for the BVA/KC/ISDS scheme for eye testing in dogs."



**Mike Woods** MVB Cert V Ophthal MRCVS

Mike graduated from University College Dublin in 1984. After a period of seven years in mixed veterinary practice and three years in companion animal practice in both Ireland and the UK, he completed a Certificate in Veterinary Ophthalmology in 1990. In 1994, Mike returned to Dun Laoghaire, in Dublin and from there he has offered a referral service in Veterinary Ophthalmology within his veterinary practice Primrose Hill Veterinary Clinic. Mike played a role in the rapid period of change during the late 1990's and early 2000's in which the representative aspect of the veterinary profession was remodelled. He has served in a number of positions within the Irish veterinary profession including chairperson of ICAVA (VICAS) and FECAVA director for Ireland. He also served a four-year term as president of the European Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology.



# WETLAB SESSION Irish Equine Centre, Naas

## THURSDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

- 12:30 - 13:00     **Registration and Refreshments on Arrival**
- 13:00 - 14:00     Preparation Lecture - Natasha Mitchell
- 14:00 - 16:00     Practical Session - Natasha Mitchell; Grid Keratotomy; Hotz-Celsius combined with Eyelid Shortening; Cherry Eye; Transconjunctival Enucleation
- 16:00                Session Finishes

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## FRIDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>

- 08:30                **Opening & Welcome to VICAS Event**
- 09:00                Opening Address
- 09:00 - 10:00     Corneal disease & treatment (medical and surgical) - Mike Woods
- 10:00 - 10:50     Eyelid and 1/3 Eyelid - Mike Woods
- 10:50 - 11:20     **Exhibition & Refreshment Break**
- 11:20 - 12:00     Robust Resilience - Turning Surviving into Thriving in Practice - Caroline Crowe
- 12:00 - 13:00     What's New in Atopy: International guidelines to diagnosis, treatment, new drugs available - Kathryn Cuddy
- 13:00 - 14:30     **Lunch and Exhibition**
- 14:30 - 15:40     Approach to Otitis / Investigation of Otitis - Laura Buckley
- 15:40 - 16:00     **Exhibition & Refreshment Break**
- 16:00 - 17:00     The Red Eye - Natasha Mitchell
- 17:00                Session Close: Immediately followed by VICAS Group AGM
- 20:00                **Annual Conference Dinner**

# VICAS SESSIONS

## SATURDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>

- 09:30 - 10:15 **JOINT VICAS AND NURSE SESSION - Otitis - History taking, prep for ear flush, procedure - Laura Buckley**
- 10:15 - 11:00 Treating multi-drug resistant bacterial otitis, inc. AMR overview - Laura Buckley
- 11:00 - 11.45 **Exhibition & Refreshment Break**
- 11:45 - 13:00 **JOINT VICAS AND NURSE SESSION Round Table Welfare Discussion**
- 13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch and Exhibition Networking**
- 14:30 - 15:15 What's New in Otitis - Laura Buckley
- 15:15 - 16:00 Ocular Emergencies - Natasha Mitchell
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Exhibition & Refreshment Break**
- 16:30 - 17:15 KCS - Mike Woods
- 17:15 - 17:30 Closing remarks



### CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS



# NURSE SESSIONS

## SATURDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>

- 09:30 - 10:15 **JOINT VICAS AND NURSE SESSION - Otitis - History taking, prep for ear flush, procedure - Laura Buckley**
- 10:15 - 11:00 Skin and Nutrition - The minimum database prep/managing atopy, what VN's need to know - Kathryn Cuddy
- 11:00 - 11.45 **Exhibition & Refreshment Break**
- 11:45 - 13:00 **JOINT VICAS AND NURSE SESSION Round Table Welfare Discussion**
- 13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch and Exhibition Networking**
- 14:30 - 15:15 Surgical Prep of the Patient - Mike Woods
- 15:15 - 15:45 **Exhibition & Refreshment Break**
- 15:45 - 16:30 Client Compliance - Kathryn Cuddy
- 16:30 - 17:15 Nursing the Ocular Trauma Patient - Natasha Mitchel
- 17:15 - 17:30 Closing remarks



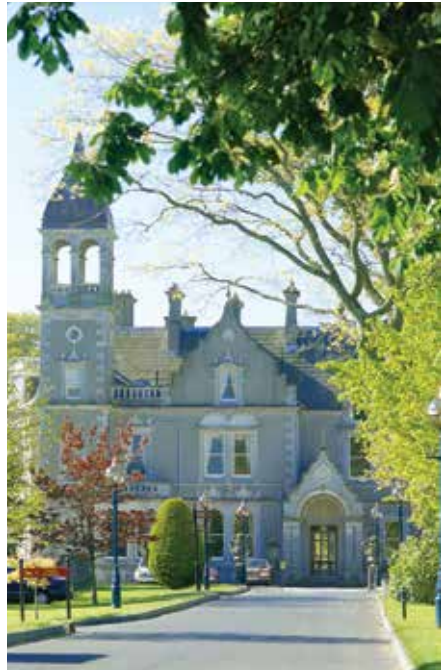
# VENUE & CONFERENCE DINNER

## 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, a fully equipped gymnasium, the stunning Spa with 18 luxurious treatment rooms, there is much to pamper you and much to experience while at the VICAS Conference.



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

## Conference Dinner in the Great Hall, Killashee Hotel – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

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 2018 VICAS 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.