

REGISTRATION FEES

VICAS CONFERENCE (Friday – Sunday)		
Registration Type	Early Bird fee (Until 13th Jan 2017)	Late fee (After 14th Jan 2017)
Member Fee	€280	€315
Non-Member Fee	€560	€595
Graduate (2013 – 2016)	€140	€165
NURSING STREAM (Saturday Only)		
Registration Type	Early Bird fee (Until 13th Jan 2017)	Late fee (After 14th Jan 2017)
IVNA Member	€95	€120
Non-Member	€110	€135

Membership Fees refer to current valid memberships of: Veterinary Ireland / IVNA / FECAVA / BSAVA NI / AVSPNI / VetNI. Living and or working in the Republic of Ireland, you must be a member of Veterinary Ireland / IVNA to avail of the members rate.

For other affiliated members societies fees, you must be resident and working outside the Republic of Ireland (FECAVA / BSAVANI / AVSPNI / Vet NI).

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY		SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY		SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY			
VICAS SESSIONS		VICAS SESSIONS		VICAS SESSIONS			
		09:30-10:15	Chronic Diarrhoea - PLE's (low albumin is not always a death sentence) <i>Mike Willard</i>	9:30-10:05	Current Thoughts on the Age of Spay/Neuter <i>Laura Cuddy</i>		
		10:15-11:00	Biopsy fest! How I do an exploratory laparotomy for biopsies <i>Laura Cuddy</i>	10:05-10:40	Cat hospital care/handling tips <i>Clare Meade</i>		
				10:40-11:15	Chronic Vomiting/Regurgitation <i>Mike Willard</i>		
		11:00-11:45	Exhibition & Refreshment Break	11:00-11:45	Exhibition & Refreshment Break		
		JOINT VICAS AND NURSE SESSION			12:00-12:15	Refreshment Break	
		11:45-13:00	Ireland's Dog Trade & Dog Breeding Establishments - What next?		12:15-13:00	Surgical Intervention for Portosystemic Shunts <i>Laura Cuddy</i>	
	VICAS CONFERENCE OPENS @ Clayton Silver Springs Hotel	13:00-14:30	LUNCH 13:00-13:45	13:30-14:15	LUNCH with Exhibition Networking	13:30	LUNCH - served in restaurant
14:30-14:35	Opening & Welcome to VICAS Event		EXHIBITION NETWORKING 13:45-14:30	14:15-15:00	Feline House Soiling <i>Clare Meade</i>		
14:35-16:05	Oesophageal Disease <i>Mike Willard</i>	14:30-15:15	Spay/Neuter- what's the evidence: why, when and how? <i>Laura Cuddy</i>	15:00-15:45	Hepatic Diseases <i>Mike Willard</i>		
		15:15-16:00	GDV and Gastropexy <i>Laura Cuddy</i>	15:45-16:15	Exhibition & Refreshment Break		
16:05-16:50	Exhibition & Refreshment Break	16:20-16:30	Exhibition & Refreshment Break				
16:50-18:20	Haematemesis / GI Blood Loss <i>Mike Willard</i>	16:30-17:15	Chronic Small Bowel Diarrhoea - IBD is NOT the most common cause <i>Mike Willard</i>	16:15-17:00	Nursing Surgical Gastrointestinal Cases <i>Mairead Deasy</i>		
		17:15-18:00	Chronic Large Bowel Diarrhoea <i>Mike Willard</i>	17:00-18:00	Dealing with Abdominal Trauma <i>Laura Cuddy</i>		
		20:00-Late	Social Evening @ The Cornstore - All Welcome, Tickets are limited				



VICAS CONFERENCE
3rd – 5th February 2017
Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Cork



TOPIC FOCUS
Gastrointestinal
Medicine and Surgery

VICAS WEEKEND
12.5 CVE CREDITS
Friday to Sunday

NURSE SESSION
6 CVE CREDITS
Saturday only

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WELCOME

Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Cork for our 2017 VICAS Annual Conference after what seems a little too long since we last visited the South of Ireland. We are very much looking forward to hosting you in this wonderful venue with another line up of top class speakers and we are again running a nursing stream with complimentary topics to allow the whole practice team to learn together.

The Veterinary stream will focus on the abdomen and gastrointestinal tract from both a medicine and surgical point of view with a comprehensive series of lectures on topics from the oesophagus to the colon and everything in between. We are privileged to have both Mike Willard, Professor of Small Animal Medicine & Surgery in Texas A&M University and Laura Cuddy, lecturer and clinician in Small Animal Surgery in University College Dublin share their expertise and knowledge over this weekend.

The Veterinary Nursing stream will complement all of the above, with additionally Claire Meade and Mairead Deasy delivering excellent and highly relevant lectures on feline medicine and surgical nursing. Both the Veterinary and Nursing streams will come together on Saturday morning for a joint session to discuss the somewhat controversial puppy trade in Ireland and the associated Dog Breeding Establishments regulations that are under review. This promises to be a very engaging topic and I'm sure will stimulate a lot of debate on how we balance animal welfare needs with the legal requirements and the commercial practicalities of this industry.

We hope that you enjoy our conference from an educational point of view but also get a chance to meet up with some colleagues, old and new!

2017 VICAS Conference Organising Committee

John O'Connor
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SPEAKERS at VICAS and Nurse Streams

MIKE WILLARD



Dr. Willard is a 1975 graduate of the Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine. He did his internship and Masters degree at Kansas State University and his internal medicine residency at Michigan State University. After that, Dr. Willard held faculty appointments at Michigan State University, Mississippi State University, and now at Texas A&M University. He has also consulted and worked at a private referral practice. He is currently a professor of Small Animal Clinical Science and specializes in gastroenterology, hepatology, pancreatology and endoscopy (flexible and rigid).

Dr. Willard has given over 3,200 hours of post-graduate continuing education lectures (nationally and internationally), has over 80 refereed publications, and has over 130 book chapters in print. He has worked extensively on sled dogs as well as with the World Small Animal Veterinary Association GI biopsy workgroup. He is currently an Associate editor for the Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

MAIREAD DEASY Dip AVN Dip HE CVN RVN



Mairead graduated with a Diploma in Veterinary Nursing from University College Dublin in 2004. She attained a Diploma in Higher Education Clinical Veterinary Nursing from Myerscough College in 2012, and followed this with an RCVS Advanced Diploma in Veterinary Nursing in 2013. She is currently studying towards a VTS surgical qualification.

Mairead currently works as Head Theatre Nurse at Gilabbey Veterinary Hospital, where she is responsible for the surgical nursing care of referral orthopaedic & soft tissue cases. She enjoys all aspects of surgical nursing, and has a particular interest in anaesthesia and the care of spinal and orthopaedic patients. Mairead is the proud owner of two cats, Frank and Louis, and Noodle the dog, all of whom found their way to her through the doors of Gilabbey.

CLARE MEADE



Clare Meade qualified from UCD vet school in 1995 and spent two crazy years in equine practice before becoming a companion animal vet. She bought her own practice in Dublin in 1998 and developed that into a large suburban hospital with over 15,000 clients before selling it in 2006 and moving home to Cork.

Clare runs The Cat Hospital just outside Cork city which opened in 2009. It is Ireland's first cat only hospital and is designed with all of our feline friend's unique needs in mind.

Clare completed the ANZCVS examination in feline medicine in 2012 and is a founding member of 'The Academy of Feline Practitioners' an international group of feline experts. She is currently studying for the two year ISFM feline behaviour course.

Clare has two children, works from home and enjoys reading and cooking and cats!

LAURA CUDDY

MVB, MS, DACVS-SA, DECVS, DACVSMR, MRCVS



Laura graduated from University College Dublin in 2008 with a first class honours degree in Veterinary Medicine. She completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery, followed by a combined Masters of Science and residency in small animal surgery at the University of Florida (UF). In 2013, Laura joined University College Dublin as Assistant Professor in Small Animal Surgery. She was welcomed as a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) and European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS) in 2014, and as a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (ACVSMR) in 2015.

Laura is actively involved in teaching, delivering lectures and practical workshops nationally and internationally. She has contributed as an author to multiple surgical textbooks and peer-reviewed journals. Her research interests include orthopaedic biomechanics, specifically relating to medial coronoid disease in dogs, as well teaching and proficiency assessment in minimally-invasive procedures. Although Laura maintains a strong interest in all aspects of orthopaedic, soft tissue, neurologic and oncologic surgery, her main clinical interests reflect her advanced training at UF in minimally-invasive techniques, traumatology and rehabilitation of the post-operative patient.

SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS

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



VENUE & CONFERENCE DINNER



CLAYTON HOTEL SILVER SPRINGS, CORK

Join us this year at the Clayton Hotel Silver Springs in Cork. The hotel is located just 3km from the city centre. There are various transport options available for those traveling from and to the hotel. The hotel offers complimentary on-site outdoor parking to all hotels guests and conference attendees. The VICAS Conference will take place in the hotel's newly refurbished Conference Centre.

Rooms are booked through the conference office at vicaswc@keynotepco.ie or Tel. +353 4003626. Rates from €89 B&B Single & €109 B&B Double Occupancy.



CONFERENCE DINNER AT THE CORNSTORE RESTAURANT

The Cornstore Restaurants is one of Cork's top food venues. The restaurant offers a casual, warm and lively dining experience in a Manhattan style setting, complete with a unique wine and cocktail bar. Specialising in seafood and steak, the ethos of our restaurant works on the philosophy of "quality food sourced locally".

Guests will be collected by coach from the conference hotel and enjoy a drink on arrival, wine with dinner and return transfers.

Price: €55 per person. Make sure you book early as places are limited.