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CATTLE ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY IRELAND LAUNCHED AT INAUGURAL CONFERENCE IN NENAGH

The Start of Something New ...

The Abbey Court Hotel in Nenagh was today (18th October) the venue for the beginning of a new type of conference for Veterinary Ireland with the launch of the Cattle Association of Veterinary Ireland (CAVI) at its inaugural conference entitled "Fertility Problem Solving"

CAVI has been established to provide relevant Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Irish Cattle Practitioners. With this in mind a one and a half day conference has been organised dealing with aspects of bovine infertility confronting cattle practitioners.

According to Ciaran Mellett, Chairperson of CAVI, "Infertility is regarded as the costliest production disease affecting both dairy and beef cattle world-wide. It causes major economic loss through inefficient milk and beef production, increased replacement costs and inefficient utilisation of feed-stuffs. Infertility regularly challenges cattle practitioners in the course of their work".

An eminent group of speakers assembled for the conference, including Dr John Mee of Teagasc, one of the world's foremost researchers on dairy cow reproduction; Dr Lindy Vaughan of the Veterinary Faculty, a specialist in reproduction; Dr Des Rice, renowned ruminant nutritionist, as well as Mr Peter O'Neill, Dr David Graham, Mr William Byrne, Mr Donal Toolan and Mr John Moriarty. Lectures covered topics such as herd management, nutrition, infectious diseases, investigation of problem herds and updates on current reproductive parameters in Irish herds. The conference moves to a practical footing on 19th October with practical sessions based at Nenagh Mart, focusing on ultrasound scanning, practical aspects of male fertility and a live demonstration of a bull vasectomy.

"This conference is one of Veterinary Ireland's first major events to be accredited under the new Veterinary Council Continuing Education Accreditation System. Delegates attending all of the sessions will be entitled to claim 9 CVE credits under the scheme, which will contribute greatly to the 20 points required for annual accreditation", concluded Sean O'Laoide, President of Veterinary Ireland.

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