

# THE FUTURE OF VETERINARY: ETHICS, ETHOS & LORE

6.5 CVE CREDITS (TBC)

09.00am - 5.30pm, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2026

Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly



0900 - 0930

## Welcome & Introductions

**Dr Paul McDermott** MVM MSc MRCVS CertVPH

Futures Chair and Chair of the Local Authority Interest Group, Veterinary Ireland

**Dr Anita O'Halloran** MVB PGDip BM PGCert Food Safety

Chair of the State Sector Interest Group, Veterinary Ireland

**Dr Frank O'Sullivan** MVB MSc (Food Science) MRCVS

Chair of the Education, Research & Industry Interest Group, Veterinary Ireland

0930 - 1300

## Session 1: The Future of Veterinary - Ethics & Lore

**Facilitator: Dr Michael Sheahan** MVB MRCVS

Director of Animal Health & Welfare and Regulatory Affairs, Buitelaar Group

0930 - 1000

### *Ethics from a Professional Perspective*

**Dr Michaela Davis** PhD BSc DCR MSc Prof Dip University Teaching & Learning

Lecturer/Assistant Professor, UCD School of Medicine

1000 - 1030

### *Ethics in Regulation and Accreditation*

**Aideen Neylon** BCL LLM

Head of Legal, Veterinary Council of Ireland

1030 - 1115

### *The Impact of Ethics Teaching on Early Career Veterinary Practice*

**Professor Siobhan Mullan** BVMS PhD DWEL DipECAWBM(AWSEL) MRCVS

Professor of Animal Welfare and Veterinary Ethics, UCD School of Veterinary Medicine

1145 - 1215

## **Morning Speakers Panel Session**

Questions & Answers Session

1215 - 1300

### *Ethical Echoes from Folklore*

**Professor Michael Doherty** BVMS MVM MLitt PhD DipECBHM DipECSRHM MRCVS

Emeritus Full Professor of Veterinary Clinical Studies, UCD School of Veterinary Medicine

1300 - 1400

**Lunch** (Included in Registration)

1400 - 1730

## Session 2: The Future of Veterinary - Ethics & Ethos

**Facilitator: Dr Gabriel Beechinor** MVB MVM MSc PhD

Principal Consultant, Integrity International

1400 - 1445

### *Ethics in Wildlife Treatment & Rehabilitation*

**Dr Michael Gunn** MVB PhD CBiol FIBiol, DipAgSc, MRCVS

Director, Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland (WRI)

**Dr Vicki Baldrey** BVSc BSc(Hons) DZooMed(Avian) FHEA MRCVS

WRI Course Instructor and Consultant, Senior Lecturer in Exotic Species and Small Mammal Medicine & Surgery, RVC, London

1445 - 1530

### *Ethics in Conservation Medicine*

**Dr Frank O'Sullivan** MVB MSc (Food Science) MRCVS

Veterinary and Animal Care Team, Dublin Zoo

1600 - 1630

### *SETU's Veterinary Medicine Programme: Developing Veterinary Identity through Collaboration and Community*

**Dr Emma Corbett-Coffey** MVB CertAVP (GSAS)

Lecturer, Department of Veterinary Medicine, SETU

1630 - 1700

### *Building Vets, Not just Vet Graduates: The Ethos of a new Veterinary School*

**Professor Patrick Pollock** BVMS, MSc, PhD, CertES(Soft Tissue), DipECVS, FHEA, FRCVS

Head of ATU Veterinary, ATU

1700 - 1730

## **Afternoon Speakers Panel Session**

Questions & Answers Session

1730

## Conclusions & Final Word

**Dr. Eoin Glynn** MVB

President, Veterinary Ireland

