



14th International Conference of the Association of Institutes for Tropical Veterinary Medicine

25 – 29 August 2013

Indaba Hotel and Conference Centre
Johannesburg, South Africa

Theme: “The livestock-human-wildlife interface” – Challenges in Animal Health and Production in urban and extensive farming/conservation systems

Call for Abstracts

Guidelines for abstracts are available on the website: www.aitvm2013.org. Please submit abstracts electronically on www.easyabstract.com

Deadline for submissions

Abstracts to be submitted by 15 February 2013

Online registration

Online registration will open on 1 February 2013 on the website www.aitvm2013.org

Social Events

A selection of events and excursions will be organized and will be described on the website when confirmed. A separate programme for accompanying persons will not be available but such persons are welcome to register for and participate in social events.

Registered delegates may attend the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Cocktail Function, Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony.

Scientific Programme

Six themes

- Diagnosis, surveillance and control at the interface
- Drivers of emerging and re-emerging diseases (with particular reference to zoonoses)
- Animal welfare at the interface
- Food safety and food security (including marketing and trade)
- Training opportunities in the context of the interface
- Animal health and production

Welcoming message: Prof Koos Coetzer, President of the AITVM

It is my pleasure and honor as President to extend a hearty word of welcome to all prospective participants on behalf of the AITVM member institutions and the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases, and the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa and the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium that jointly organize the 14th AITVM international conference. The theme of the conference, namely, The livestock/human/wildlife interface: challenges in urban livestock health and production and extensive farming/conservation systems is very topical and relevant as infectious and parasitic diseases of livestock pose major constraints on the expansion of the agricultural sector to sustainable development in many parts of the world. The situation in some regions is exacerbated by the presence of reservoir hosts for many of these pathogens among the rich wildlife fauna, resulting in a complex epidemiology at the interface between wildlife, livestock and human populations, and the need for novel, innovative approaches to control, founded on the principles of 'One Health'. The building of capacity of a new generation of professionals to meet the challenges and issues at the livestock/wildlife/human/ecosystem interface is therefore of high priority.

The aim of the 3-yearly international conference of the AITVM (<http://www.aitvm.org>) has always been on an integrated approach of bringing together animal health and production experts as well as junior scientists from the North and South. The prestigious Indaba Hotel provides 4 star accommodation and conference facilities as well as a tranquil environment to interact and network with fellow participants.

I am looking forward to welcome you in South Africa in August 2013.

Prof Koos Coetzer
President: AITVM



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