CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Economics and Social Sciences of Animal Health – What have we learned and where to next?

Aviemore, Scotland, 27th and 28th of March 2017

ISESSAH aims to improve animal health and welfare policies, programme and projects through more nuanced use of concepts and tools available in economics and social science disciplines. In the process it will provide opportunities for animal health professionals globally to achieve wider societal benefits from animals in society.

Call for Abstracts
The recently formed International Society for Economics and Social Sciences of Animal Health (ISESSAH) invites the submission of abstracts for its inaugural meeting on the 27th and 28th of March 2017 preceding the annual meeting of the Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine (SVEPM)

The meeting will have keynote presentations from leading thinkers in economics and social sciences, namely:
- x   Dr Karin Schwabenbauer, Chief Veterinary Officer, Germany
- x   Prof. Tim Carpenter, Professor of Veterinary Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases, Massey University, New Zealand
- x   Dr Gareth Enticott, Senior Lecturer in Social Research, Cardiff University, United Kingdom

There will be sessions with oral presentations as well as poster sessions and poster presentations will be selected from submitted abstracts. There will be a social function and dinner to provide ample time for the participants to engage in discussion.

We are welcoming abstracts in the following broad themes:

- x   Where do we come from: what has been critical progress in the use of economics and social sciences of animal health in past years?
- x   Where do we stand now: how are economics and social sciences currently being used for animal health decision-making?
- x   Where should we go: what will be the future challenges for economics and social sciences to improve animal health?

Abstracts submitted can be on both completed and ongoing research. They may focus on methods and techniques, applications, development of theory, education and/or policy.

Authors should submit abstracts by the 30th of October 2016. Abstracts should have a title of maximum 150 characters (including spaces) and an abstract body of maximum 2,000 characters (including spaces) and be submitted using the following link:
https://goo.gl/forms/HyHL8181zfv0Nd332

Abstracts will be reviewed by a scientific expert panel and will be selected for either oral or poster presentation based on the following criteria: 1) Relevance of the research to the conference theme, 2) Scientific quality of the research approach, and 3) Quality of the abstract writing. Moreover, the panel will aim to achieve a balance in terms of geographical representation, gender and level of seniority.

Authors will be notified of the decision by the 25th of November 2016.

Further information regarding the conference and registration will soon become available on the ISESSAH conference website. If you would like to receive information and news about the 2017 conference as it becomes available