

GENERAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE

The official language of the symposium is **English** with simultaneous translation into Hungarian.

LOCATION

Budapest, the Hungarian capital is an economic, financial and cultural center of about 2 million inhabitants. The city is beautifully situated on the both sides of the Danube river, having at least 2000 year old.

In the time of the Roman Empire the Danube used to be the “limes”, and Aquincum used to be the guard-city. The past 1100 years of the Hungarian state and the coexistence with the peoples of Central and East Europe during the Hungarian–Austrian Empire formed the very special, attractive atmosphere of the city, with many possibility for cultural (museums, arts galleries, libraries etc.), as well as tourist and culinary discoveries.

The weather is a real “Indian summer” in September. Several bath with thermal water, site for half-day excursion are also at the reach of the hand. Budapest can very easily reached by air, train, car or even by ship.

CONFERENCE VENUE

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REGISTRATION

Deadline for the payment of the registration fee is **July 31, 2004**. All participants will receive confirmation on registration and hotel reservation. Details on registration and methods of payment will be available on the web site of the conference <http://www.diamond-congress.hu/esvcn/>.

Registration Categories	Payment received	
	before July 31, 2004	after
Full registration fee	290 EUR (232 + VAT)	320 EUR (256 + VAT)
Fee for PhD students*	100 EUR (80 + VAT)	110 EUR (88 + VAT)

Registration fees include 20 % VAT.

* The supervisor or scientific leader of the student should certify his/her PhD status. Registration of PhD students is also arranged in the online database by selecting the appropriate registration category of the PhD student. Certificates of the status must be sent by e-mail at the time of registration.

Registration fees includes for participants and students

- entrance to the symposium and the meetings
- coffees, cakes and refreshment in the breaks
- welcome get-to-gather party
- 2 lunches and the gala diner
- copy of the proceedings

ACCOMMODATION

The conference site is in the center of Budapest, at the “Keleti” International Railway and underground station. There is limited parking places around the hotel. There is a possibility to stay in the same hotel (medium price level, parking place included), but modest accommodation will be also offered.

Reservation details with the list and orientation of hotels will be available on the web site of the conference <http://www.diamond-congress.hu/esvcn/>

SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

Pre-conference tour with Hungarian folklore: September 23 in the morning

Post-conference tour: Danube artistic village (Szentendre) with Skanzen (only on special request). Details on these programmes will be available on the web site of the conference <http://www.diamond-congress.hu/esvcn/>

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Submission of abstracts	April 30, 2004
Acceptance of abstracts	May 31, 2004
Submission of the manuscripts and extended abstracts	June 30, 2004
Early registration fee payment and hotel reservation	July 31, 2004
Cancellation of registration and hotel reservation	August 31, 2004
ESVCN Conference dates	September 23–25, 2004

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

September 23	Pre-conference tour (half day)
September 23 (afternoon)	Board meetings for ESVCN and ECVCN
September 23 (evening)	Get-to-gather cocktail
September 24	Presentations
September 24 (evening)	ESVCN Plenary Meeting
September 25	2nd day of presentations
September 25 (evening)	Gala Dinner



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION

TO THE



8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF
VETERINARY &
COMPARATIVE NUTRITION



SEPTEMBER 23–25, 2004
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

INVITATION

On behalf of the International and Local Organizing Committee we would like to invite you to take part in the 8th International Symposium of European Society of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition (ESVCN) which will be held in Budapest, Hungary, between 24–25 September 2004.

In 1996 the European Society of Veterinary Nutrition (ESVCN) has been founded, which formed his professional college in 1997 (European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition.) The later has been recognized in 1999 as member of the European Society of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ESVIM). In this way, the possibility of veterinary specialization became possible. The ESVCN has as mission “to increase interaction of European veterinary nutritionists, compare and harmonize veterinary nutrition education from basic to specialist level in Europe, advance applied and scientific veterinary nutrition”.

The aim of this congress is to gather the specialists of the Animal and Veterinary Science, who are able to consider the entire animal and its environment as a whole, and follow the physiological events with and evolutionary and comparative view.

Here we invite animal scientists, vets and agricultural engineers of the practice, representative of the feed industry with both comparative and veterinary approaches studying nutritional aspects of the whole organisms, included the Man. Consequently, the food safety represents an important role.

Dear Colleague,

My name is Sándor György Fekete, chairman of this conference, I teach veterinary feeding and dietetics at Faculty of Veterinary Science Budapest.

By this announcement, I cordially invite you to take part in this symposium. During the 2-day meeting in September 2004, four plenary lectures with invited lectures of highest international reputation, about 6–8 major topics and free, deeply discussed posters. The list of preliminary topics is as follows:



INVITED KEYNOTE LECTURES

Prof. J. Blum (Zurich): Nutritional physiology of neonatal calves.

Prof. G. Huszenicza (Budapest): Role of leptin in metabolic and reproductive processes in dairy cow.

Prof. E. Kienzle (Munich): Nutritional aspects of small animal dermatitis.

Prof. P. Rudas (Budapest): Endocrine regulation of energy metabolism.

MAIN TOPICS

1. Inflammation diseases
2. Neonatology
3. Nutritional dermatitis
4. Production animal feeding and food safety
5. Energy metabolism, malnutrition-obesity
6. Animal production systems and environmental aspects
7. Small animal clinical nutrition
8. Animal as experimental model
9. Nutrition-reproduction relationship
10. Mineral and vitamin deficiency
11. Intestinal and rumen microflora
12. Bioethical concerns
13. University teaching of nutrition
14. Use of nutraceuticals
15. Feed manufacturing
16. Miscellaneous

We do believe that this meeting will be successful in building bridges between specialists of interdisciplinary fields, in giving opportunity to the young scientists to show their results to the international community and at the same time a possibility for continuous education of highly qualified specialists of the practice of animal production and veterinary science.

You are asked to take part in and draw the attention of your colleagues to join us. We are ready to provide any further information, please visit the congress web site <http://www.diamond-congress.hu/esvcn>

In the hope of the personal meeting, yours really

Prof. Sándor György Fekete
DVM, PhD

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CALL FOR PAPER

One-page of abstract from all candidates, and 8–10 pages (incl. tables and figures) from the invited lectures should be submitted. Please indicate the preferred way of presentation (oral or poster) and the selected topic number. Each of the poster will be discussed personally.

The abstract is limited to one A4 page (21.0×29.7 cm). The right and the left margins should be 2.5 cm. The top and the bottom margins should be 3.0 cm. The text is written in Word format, the font type is Times New Roman, size 10. The abstracts will be delivered in camera ready form. The first line gives the title. Use character size 12 bold, upper case and single spacing. The text line is free. On the next line, the names of the authors are given, the family name first, then the initials without title, using character size 12, lower case. The name of the presenting/corresponding author should be underlined. On the text line, type the addresses of the authors. The subdivisions (objectives, materials & methods, results and discussion/conclusions) should be clearly indicated in the text. Please follow these instructions carefully when preparing your abstract. Only papers according to the animal welfare are accepted.

All abstracts must be submitted electronically via our web site in the online database and must be accompanied by a completed application form. Files in word document are preferred. This can be arranged simultaneously in the online database for registration and abstract submission.

SUBMISSION

Name of the authors, title and preferred way of presentation should be given on the registration form, till April 30 2004.

Information about the acceptance and the way of presentation: till May 31.

DEADLINE

of the final version of the abstract or its extended 4-page version, as well as the full text of the keynote lectures: June 30, 2004. Oral presentation can be given on Power point presentation. Files should reach before the 1st September either by e-mail or on CD-ROM. Switching laptops will not be possible. Papers of high scientific standards will be offered for publication for the Journal of Animal Physiology and Animal Nutrition.

