

25th September 2020

Dear Members,

Invitation to our PVS Autumn Meeting, 26th and 27th November (VIRTUAL MEETING!)

I am delighted that we have been able to put together an online programme for this autumn and very much hope that you are able to support the society by attending. We are very grateful to MSD Animal Health for generously sponsoring this meeting and who we thank for their ongoing support in these difficult times. Please note that this is a joint meeting with BVPA. We are sorry that we are unable to meet up with our poultry colleagues in person but look forward to this joint collaboration.

A combined team from PVS and BVPA have prepared an excellent scientific programme. Virtual conference arrangements have been organised by MYT, and coordinated by Allison Kirwan. I am very grateful to them all for pulling together what will be an excellent meeting and which contains all the content of the planned physical meeting.

We will be covering such diverse topics as cutting edge vaccine and phage technology to revisiting some old and familiar diseases such as Salmonella, Influenza and Erysipelas which impact both pigs and poultry. We will be exploring the issues of differing perceptions of welfare and seeing what the 2 sectors can learn from each other as well as the potential for low atmospheric stunning in pigs and poultry. We also have an update on the progress made towards antimicrobial reduction and the next stages on this pathway.

We are running the Clinical Club chaired jointly by David Chennells and Richard Jackson of BVPA- if you have any interesting, perplexing, or just 'downright odd' piggy cases, please share them with the society.

We are sorry but you will have to make your own arrangements for dinner but hope you join us first for the OGM! -this will be in a similar format to the AGM in Spring.

Finally, we are hoping to arrange a session at the end of the day from Stewart Houston to update the society on the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway. While this may not have crossed your radar yet we are all going to hear a lot more about this over next few years not least as a lot of potential government funding for the pig industry will be channelled this way, but it is only applicable to England-devolved governments are making their own post Brexit plans. PVS have been heavily involved in the early stages of the development of this pathway.

A couple of quick reminders regarding registration and our meeting formats. All registrations are via the PVS website, although if you experience any problems, please contact PVS Webmaster: webmaster@pigvetsoc.org.uk.

While there is no early bird registration discount this year, we would encourage you to register early to spread the work for our team!

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Our meetings are members-only, closed events. We wish the current format to be maintained whereby all members can benefit from both the science, and opinion, discussed at our meetings, and indeed feel free to contribute openly. Sharing of presented material on social or other media should not be done without express, advanced permission of the presenter and meeting organisers. Non-members are welcome to attend by prior agreement – requests should be made to president@pigvetsoc.org.uk.

I look forward to seeing as many of you on screen as are able to attend this autumn!

Your sincerely

Paul

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PVS President 2020-2021

The Pig Veterinary Society (PVS) is a specialist division of the British Veterinary Association. The membership of PVS includes veterinary surgeons and scientists who work in the pig sector, and the Society aims to assist its members in their professional lives by ensuring they have access to the latest information with regards pig health and production. PVS also represents the membership at a national level, making sure that pig welfare is a priority considering the latest research with regards health and management on farm.