

February 2021

Dear Members,

Invitation to our PVS Spring Meeting, 25th and 26th March (VIRTUAL MEETING!)

Once again, we will be holding the conference virtually, but there are signs of hope that some normality may have returned for our autumn conference which is provisionally booked for Wyboston Lakes.

My thanks to the organising committee for putting on what I think is a varied and interesting conference with topics of interest to all. Once again Virtual conference arrangements have been organised by MYT, and by the organising committee. We are still feeling our way as to the best methods of running these and have taken on board the feedback from members regarding the last meeting. You will note changes we have made at this meeting which are aimed at facilitating questions and discussion in a format similar to our “normal” meetings and which enable delegates to concentrate on the speaker presentations whilst encouraging constructive discussions between lectures.

We are very grateful for the support of Boehringer Ingelheim as our sponsor for this conference. Sponsorship allows us to offer this valuable CPD at a much-reduced fee to our members.

We will be covering environmental challenges for pig production including carbon control. This is going to be high on many agendas in the coming year. This is followed by a session on ASF which continues its steady progression across Europe. We have a session on alternate systems for farrowing sows looking at options used overseas and practical experience from a UK producer. Finally, we have a diverse session on disease control.

As usual we are running the Clinical Club chaired by David Chennells – if you have a problem you want to present please contact the society.

At the end of first day, we will be holding the AGM. A reminder that as usual we have vacancies for junior vice president and 2 executive committee places to fill.

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!

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

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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 Spring!

Your sincerely

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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.