

7th October 2022

Dear Members,

Invitation to our PVS Autumn Meeting, Forest of Arden 16th & 17th November, 2022

It is with great pleasure that I am able to invite you to join our Autumn Meeting. This meeting has been kindly sponsored by HIPRA and we are extremely grateful for their support.

The scientific programme has been organised by Dr. Mandy Nevel and Eduardo Velaquez, our meetings coordinator. I am extremely grateful to them both as well as MYT and Jemma Stephenson, our new webmaster, for the organisation of what I am sure is going to be another excellent meeting.

Exotic/Notifiable Diseases are always a pertinent topic and never more so than currently and these will form the basis of the first session. Following lunch we will be focusing on African Swine Fever specifically.

We have sadly lost 2 members in recent times both of which were very active members of the society and will be greatly missed. We will be having a David Burch memorial session titled With and Without Antibiotics which will begin with some reflections from Professor Peter Lees and Professor Stan Done.

Following on from this will be a special Clinical Club dedicated to Dick Penny where David Chennels will chairing and we will be revisiting some very practical based cases.

I am very pleased to say that David's wife and daughter Sheelagh and Jemma and also Dick's daughters Liz and Margaret have accepted our invitation to join us both for these sessions and for our dinner.

Day two begins with another clinical club filled with new challenging cases followed by our Sponsors Slot from HIPRA which will be Francisc Molist (Schothorts, Netherlands) who will be presenting on a holistic approach to improve gut health in young pigs.

The final session will be dedicated to innovations followed by an update from Stewart Houston on both the Pathway and Red Tractor Requirements.

Our OGM will also take place on day 1 and I hope to see as many of you there as possible. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Tom Iveson, Alex Thomsett, Juan Hernandez and Christina Huelsmann-Diamond to the executive committee and thank all of the team for their fantastic support.

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Finally, 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.

Please note Early Bird Registration closes 2 weeks before the meeting and if you wish to benefit from the substantially cheaper registration (and help our meetings organisers immeasurably) it is wise to get registered before this time.

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 as are able to attend.

Your sincerely

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PVS President 2022-2023

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.