

March 2023

To all PVS members

It is my great pleasure to invite you to our Spring Conference which will be held at the Grand Hotel, Malehide, County Dublin. The dates will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.

The Spring Meeting will be sponsored by Eco Animal Health and I would like to extend my thanks for this generosity.

This year is a very special year for PVS as we are celebrating our 60 year anniversary! The first president was Hugh Clay and since then there have been 46 past presidents before myself and some very illustrious boots to fill they are, especially as it used to be a 2 year position. It has been my absolute privilege to hold this position and I would really recommend to people to become involved in the running of this society and if anyone is interested in doing more then please contact any member of the executive committee.

Eduardo Velaquez and Mandy Nevel have been working exceptionally hard to organise us yet another fantastic programme with some excellent speakers lined up.

After the conference ends on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Chris Sparrow will be hosting a lunchtime celebration to commemorate Dermot Sparrow who will have been a member of PVS for 60 years this year – a founding member of the society no less! Well worth a celebration I am sure you will agree. When you register for the for the conference there will be a tick box for you to complete if you are interested in attending this celebration. If ticked, then this will allow PVS to pass your details onto Chris to contact you regarding any further details.

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](mailto:webmaster@pigvetsoc.org.uk).

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](mailto:president@pigvetsoc.org.uk).

I look forward to seeing you all over in Dublin for what I am sure will be another excellent academic conference and to enjoying a pint of Guinness with you in the bar. Sláinte!

Yours 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.*