

August 2024

Dear PVS Members,

It is with great pleasure that I can invite you to our Autumn 2024 meeting, at Cadbury House Bristol, on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

This meeting has been kindly sponsored by CEVA and I am extremely grateful for their support.

I would like to thank Tom Iveson, Liz Van Hee and Eduardo Velazquez for organising the excellent programme, as well as MYT and Jemma Stephenson, the PVS webmaster, for the organisation of what we hope is going to be another excellent meeting.

The meeting will start with a session on Salmonella, with an update from both the UK and EU perspective followed by a presentation from 2 practitioners, who will share their experience, on how they reduced Salmonella levels within a herd.

After a break for lunch, we move onto an interesting session focusing on workforce within the industry. We will hear from 3 speakers on how we can attract, recruit and retain good stockpersons and vets.

During the third and final session of the day we will receive an update on the current PCV-2 situation across Europe from Matthias Eddicks from the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. This will be followed by 2 separate presentations from, Clayton Johnson from the USA and Hans Nauwynck from Ghent University, discussing whether there is a synergistic link between PRRS and PCV-2 coinfections.

This session will lead straight into our OGM and I hope to see as many of you there as possible. Day 1 will finish with the conference dinner, a great opportunity to discuss the contents of the day with many of the speakers, catch up with society members and enjoy the social occasion.

Day 2 begins with the clinical club. The clinical club provides an opportunity for practitioners to come together and discuss new and unusual cases. This will be followed by our sponsors slot from CEVA with Edgar Garcia Manzanilla from Teagasc.

The final session of the meeting will be dedicated to global industry updates including an update on the Health and Welfare pathway.

Finally, a couple of quick reminders regarding registration and our meeting formats. All registrations are via the PVS website, [PVS Autumn Meeting 2024 - Registration](#). If you experience any problems, please contact PVS Webmaster: [webmaster@pigvetsoc.org.uk](mailto: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.

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Our meetings are a great platform through which members can come together to receive scientific updates and discuss them openly. For this reason, our meetings are members only, closed events. Sharing of presented material on social or other media should not be done without express, advanced permission of the presenter and the 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 everyone that is able to attend.

Yours sincerely,



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**PVS President 2024-25**

*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.*