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Dear PVS Member,

As the Easter holiday is approaching, it is time to extend an invitation to you to attend the Pig Veterinary Society Spring Meeting which is to be held at the East Midlands Airport Hilton Hotel on the 21st and 22nd of May. May is going to be a particularly busy month, with ESPHM in Sorrento, Pig and Poultry fair and VIV Europe, but having seen the Scientific programme that Ben Strugnell has put together, I hope that you will agree that this is a meeting that you should not miss.

There are practical sessions providing on-farm solutions to problems such as Rota virus and PRRS and recent innovations such as rope testing. Research updates will focus on the use of MLST in Swine dysentery epidemiology and the 'fear factor' will come in the form of PEDv, antimicrobial resistance and possibly from the UK pig meat supply chain.

The Tom Alexander Memorial lecture will be given by Andreas Pospichii on Chlamydia suis and Chantal Farmer will round off the meeting with milk productivity and mammary development in the sow.

In addition to these treats, we are grateful to David Chennells and Alex Thomsett for pulling together another Clinical Club to stretch your brains on Wednesday evening. Many thanks also to Ben for securing such excellent speakers, despite juggling a new job and a new baby and thanks of course to Elanco, our sponsors for this meeting.

I trust that you have all managed to negotiate the on-line membership for this year and can bear with us as the new website evolves. I am sure that you will agree that it is progressing well, thanks to Duncan Berkshire's persistence with it. As with our Autumn meeting, registration for the Spring Meeting will be made through our website (www.pigvetsoc.org.uk), where you should also make your menu selection for Wednesday evenings dinner and make payment either by credit/ debit card or using Sagepay.

I look forward to seeing you there,



The Pig Veterinary Society is a specialist division of the British Veterinary Association. The Pig Veterinary Society exists to assist its members to care for pigs, through dissemination of knowledge about health, disease, the pig's welfare and its management. PVS, as a society, is a champion for pig welfare while maintaining balance with the need to maintain viability.

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