

18th March 2018

Dear Pig Veterinary Society Members,

Invitation to our Pig Veterinary Society Spring Meeting, April 25-26th Birmingham

I am very pleased to invite you to join colleagues at the [Forest of Arden Hotel and Country Club near Birmingham](#), for our spring meeting which is set to be a full and productive one. We are very grateful to Hipra, for generously sponsoring this meeting and look forward to their presentation.

The scientific programme has been organised by Allison Kirwan ably assisted by Susanna Williamson and Susan Walpole. As you can see, they have chosen an excellent range of topics which are highly relevant to the Pig Veterinary Society membership and I am very grateful to them.

The threat of incursion of exotic and epizootic disease is never far away and the current situation in Continental Europe with ASF is highly pertinent. With that in mind the first session will look at these types of threat and how they can be mitigated and managed. A review of pen side diagnostics will complement these talks as well as highlighting their relevance for the near future in aiding diagnosis and options for treatment – increasingly important in an era of reduced antibiotic use and dependency. A full session covering respiratory disease, the Sponsors presentation and the ever popular and relevant Clinical Club will complete day 1.

Day 2 will start with a full session on enteric health – again highly relevant in the era of reduced use of therapeutic and prophylactic use of medicines and the impending loss of Zinc Oxide. The meeting will conclude with an update session covering research topics of clinical relevance, and outline of health progress in Scotland and the current position with respect to pig welfare, its application and regulation.

We are very fortunate to have invited speakers and colleagues with extensive expertise to speak to us on these various issues and thank them in advance for agreeing to come and share their experience.

If you know of non-members who would like to attend this meeting, they need a PVS member to request approval on their behalf by contacting me on the email address below so that their registration can be arranged as non-members via the PVS booking on-line system.

The spring meeting also includes the AGM at which officers and committee members are elected for the year. There are 2 places available on the Executive Committee as well as the post of Honorary Secretary of the Society. We need members to step forward to help represent its interests and if you wish to be considered you will need to be nominated by a full member. If you would like to discuss this please contact myself, the senior vice President or the incoming President (Duncan Berkshire).

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in April

Yours sincerely,

Mark White