



2nd call for paper
abstract submission ends
February 10, 2009

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION

First of all we wish you a happy New Year.

On behalf of the organizing committee of ISAH, the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Foundation and the University of Vechta it is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in the XIV International Congress on Animal Hygiene (ISAH–2009) in the town Vechta, Germany, from **19th to 23rd July, 2009**.

Animal hygiene is a unique scientific interdisciplinary field where health and welfare of both animals and humans are closely intertwined. Hygienic measures are in service of animal health and welfare of farm and companion animals, public health, bio-security and environmental protection making optimal use of resources for a sustainable animal husbandry.

In most areas the world of science has experienced fast developments in recent years, and animal hygiene is not an exception in that regard. Considering the urgent need for a more flexible and frequent exchange of scientific and practical knowledge of professionals in the field of animal hygiene and related areas, the ISAH 2009 Congress will take place in the town of Vechta situated in the north-west of the Federal State of Lower Saxony, Germany, which is one of the most prominent areas of farm animal production in Europe. This unique location offers the opportunity to organise everyday short field trips to nearby companies like Big Dutchman and to pig and poultry farms or to one of the numerous horse breeders where the famous Hanoverian and Oldenburg horses are bred competing since many years successfully in Olympic show jump competitions.

The ISAH–2009 Congress will focus on novel developments in animal hygiene of farm and companion animals. In order to cover the majority of different fields of animal hygiene and related areas, the work of the Congress will base on nine comprehensive topics. The Congress programme sees topics on farm and companion animals and a thematic day on horses on Thursday, July 23, 2009.

Well-known scientists around the world have accepted our invitation to contribute to the Congress as performers of plenary lectures as well as chairmen. We have full confidence to

expect exciting oral presentations, both invited and proposed by participants. Along with oral sessions poster sessions, undoubtedly of high scientific value, will be organized.

The Conference will take place in the building of the University of Vechta which offers ample of lecture halls for parallel sessions and group meetings. In the lobbies in front of the large hall and along the alleys sufficient space is provided for poster display and viewing.

Vechta, with a population of 30,000 is the heart of a typical northern German country district with an area of 800 square kilometres and looks back to a long history. The central church in the historic part of the town originates from the year 1400. Vechta is proud of its university. One fifth of the inhabitants of the city are students – a fact that promotes social life and pub culture considerably.

The Congress venue in the University of Vechta is in the centre of the town and well equipped with all modern communication facilities.

On behalf of the International Society for Animal Hygiene,
See you all in Vechta, July 19–23, 2009 !

Jörg Hartung, 2nd Vice-president
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Abstract Submission

February 10, 2009

Early Registration deadline

April 15, 2009

CONGRESS ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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CONGRESS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Selection about acceptance and presentation based on the quality of the submitted abstracts will take place by a Scientific Committee. The composition of this Scientific Committee is as follows:

Prof. Andres Aland, Estonian University of Life Sciences, Tartu, Estonia
Prof. Bo Algers, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
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THE SOCIETY

The International Society for Animal Hygiene (ISAH, www.isah-soc.org) was founded in 1970 and has today members from 48 countries throughout the world. The ISAH, non-profit scientific organization, specializes in the field of animal health and welfare and veterinary public health. Protection of environment and public as an issue dependent on animal hygiene measures employed in livestock production is also included.

The ISAH's understanding of the phrase "animal hygiene" is explained in the new Constitution of ISAH, Article 2:

"The field of animal hygiene includes the scientific analysis of the interactions between domestic animals and any abiotic and biotic factors of their direct and indirect environment with the aim to develop optimization and intervention measures for preventing diseases (including zoonoses and food safety relevant infections and contaminations), promote the animals' health and their species-specific welfare needs whilst maintaining a secure and sound environment."

Veterinarians and non-veterinary academic scientists (animal science, agricultural economics, engineers, microbiologists, public health professionals, epidemiologists and others) and respective professionals in animal farming and agriculture, who work and/or do research, teaching and education in the field of animal hygiene, can apply for a membership of ISAH, and is most welcome to attend ISAH congresses.

The ISAH is driven by an Executive Board and an Extended Executive Board. Important organisational, financial and constitutional decisions are taken by the General Assembly.

The first ISAH congress was held in Budapest in 1973. The last ISAH main congress took place in Tartu, Estonia in 2007. The over-next Congress is scheduled for 2011 in Vienna.

Other symposia under the patronage of ISAH are also organized in many countries during last years. The 12 previous congresses and several in-between meetings held on different continents have been a great success, gathering together a large number of academic scientists, professional practitioners and students from veterinary medicine, animal sciences and other related areas with an interest and working schedule in the field of animal hygiene, animal health and animal welfare or related fields.

The XIV ISAH Congress will take place in Vechta, Germany, July 19–23, 2009.

The XIV International ISAH Congress Devise:

Sustainable Animal Husbandry:

“Prevention is better than cure”

This devise of the ISAH–2009 Congress coincides with the recent EU postulate in the strategy paper of the Council and is very much at the heart of the ancient and modern roots of the term “Hygiene” which is devoted to the prevention of diseases and discomfort.

Within the devise the attention in the Congress will especially be focused on the interaction between the husbandry systems and the health and welfare of individual animals and herds, the options of prevention strategies and bio-security concepts, the economical implications considering animals’ health in modern animal production, and possibilities of precision livestock farming in securing good health and welfare of animals. Measures for prevention the development and spread of diseases and pathogens in animals including those that pose a risk to human health (zoonoses) and food safety relevant infections and contaminations such as residues in food derived from animals will be discussed during the Congress. Influence of animal keeping on the environment and public health is an important issue too.

The Congress will be organized around nine different main topics. Topics will be introduced by keynote lectures. A joint ISAH / FAO side symposium will broaden the view for the hygienic problems worldwide. Parallel sessions on specific topics will be organised when appropriate. On Thursday July 23, 2009 special sessions on horses and a tour will be organised. All topics will be covered by oral presentations and poster sessions.

The poster exhibition will take place in the lobbies of the University of Vechta, close to the session rooms. So it will be easy to reach for the Congress participants during the coffee breaks and during special poster sessions. Each day there will be a special time scheduled in the programme for poster presentation by the authors at the site. For the best three posters prizes will be given.

CONGRESS TOPICS

There will be nine main topics in the Congress:

1. Animal health - risks by housing and production environment.
2. Precision livestock farming - optimal use of resources for healthy animals and wholesome food.
3. Human health - zoonotic diseases in farming and the food chain.
4. Animal protection - welfare and health in modern farming.
5. Applied animal ethology – further improvement of husbandry systems
6. Waste management – hygienic aspects and safe and sustainable energy
7. Vectors of infectious diseases and abatement strategies
8. Emissions from animal farming and rural planning
9. Disinfection and bio-security in farm animal production

The programme sees a thematic day on horses (Thursday, July 23, 2009)

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific programme will start every morning at 8.30 h. Plenary sessions are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Oral presentations will be organised in form of blocks with parallel sessions starting with keynotes to the topics of the sections presented by well-known academic scientists. Tuesday and Wednesday parallel session blocks will continue after lunch. Each parallel session will be introduced by the chairman of the session. Professional excursions will occur Monday and Tuesday after the afternoon coffee break and Thursday afternoon.

CONGRESS PROGRAMME
(PRELIMINARY AS OF 20TH JANUARY 2009)

	July, 19th 2009 Sunday Arrival	July, 20th 2009 Monday Openings & FAO	July, 21st 2009 Tuesday	July, 22nd 2009 Wednesday	July, 23rd 2009 Thursday Horses
8:30 - 10:30 hrs		Plenary Lectures	8:30 - 9:10 Plenary Lecture 9:15 - 10:30 Parallel Sessions Block 1	8:30 - 9:10 Plenary Lecture 9:15 - 10:30 Parallel Sessions Block 4	Parallel Sessions Block 7
10:30 - 11:00 hrs		Coffee Break (30 min)	Coffee Break (30 min)	Coffee Break (30 min)	Coffee Break (30 min)
11:00 - 12:30 hrs		Plenary Lecture	Parallel Sessions Block 2	Parallel Sessions Block 5	Parallel Sessions Block 8
12:30 - 13:45 hrs	Registration	Lunch Time Poster Session (30 min) Sections A ... C	Lunch Time Poster Session (30 min) Sections D ... E	Lunch Time Poster Session (30 min) Sections F ... I	Farewell Soup
13:45 - 15:45 hrs	Registration	FAO Session	Parallel Sessions Block 3 15:15-15:45 Coffee Break	Parallel Sessions Block 6 15:15-15:45 Coffee Break	Professional
15:45 - 17:00 hrs	Registration	15:45-16:15 Coffee Break Professional	Professional	16:00-18:00 ISAH	Excursions
17:00 - 18:00 hrs	Registration	Excursions	Excursions	General Assembly 2009	
19:00 hrs - open end	Welcome Reception in the Town Hall			Congress Banquet	

CONGRESS PROGRAMME (AS OF 25TH JANUARY 2009)

Day 1, SUNDAY, 19.07.2009

12:30-19:00 Arrival of participants and registration
19:00 Reception by the Lord Major of Vechta

Day 2, MONDAY, 20.07.2009

08:30-10:30 Welcome addresses and Opening

- Jörg Hartung, ISAH 2nd Vice-president and Congress President (Welcome and Introduction)
- Thomas Blaha, ISAH President (Opening of the Congress)
- Hans-Heinrich Ehlen, Minister for Agriculture of Lower Saxony
- Uwe Bartels, Mayor of Vechta
- Marianne Assenmacher, President of the University of Vechta
- Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Chief Veterinary Officer
- Wim van Dokkum: "Miraculous Insights into the Congress Theme"

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Plenary Lectures

- David Byrne (former EU Commissioner DG SANCO): "Global Aspects of Human and Animal Health"
- Walter Winding (FVE): "The new Community Animal Strategy 2007 to 2013 - Prevention is better than cure"

12:30-13:45 Lunch time with poster sessions A - C

13:45-15:45 Joint FAO/ISAH Side Symposium

"Sustainability in the Framework of Food Security"

With intended contributions:

- Welcome address: Daniela Battaglia (FAO) and Thomas Blaha (ISAH)
- Daniela Battaglia (FAO): Introduction into the symposium theme
- Katinka DeBalogh (FAO): "Sustainability of Livestock Production - what does it mean"
- Harald von Witzke (Humboldt University Berlin, Germany): "World Hunger: facts and challenges"
- Maria Stella Huertas (Uruguay, ISAH): "Good Agricultural Practices - the impact of losses on feeding the world"
- Will Hueston (University of Minnesota, USA): "Veterinary Public Health - Food Safety and Zoonoses"
- Thomas Blaha: Synopsis of the Symposium

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-18:00 Professional Excursions

DAY 3, TUESDAY, 21.07.2009

08:30-09:10 Plenary Lecture

- Hans-Wilhelm Windhorst (ISPA University Vechta, Germany): "Sustainability - the challenge for densely populated livestock areas"

09:15-10:30 Parallel sessions (Block 1)

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Parallel Sessions (Block 2)

12:30-13:45 Lunch Time with poster sessions D ... E

13:45-15:15 Parallel Sessions (Block 3)

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-18:00 Professional Excursions

DAY 4, WEDNESDAY, 22.07.2009

08:30-09:10 Plenary Lecture

- Thomas Blaha (Germany, ISAH): "ISAH's Mission and Vision - ISAH is broadening its scope to the sustainability of livestock production"

09:15-10:30 Parallel Sessions (Block 4)

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Parallel Sessions (Block 5)

12:30-13:45 Lunch Time with poster sessions F ... I

13:45-15:15 Parallel Sessions (Block 6)

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

16:00-18:00 ISAH General Assembly 2009

DAY 5, THURSDAY, 23.07.2009

"HORSE-Day"

08:30-10:30 Parallel Sessions (Block 7)

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Parallel Sessions (Block 8)

12:30-13:45 Farewell Soup

13:45-17:00 Professional Excursions

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Committee of the XIV International ISAH Congress 2009 welcomes the submission of contributions for oral or poster presentation at the Congress. Original work on a scientific or a practical topic will be considered.

Two types of presentation are possible:

- Oral presentation
- Poster presentation

All presentations are bound up with an obligation to deliver a full paper for the Congress Proceedings.

DEADLINE for submission of abstracts is FEBRUARY 10, 2009. Notification date of abstract acceptance and form of presentation is MARCH 15, 2009.

All abstracts must be submitted on-line at the Congress website: isah2009.info

INSTRUCTIONS are given at the abstract submission portal: isah2009.info/abstracts.html

Notification of abstract receipt will be automatically displayed after submission.

In case of any difficulties or questions during the submission, please contact the Congress Secretariat: itt@isah2009.info

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND NOTIFICATION

To notify successful delivery of your abstract to the database a confirmation page will be displayed after abstract submission on-line. Authors will be also notified about the delivery of their abstract by e-mail at the address indicated in the Abstract Submission Form.

REVIEWING, ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE AND PRESENTATION FORMAT

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee of the Congress. The decision will be made on acceptance for oral or poster presentation. Decisions will be based on relevance, originality and scientific soundness. The status of each abstract (acceptance for oral or poster presentation, or possible rejection) will be notified to the authors by MARCH 15, 2009.

Should the rejection of your abstract prevent you from attending the Congress, your registration can be cancelled without cancellation fee by APRIL 15, 2009. The presenting author of a selected abstract commits to attend the symposium and present the abstract in the session at the time decided upon by the Scientific Committee.

The abstracts will not be published as such, but all authors should send their papers for the Congress Proceedings. Instructions about the papers will be sent together with the notification of acceptance. Congress Proceedings are included in the participation fee and will be made available for the participants at the Congress venue.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS will be included in the Congress Sessions in the format that is assigned by the Congress Organisation Committee. Speakers will be notified by MARCH 15, 2009.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS will be exhibited in the lobby of the University of Vechta. The Congress Organisation Committee will assign each poster within the thematic area of the poster exhibition.

INSTRUCTIONS ON POSTER PREPARATION will be given with the notification of acceptance. An optional prepaid print service for posters will start in MAY 2009. Further information will be available after MAY 1, 2009 on the website <http://isah2009.info/poster.html>

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Proposed papers will be selected on the basis of the abstracts to oral or poster sessions by the Scientific Committee of the XIV International ISAH Congress 2009 and the Executive Board of ISAH. Each paper will be limited to four pages and published in the Congress Proceedings. Notification date of abstract acceptance and form of presentation is MARCH 15, 2009.

DEADLINE for submission of full papers is APRIL 31, 2009.

All papers must be submitted by e-mail or online. Only papers from Congress participants who had fully registered (includes full payment of congress fees) at the time of submission can be submitted and will be published.

INSTRUCTIONS on the paper submission and format will be given with the notification of acceptance.

CONGRESS LANGUAGE

English will be the official language of the Congress. It will be used for all printed materials, presentations and discussions. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Monday 20.07.09

Morning, sightseeing Vechta, medieval town, churches, monastery, museum.

Afternoon, guided tour through the Goldenstedter moor with witch assault and moor survival certificate, survivors can recover at the moor buffet offering moor special dishes.

Tuesday 21.07.09

All day guided tour to Bremen with visit of Böttchergasse (shopping mall), harbour, botanic garden.

Wednesday 22.07.09

All day guided tour of the museum village Cloppenburg (back to the Middle Age) with break in the village pub (regional special dishes)

Thursday 23.07.09

Morning, local tour, afternoon excursions.

DRESS CODE

Business casual.

INTERNET ACCESS DURING THE CONGRESS

Wireless Lan internet access for conference participants is a free service of the University of Vechta and is available throughout the campus.