Dear Colleagues,

The organising committee of the 17th European Society of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition congress is very pleased to send out the first call for this interesting yearly European nutrition meeting. We would like to invite you and are looking forward to numerous attendees for the congress.

The congress and preceding residency class will take place in Ghent, Belgium and will be hosted by Ghent University. The congress location is ‘Het Pand’, a former Dominican monastery located in the historic centre of Ghent. The residency class will be located at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, just outside Ghent, in a small village called Merelbeke.

Ghent is easily accessible by plane and train (Brussels National Airport or Brussels South for low budget airlines) and several hotels in the city centre are already blocked for your convenience.

We are looking forward to many high quality scientific oral presentations and posters. The four invited keynote speakers; Tom Van De Wiele (B), Alex Stewart (UK), Huub Savelkoul (NL), Eddy De Cuypere (B) will provide fascinating introductions to the fields of gastrointestinal microbiota, iodine, epigenetics and feed intake, respectively. In addition to the scientific value, the congress also gives the opportunity to meet old and new nutrition colleagues and to prolong or set up former and future cooperation in the animal nutrition field.

In addition, there will also be some time left to visit the gorgeous city centre with its historical buildings and monuments (e.g. Castle of the counts), museums and maybe to see one of the highlights of the Flemish Primitives: Mystic Lambs (Van Eyck brothers) although the ‘Just Judges’ panel has been stolen and is replaced by a reproduction. If you are not into art, there are still plenty of opportunities to taste some Belgium beers or chocolates or just to walk around in the small streets of ‘Patershol’ quarters, the medieval heart of the city.

More information can be found on the next pages and will be available soon on our website. We hope to welcome you all in Ghent in September.

On behalf of the organising committee,

Myriam Hesta,
President of the organising committee of the ESVCN 2013 Congress
First Call

The 17th Congress of the European Society of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition, ESVCN
September 19th to 21st, 2013

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The 8th Residency Class of the European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition, ECVCN
September 17th and 18th, 2013

will be held in Ghent, Belgium

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The 17th ESVCN Congress will take place in the historic building “Het Pand”, which was build in the 13th century as a Dominican Monastery.

The ESVCN Congress will be a nice combination of oral presentations and poster sessions. We invite researchers to submit abstracts for oral presentations and posters before May 1st, 2013. The submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and feedback will be given to the corresponding author. At least one of the authors has to be registered to the congress in order for the submission to be accepted. Abstracts have to be written according to the format that will be available at the ESVCN congress website and will be sent, together with the preliminary programme, with the second call in February 2013.

The 8th ECVCN Residency Class will be held at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine located in Merelbeke, a small town nearby Ghent.

Deadlines
Submission of abstracts: May 1th, 2013
Confirmation of acceptance: June 1th, 2013
Early registration: until July1th, 2013

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