



ISFM CONGRESS MALTA

CONGRESS 27 – 30 June 2024

2024 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

ISFM Congress 2024 will feature traditional theatre-style lectures, joint lectures, interactive panel discussions and in-depth masterclasses, exploring everything from practical management of ophthalmic cases to cutting-edge science and advanced feline medicine and surgery.

Create your 'purrfect' ISFM Congress experience with four unique feline streams in addition to the stellar main programme:

- Cats 101: For students, new graduates, those returning to feline work or anyone who wants to brush up on their essential feline medicine and interaction skills
- Advanced practitioner stream: A deeper dive into complex cases, cutting-edge research and advanced ophthalmic surgery
- Clinical practice stream: Focusing on practical tips and tricks veterinary professionals can take back into the clinic
- Shelter medicine stream: Discussing hot topics such as infectious diseases, pain management for early-age neutering and overcoming challenges for those working with unowned cats

Up to 28 hours of CPD available in Malta! With another 16 hours of additional content available to catch up on demand!



ISFM Congress 2024 Malta Programme

Thursday 27 June

Main Stream




Second Stream

Abstracts

Sponsor symposium / Masterclass

Masterclass - additional ticket required

Social Event

Time	Grand Master Suite	Perellos	Wignacourt	Vilhena
08:00 - 08:15	Congress Opening Nathalie Dowgray & Nicola Martin			
08:15 - 09:00	Setting the scene - the importance of vision for the cat Nathalie Dowgray, Sarah Heath			
09:00 - 10:00	Understanding the eye - a revision of the anatomy and physiology Renata Stavinochova			
10:00 - 10:45	Coffee Break			
Stream	Main Stream	Cats 101, sessions for vet students, new graduates or those returning to feline work		
10:45 - 11:45	Back to basics - where to start with ophthalmological examination Renata Stavinochova	Interacting with cats 101 Laura Watson	FIP - diagnosis and treatment Sam Taylor & Vanessa Barrs	Become a cat whisperer of feline pain assessment (part 1 - acute pain) Paulo Steagall
11:45 - 12:45	ROUND TABLE: Tips to improve owner's compliance in cats with gastrointestinal diseases Aarti Kathrani, Thomas Webb, Susan Campbell 	Physical examination, do's and don't's Sarah Collins	<i>Masterclass 1 - additional purchase required</i> 	<i>Masterclass 2 - additional purchase required</i>
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch			
14:00 - 15:00	Ocular manifestations of feline herpesvirus, the gift that keep giving Ursula Dietrich	Handling cats for common procedures Nathalie Dowgray	Abstract Presentations	Become a cat whisperer of feline pain assessment (part 2 - chronic pain) Paulo Steagall
15:00 - 16:00	Feline corneal ulcers - where do you begin? Ursula Dietrich	Common things happen commonly - feline medicine 101 Yaiza Gomez-Mejias		<i>Masterclass 3 - additional purchase required</i>
16:00 - 16:45	Coffee Break			
16:45 - 17:45	Anaesthesia and pain management in ophthalmology Paulo Steagall			
17:45 - 18:45	Feline CKD and hypertension Sheri Ross 			
19:00 - Midnight	Hills and ISFM Welcome Reception			

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Friday 28 June

Main Stream







Second Stream

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Social Event

Time	Grand Master Suite	Perellos	Time	Wignacourt	Vilhena
07:00 - 07:45		07:00 - 07:45am			
08:00 - 09:00	That eye needs to come out! Enucleation 101 Renata Stavinochova	Breakfast lecture - Holistic management of feline CKD- controlling weight loss and anaemia Kit Sturgess 			
09:00 - 10:00	New Horizon in managing Feline Diabetes Sam Taylor 				
10:00 - 10:15	Young Scientist Award, by ABCD & Boehringer Ingelheim				
10:15 - 11:00	Coffee Break		10:15-10:45	Coffee Break	
Stream	Main Stream	Advanced stream For those wanting a deeper dive!			
11:00 - 12:00	Feline conjunctivitis, is it infectious? Ursula Dietrich	Advanced ophthalmic surgery part 1 Renata Stavinochova	10:45 - 12:45	Linnaeus Masterclass Why-Oh-Eye do mistakes happen? Patient safety in v eterinary practice. Aarti Hogan, Severine Tasker 	Cat friendly interactions and handling masterclass Sarah Collins & Laura Watson
12:00 - 13:00	Feline glaucoma - how common is it and when should we test? Ursula Dietrich	Advanced ophthalmic surgery part 2 Renata Stavinochova			Masterclass 4 - additional purchase required
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch				
14:00 - 15:00	Uveitis - where do I start? Ursula Dietrich	The complex cat: case studies in feline anaesthesia and analgesia Paulo Steagall	Q&A More information coming soon 		A deep dive into fungal diagnostics and treatments masterclass Vanessa Barrs
15:00 - 16:00	Retinal disease - what am I looking at? Ursula Dietrich	Cutting edge: feline hepatitis-B virus. Should we be worried? Julia Beatty	New Horizon in managing Feline Diabetes Q&A session 		Masterclass 5 - additional purchase required
16:00 - 16:45	Coffee Break				
16:45 - 17:45	PANEL DISCUSSION: The traumatic eye! Triage and management Paulo Steagall, Ursula Dietrich, Renata Stavinochova				
17:45 - 18:45	Chronic pain in cats: an animal welfare perspective Beatriz Monteiro 				
18:45 - 19:00	NSAIDS for chronic pain: what the 2024 guidelines tell us, Sam Taylor				
19:00 - 20:00	Poster Session				

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Saturday 29 June





Main Stream	Second Stream	Abstracts	Sponsor symposium / Masterclass	Masterclass - additional ticket required	Social Event
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Time	Grand Master Suite	Perellos	Wignacourt	Vilhena
Stream	Main Stream			
07:00 - 07:45		Breakfast lecture 		
08:00 - 09:00	PANEL DISCUSSION: Get out of my face! Cat friendly ophthalmology Renata Stavinohova, Ursula Dietrich, Sarah Heath			
09:00 - 10:00	Recognising when the eye is under pressure Màrian Matas Riera 			
10:00 - 10:45	Coffee Break			
Stream	Main Stream	Clinical Practice Stream		
10:45 - 11:45	Toxoplasmosis: diagnosis and prevention Vanessa Barrs	PANEL DISCUSSION: The interaction between pain and behaviour Paulo Steagall, Sarah Heath, Yaiza Gomez-Mejias	Q&A TBC	Case studies in feline ophthalmology Renata Stavinohova, Ursula Dietrich
11:45 - 12:45	FIV/FelV where are we now? Who should I test? Julia Beatty	PANEL DISCUSSION: integrating blood pressure measurement and retinal examinations into your practice Yaiza Gomez-Mejias	Recognising when the eye is under pressure Q&A session 	Masterclass 6 - additional purchase required
12:45 - 13:45	The weird and the wonderful fungal causes of ocular disease Vanessa Barrs	PANEL DISCUSSION: Senior cat examinations: what, when and how? Nathalie Dowgray	Abstract Presentations	
13:00 - 14:00	End of day			

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Sunday 30 June

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Time	Grand Master Suite	Time	Perellos	Wignacourt
7:00 - 07:45	Main Stream		Breakfast lecture 	
08:00 - 09:00	State of the Art: 10 years of acute pain management - where are we now? Paulo Steagall			
09:00 - 10:00	Preparing Kittens for Life Sarah Heath 			
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break			
	Main Stream		Shelter Medicine Stream Please note that this stream is by invitation only	
10:30 - 11:15	Congenital and breed related ocular disease Ursula Dietrich	10:30 - 11:30	The interaction between stress and infectious disease Nathalie Dowgray, Vicky Halls	Preparing Kittens for Life Q&A session 10:30 - 11:30 
11:15 - 11:45	That iris doesn't look right - feline diffuse iris melanoma Renata Stavinohova	11:30 - 12:30	Injectable anaesthesia in early-age neutering: what if opioids are not available? Paulo Steagall	IDEXX Masterclass - 11:30 - 13:30 Clinical and laboratory interaction in the investigation of feline ocular disease Emma Dewhurst, Jim Carter 
11:45 - 12:15	Feline blindness - how to rule out peripheral disease Ursula Dietrich	12:30 - 13:30	TNR - the secret to success Nathalie Dowgray, Harry Eckman	
12:15 - 12:45	Feline blindness - is it central? Clare Rusbridge			
12:45 - 13:30	Quiz and final Q&A			
13:30 - 13:40	Congress Closing Ceremony			
		13:30 - 14:30	Shelter Medicine Lunch	
		14:30 - 15:30	PANEL DISCUSSION: Challenges to managing infectious disease in a shelter environment Nathalie Dowgray, Vicky Halls, Julia Beatty, Vanessa Barrs, Mary Torreggiani	
		15:30 - 16:30	PANEL DISCUSSION: Challenges to managing a TNR programme Nathalie Dowgray, Vicky Halls, Harry Eckman, Christian Pace	