Fish Veterinary Society Annual Spring Conference 2024



Programme – Day 1 – Tuesday 05 th March 2024			
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	
09:30	Registration and coffee		
10.00	Welcome to the Conference	Josip President FVS	
Session 1: Aquaculture in a Changing Environment			
10.15	A standard operating procedure for detecting and reporting harmful algal blooms – an agile, upskilling course for operators and trainers in the finfish sector	Dr Jillian Couto-Phoenix, Head of Skills and Talent at SAIC	
10.30	Health impacts and histolopathology associated with blooms of gelantinous zooplankton in fish farms	Johanna Baily, Veterinary Pathologist at Patogen	
10.45	Experimental models of gill disease caused by zooplankton	Bill Roy, Head of Aquaculture at Moredun Scientific	
11.00	Life support interventions in net pen farming	Matt Clarke, Professional Engineer at Poseidon Ocean Systems	
11:15	COFFEE BREAK (30 MIN) (PHOTO)		
Session 2: Diagnostics			
11:45	Contextualising disease: metagenomics and aquatic microbiomes	Matthew Pope, Managing Director of Esox Biologics	
12:00	Proteomics: an advanced technology for vets to better understand health and welfare issues in aquaculture	Dr Brandon Spolander, Veterinarian and owner of AquaVet Africa	
12:15	Validation of the Sysmex XN-1000V for automated haemaology of Atlantic Salmon	Dr Sara Pflaum BVM&S MSc MRCVS DipRCPath, University of Glasgow	
12:30	Lunch (60 mins)		
Session 3: Nutrition and Novel Approaches			
13:30	Fish Welfare in Hatchery Production: EWOS health product, Dermic	Ashleigh Currie, Technology Application Specialist at Cargill EWOS	
13:45	How can camera technology improve fish welfare?	Ola Kvaal Brandshaug, Fish Health Biologist at OptoScale	
14.00	Can data driven farming improve fish health and welfare?	Gunnar Berg, Fish Health Biologist at Aquabyte	
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14:15	Impact of thermolicing on gill health	Dr Benjamin Clokie, Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling	
14:30	COFFEE BREAK (15 MIN)		
14:45	Combating fish disease with natural lipopeptides	Joergen Hansen, Molecular Biologist and co-founder of Sundew	
15:00	Effect of vaccines against pancreas disease on viral shedding and disease transmission from Atlantic salmon challenged with salmonid alphavirus, subtype 2	Ana Silva, Elanco Animal Health	
15.15	New insights and regulations in salmon and rainbow trout aquaculture welfare standards	Sean Black, Senior Scientific Officer within aquaculture at RSPCA	
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15:30	Reports from Office Holders; Nominations for new committee members; Discussion / Q&A		
16:15	Day 1 close (estimated)		

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Programme – Day 2 – Wednesday 06 th March 2024			
TIME	TOPIC	Speaker	
09:30	Registration and coffee		
09.55	Introduction to the day and Poster Awards	Josip Barisic President FVS	
SESSION 5: BACTERIAL CHALLENGES AND MICROBIOME			
10:00	Developing autogenous vaccines for the control of emerging and re-emerging bacterial diseases in the UK aquaculture industry	Dr Gustavo Ramirez, Business manager at Ridgeway Biologicals	
10.15	Clinical and diagnostic approaches to skin lesions in marine-stage Atlantic Salmon	Chris Matthews, Veterinarian at PHARMAQ Analytiq Ltd	
10:30	SRS situation in Ireland	Sandra Vesanto, Veterinarian at Mowi Ireland	
10:45	Longitudinal analysis of the gill microbiomes of Atlantic Salmon from four Scottish farms	Will Barr, PhD Researcher, University of Glasgow	
11:00	Vibrational spectroscopy in clinical diagnostics	Krunoslav Bojanić, Veterinarian from Ruđer Bošković Institute	
11:15	COFFEE BREAK (30 MIN)		
Session 6: Freshwater			
11:45	Smolt quality in salmonids- news methodologies to better evaluate seawater tolerance	Marius Takvam, PhD researcher from the University of Bergen	
12:00	Kidney function and health in salmonid fish- why are the kidneys so susceptible to nephrocalcinosis in land-based farming?	Marius Takvam, PhD researcher from the University of Bergen	
12:15	Shrimp Welfare Project- Our interventions to improve the lives of farmed whiteleg shrimps	Aaron Boddy, Chief Impact Officer of Shrimp Welfare Project	
12:30	LUNCH (60 MINS)		
Session 7: Ornamental, Genetics and Reproduction			
13:30	Environmental diagnostics in aquatic veterinary practice	Bryony Glover, Director of London Aquatic Veterinary Services	
13:45	Prolonged immersion method using acetic acid to eradicate recalcitrant <i>Gyrodactylus</i> skin flukes in Koi	Dr Richmond Loh, Veterinary Pathologist and creator of The Fish Vet Masterclass on Youtube	
14:00	The power of salmon genetics	Sissel Kjoglum, Veterinarian and Senior Scientist at Aquagen	
14:15	Genetic solutions in aquaculture health	Valeria Macchia, Marine and Freshwater Biologist from Xelect	
14:30	COFFEE BREAK (15 MIN)		
	SESSION 8: POLICY UPDATES, SOCIAL S	CIENCE AND FOREIGN AQUACULTURE	
14:45	Challenges of aquaculture in Africa in terms of fish population health	Dr Brandon Spolander, Veterinarian and owner of AquaVet Africa	
15:00	Positive list of substances to be used off-label in food fish	Dušan Palić, Chair for Fish Diseases at LMU Munich	
15:30	Using data to support day-to-day health management of farmed Atlantic salmon	Annette Boerlage, Aquatic Epidemiologist at SRUC	
15:45	MEETING THANKS AND CLOSE (COFFEE AVAILABLE)		





















