

Press Release

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Current Issues in *Echinococcosis* Conference, Vilnius, October 2014

The **European Scientific Counsel for Companion Animal Parasites (ESCCAP)** is to host a major European scientific conference to discuss and examine current issues in *Echinococcus*-related problems (*E. granulosus s.l.* and *E. multilocularis*). The conference will be held in **Vilnius, Lithuania from 8-9th October 2014** at the **Lithuanian Academy of Sciences**.

This symposium will bring together leaders in the field of *Echinococcus* for a comprehensive examination of this area of research. The 2-day conference programme will be divided into three main sessions which will consider *Echinococcus* from the perspective of biology, epidemiology and veterinary public health.

The Scientific Committee will be chaired by **Professor Peter Deplazes** and comprises **Professors Bruno Gottstein** and **Thomas Junghanss**. There will be presentations from invited guest speakers including:

- Brehm Klaus, University of Würzburg
- Conraths Franz J., Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut
- Craig Philip, University of Salford
- Deplazes Peter, University of Zurich
- Gottstein Bruno, University of Bern
- Junghanss Thomas, University Hospital Heidelberg
- Knapp Jenny, Université de Franche-Comté UsC INRA
- Magnino Simone, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia-Romagna "Bruno Ubertini"
- Marcinkuté Audronė, University Hospital Vilnius
- Oksanen Antti, Evira, Production Animal and Wildlife Health Research Unit
- Raoul Francis, Université de Franche-Comté UsC INRA
- Romig Thomas, University of Hohenheim
- Vuitton Dominique A., Université de Franche-Comté
- Wahlström Helene, National Veterinary Institute, SVA

This conference will create the perfect opportunity to update the latest scientific results and to assess development within the field of alveolar and cystic *Echinococcosis* in a One Health approach. The conference will focus on epidemiology, veterinary public health as well as control, and will particularly tackle the role of dogs and other definitive host carnivores in the transmission of *Echinococcosis*. We are looking forward to a most informative scientific conference, which will stimulate innovative and practical thought in the control of these two emerging parasitic zoonoses in Europe.

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Notes for Editors

1. The European Scientific Counsel for Companion Animal Parasites (ESCCAP) was formed in 2005. It is an independent, not for profit organisation, comprising a group of eminent veterinarians across Europe all with recognised expertise in the field of parasitology. Further details about ESCCAP can be found at **www.esccap.org**.

The main aim of the organisation is to have a Europe where parasites are no longer an issue for pets or humans. ESCCAP is dedicated to providing access to clear and constructive information for veterinarians and

pet owners with the aim of strengthening the animal human bond and working to provide the knowledge essential to help eradicate parasites in pets.

2. Promotional images for the conference and the ***Echinococcus 2014*** logo can be provided.
3. The ESCCAP ***Echinococcus 2014*** meeting is sponsored by Bayer Animal Health (AH), Novartis AH, Merial AH and Zoetis AH.

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