



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

“Equine Asthma Workshop: Current understanding and future directions”

Custer State Park, Custer, South Dakota, USA – May 22-25, 2019

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The effort to clarify the phenotype and terminology used to characterize horses with chronic inflammatory airway disease started in 2000 with a workshop in East Lansing, Michigan. Several workshops were subsequently held with similar goals in mind with the latest hosted in Cabourg, France in 2014. In the last couple of years, the terminology has further evolved with the term **Equine Asthma** now being recommended to describe horses with chronic respiratory signs ranging in severity from severe to mild that were previously referred to recurrent airway obstruction and inflammatory airway disease, respectively. The goal of the 2019 Equine Asthma Workshop is to attract researchers and clinicians from around the world who are actively investigating airway inflammation. We will discuss the latest contributions to the understanding of asthma in horses and other species. The workshop format will facilitate productive discussions that will inform potential future revisions of the 2016 ACVIM consensus statement and provide future research directions.

The organizing committee (Laurent Couetil, Jackie Cardwell, Melissa Mazan, Renaud Leguillette, and Eric Richard) invites submission of scientific abstracts related to asthma in horses and other species. Abstracts will be reviewed and ranked by the committee. Selection of abstracts will be based on the quality of the science and relevance to the workshop’s theme. All presentations will be given orally (there will be no poster session). Authors may serve as the primary or presenting author on no more than two abstract submissions. Once an abstract has been accepted, the **investigator presenting the work will receive complimentary registration as well as room and board** for the duration of the meeting (3 nights, 2.5 days). Travel expenses will not be reimbursed. There is only a limited number of slots available for abstract presentations, therefore the selection process will be based on merit. All abstracts presented at the workshop will be published as such in the workshop’s proceedings. The submission of an abstract implies the author’s willingness to present the abstract at the workshop.

Authors of abstracts will also receive an invitation to submit manuscripts for publication in a special issue about Equine Asthma in the open access journal *Frontiers in Veterinary Science – Comparative and Clinical Medicine* (<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/veterinary-science/sections/comparative-and-clinical-medicine#>).

Deadline for abstract submission is November 30, 2018

Authors will be notified of the decision regarding abstract acceptance for oral presentation by December 14, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Electronic Submissions Only

Abstracts should be submitted as Word for Windows files (Macintosh files should be converted) to the following e-mail address: couetill@purdue.edu.

All abstracts are to be written and presented in English. Use single line spacing and Times New Roman 12 point font and save your file as Microsoft Word (.doc). Provide doses and measurements in metric units (SI). No Word limit (must fit on a single 8 ½" x 11" Legal A4 page; 1" margin) but you might want to consider limiting your submission to 250 words, if you plan to submit your data as a full-length manuscript to any journal (250 words excluding title, names, affiliations and declarations). Please do not include tables, figures, keywords, or references if you are submitting a 250 word abstract. Include one blank line between paragraphs.

Abstracts may not be corrected after the deadline and no corrections that could alter the overall acceptability of the abstract will be accepted.

Abstracts should be organized as follow:

- Title: 20 words maximum. Clearly indicate the nature of the investigation. Abbreviations should be avoided.
- List author(s) names. (e.g. Smith J.E., Duval N.)
- List author affiliations (including institution and address, but omit degrees, titles, and institution appointments). If no institution is involved, give the city, state and country. Underline the presenting author and provide email address.
- Abstract body: Align content with left margin; the abstract must be structured to include the following sections:
 - Purpose of the study.
 - Objectives.
 - Methods used.
 - Results (in sufficient detail to support the conclusions; statements that data is pending are not acceptable).
 - Conclusions (it is not satisfactory to state "the results will be discussed" or "other data will be presented").
- Declarations: Declarations must be made for each of the three categories below.

- a. Ethical Animal Research: Indicate if research was performed following appropriate review and approval by institutional animal care and use committee responsible for oversight.
- b. Sources of Funding.
- c. Disclose any potential conflict of interest.

Final instructions regarding the presentation format (duration and time) will be available once abstract selection has been finalized (December 2018).