

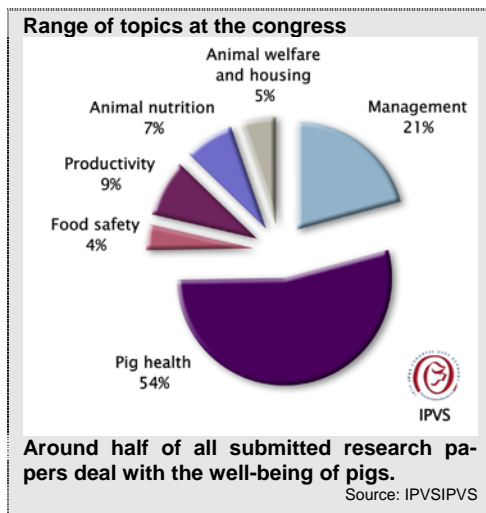


18th International Pig Veterinary Society Congress 2004 Hamburg

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World congress boosts exchange between science and practice



Hamburg, 28th April 2004 – A key focus of the 18th world congress of pig veterinarians will be on the exchange of experience between science and practitioners. Researchers from around the world have submitted around 800 papers to the congress's scientific committee. "Many of the scientific results can be immediately translated into practice," says the chairman of the congress's scientific committee, Professor Thomas Blaha.

Transfer of knowledge and technology to practice

The Hamburg congress will be held over several days at the end of June and, for the first time in the long history of IPVS congresses, will include the so-called "Practitioner's Line" in addition to the traditional scientific programme. This series of presentations bears the motto "science meets practice." Scientists will be discussing their results with practitioners in the field, with simultaneous translation into three languages – English, Spanish and German. The papers will be tailored especially to the needs of practitioners. Practitioners will also discuss their daily work with their colleagues and examine ways of solving specific cases with them. "Such real case examples help us practitioners to review our daily routine, and they give us important new stimuli," says Christoph Pahlitzsch from the IPVS organisational committee, himself a veterinary practitioner.

Presentation of the first PPE vaccine

The focus of all papers to be presented at the conference will be on keeping the pigs healthy. Around half of all papers deal with ways of eradicating particular infectious agents from pig stocks and keeping them free of infection in the long term. This includes the latest results in fighting diseases such as PRRS, PMWS and PPE (PIA). The first vaccination for PPE will be presented. Around a fifth of the papers highlight ways of improving farm management to provide healthier conditions for pigs. "After all, our congress motto is 'healthy pigs for wholesome pork,'" stresses Pahlitzsch.

Publication of all submitted papers

All papers accepted by the scientific committee will be published in two volumes at the beginning of the congress and issued to each congress participant. The scientific committee is currently assessing the papers in terms of their relevance, objectivity and other criteria. Eighty percent of these papers will be presented to the public in the course of the standard scientific panels and the other twenty percent during the Practitioner's Line.

Further information and online documents

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