Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 19th International Congress on Animal Reproduction that will be held at the Palazzo della Cultura e dei Congressi in Bologna (Italy) from 27th June to 1st July 2021.

As you possibly know, the Congress was to be held in Bologna from 28th June to 2nd July 2020; however, due to the Coronavirus outbreak that has paralyzed the scientific community (and not only) worldwide, it has been moved to next year; being that the original date was 2020, we decided to continue to refer to the Congress as ICAR2020.

The International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) is a non-profit international organization that conducts conferences on animal reproduction. Founded in 1948, ICAR has no members but is governed by a Standing Committee made of scientists representatives of over 40 countries and has held a major conference every four years in many countries throughout the world. The focus of the Congress is animal reproduction, including animal physiology, animal pathology and reproductive technologies.

The conference is organized in individual plenary sessions followed by concurrent symposia and workshops as well as poster sessions. A trade exhibition will remain open throughout the conference.

At ICAR 2020 we are expecting between 800 and 1200 delegates who will attend a 4-day Scientific Programme organized in 5 Plenary Sessions, 12 Symposia 23 Workshops and 3 Poster sessions.

Join us at the ICAR 2020 (in 2021)!

Prof. Carlo Tamanini
Chair of the Organising Committee
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**PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY 27TH JUNE 2021**

From 16.00  Registrations  
19.00  Welcome Cocktail

**MONDAY 28TH JUNE 2021**

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- **Symposium 9**: New approaches in buffalo reproductive management
- **Symposium 11**: New imaging systems for assessing gamete and embryo quality
- **Symposium 12**: Novel insights on uterine immunology during pregnancy and disease
- **Symposium 10**: Reproduction in companion animals
- **Symposium 13**: Tissue invasion mechanisms of trophoblast in veterinary species
- **Symposium 14**: Bovine reproduction
- **Symposium 15**: Advances in the use of Doppler ultrasonography in cattle reproduction
- **Symposium 16**: Embryonic diapause
- **Symposium 17**: Nutritional strategies to improve fertility in small and large ruminants
- **Symposium 18**: Genetically tailored pigs as disease models and organ donors for xenotransplantation
- **Workshop 23**: Bacterial control in swine semen (10.50 - 11.30)
- **Workshop 24**: Genetic engineering for improved health in livestock
- **Workshop 25**: Sperm cryopreservation and cryogenic storage
- **Workshop 26**: Reproductive technologies in small ruminants
- **Workshop 27**: Reproductive technologies in large ruminants
- **Workshop 28**: Reproductive technologies in monogastrics
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ICAR BOARD MEETINGS

Sunday 27th June 2021
17.00 Executive Committee ROOM VERDE

Monday 28th June 2021
10.45 - 12.15 Standing Committee ROOM VERDE

Tuesday 29th June 2021
10.45 - 12.15 Standing Committee ROOM VERDE

Thursday, 1st July 2021
13.00 Executive Committee ROOM VERDE

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

MONDAY 28TH JUNE 2021

8.00 - 9.00
OPENING CEREMONY & SIMMET PRIZE
AUDITORIUM

9.00 - 11.00
PLENARY SESSION 1
AUDITORIUM

SUSTAINABLE BREEDING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

9.00 Breeding animals to feed people: the many roles of animal reproduction in ensuring global food security. Robin White (Germany)
9.40 Managed wildlife breeding- an undervalued conservation tool? Imke Lueders (Germany)
10.20 The dog 2.0: lessons learned from the past. Bart Broeckx (Belgium)

11.00 - 11.30
Coffee break

11.00 - 13.30
WORKSHOP 19
ROOM ITALIA

OVERVIEW ON EQUINE CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN (ECG, PMSG) USE IN BREEDING PROTOCOLS: RESULTS OF USE OF THE NATIVE PRODUCT AND INTRODUCTION OF A RECOMBINANT ALTERNATIVE

Chair: Reuben Mapletoft (Canada)

11.00 Welcomen and Opening. Ignacio Videla Dorna (Syntex, Argentina), Reuben Mapletoft (University of Saskatchewan, Canada)
11.15 Structure-function relationships of natural equine chorionic gonadotropin eCG (PMSG), eLH and recombinant eLH/CG, Yves Combarnous (INRA, France)
11.45 Equine chorionic gonadotropin (eCG) in sheep and goats: Past, present and future. Alejo Menchaca (IRAYU, Uruguay)
12.00 Use of eCG for manipulation of reproductive function in swine. Johannes Kauffold (University of Leipzig, Germany)
12.15 The use of eCG in reproductive programs in cattle: Physiological basis and productive impact. Gabriel Bo (IRAC, Argentina), Pietro Baruselli (USP, Brazil)
12.45 Multi-glyco engineering of recombinant gonadotropin alpha-beta fusion protein confers in vivo eCG- (PMSG) like activity. Juan Manuel Perez Saenz (IBMAY, Argentina)
13.00 Results of field trials evaluating a synthetic eCG-Like glycoprotein produced by Syntex for use in different species. Lucas Cutaia (Syntex, Argentina)
13.15 Questions, Discussion and Closing
11.10 - 12.00  WORKSHOP 20  ROOM COBALTO
BOVINE SEMEN PRESERVATION MEDIA: HIGH PERFORMANCE WITHOUT USE OF MILK OR EGG YOLK
Valère Verdier (France)
Agnes Camus (France)

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11.30 - 12.30  POSTER SESSION 1

12.30 - 14.00  Lunch

14.00 - 16.30  SYMPOSIUM 1  ROOM AZZURRA
THE NONCONFORMIST: CONCEPTUS-MATERNAL COMMUNICATION IN THE DOG

Chair: Mariusz Kowalewski (Switzerland)

14.00  Impact of the oviducal environment on IVF success and early embryo development in the dog. Alexander J. Travis (USA)
14.30  Embryo-maternal communication in the canine uterus at pre-implantation. Sabine Schater-Somi (Austria)
15.00  Conceptus-maternal communication during maintenance and termination of pregnancy in the dog. Mariusz P. Kowalewski (Switzerland)

Oral Communications:
15.30  Cyclooxygenase2 (COX2) gene expression in canine follicular cells: influence of GDF9 and BMP15. Monica De los Reyes (Chile)
15.45  A modified Aglepristone protocol for mid-pregnancy termination in large dogs. Ríta Paysan-Carreira (Portugal)
16.00  In-vivo investigation of antigenestrogen-mediated effects in canine decidual cells. Ali Kazemian (Switzerland)
16.15  Deciphering the roles of leptin and the RhoA/Rho kinase pathway on primary uterine inertia in the bitch. Orsolya Balogh (USA)

14.00 - 16.30  SYMPOSIUM 2  ROOM CIANO
DEVISING NEW GONADOTROPIN FOR THE FUTURE...WHICH STRATEGIES, WHICH USES?

Chair: Marc-Antoine Driancourt (France)

14.00  What is the ideal FSH profile to maximize ovarian response in donor cows? Gabriel Bo (Argentina)
14.40  Gonadotropin priming before OPU: what are the benefits in cows and calves? Richard Fry (Australia)
15.20  Long acting/single shot recombinant FSH. Neil Sanderson (New Zealand)

Oral Communications:
16.00  Effect of 2000 IU of synthetic eCG-like glycoprotein on the follicular development and ovulation in beef cows (Bos taurus). Lucas Cutala (Argentina)

16.10 - 16.30  SYMPOSIUM 3  ROOM ITALIA
CLONING AND GENOME EDITING

Chair: Cesare Galli (Italy)

14.00  Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT): state of the art and applications. José Cibelli (USA)
14.30  How to improve mouse cloning. Afsu Ogura (Japan)
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NEW ASPECTS OF CORPUS LUTEUM REGULATION TOWARD SUCCESSFUL PREGNANCY

Chair: Akio Miyamoto (Japan)

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16.00  Are L-lactate effects during the folliculo-luteal transition mediated via NMDA receptors in bovine granulosa cells? Anya Baufeld (Germany)
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14.00 - 16.30  SYMPOSIUM 5  ROOM AZZURRA
THE CONCEPTUS: ITS ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE DOG

Chair: Akio Miyamoto (Japan)

14.00  Development of oocyte competence for fertilization and embryo survival. Patricia Rueda (Chile)
14.40  Oocyte maturation in the canine ovary. Erin Bailey (USA)
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16.00  Oocyte maturation in the canine ovary: The role of growth factors. Jonathan Green (USA)

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17.00 - 18.30  WORKSHOP 1  AUDITORIUM
OPU: HORMONES, TIME AND FOLLICULAR SIZE

Chair: Marc-André Sirard (Canada)

17.00  Using FSH and time to optimize oocyte quality prior to OPU. Patrick Blondin (Canada)
17.30  Follicular wave synchronization prior to ovum pick-up. Marcelo Marcondes Seneida (Brazil)
18.00  Follicle priming or pre-maturation to increase oocyte quality. Kenichiro Sakaguchi (Japan)
**WORKSHOP 2  ROOM AZZURRA**

**REPRODUCTION OF CULTURED FISH**

17.00 Broodstock management of cultured grey mullet (Mugil cephalus): application of a therapeutic approach to resolve reproductive dysfunctions. Hanna Rosenfeld (Israel)

17.18 Physiological and endocrine mechanisms behind postsmolt maturation in Atlantic salmon. Birgitta Norberg (Norway)

17.36 The reproduction of European eel in captivity: a scientific challenge with multiple facets. Juan F. Asturiano (Spain)

17.54 The male contribution to reproductive success: paternal transmission of environmental effects to the spawn. María Paz Herráez (Spain)

18.12 Sperm motility signaling in fishes. Hadi Alavi (Iran)

**WORKSHOP 3  ROOM ITALIA**

**PREGNANCY AND PERINATAL CARE**

17.00 Biomarkers for placental disease and fetal well-being. Igor Frederico Canisso (USA)

17.30 Is stress affecting parturition and neonatal adaptation in the horse? Christina Nagel (Austria)

18.00 Maternal transmission of microbiome in mammals. Elena Biagi (Italy)

**WORKSHOP 4  ROOM CIANO**

**PLURIPOTENT EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

17.00 Historical perspective on ESC and iPSC in companion and domestic animals. Jorge Piedrahita (USA)

17.30 Capturing pluripotency in bovine embryonic stem cells: perspectives for in vitro breeding. Pablo Ross (USA)

18.00 Establishment of porcine expanded potential stem cells. Monika Nowak-Imialek (Germany)

**WORKSHOP 5  ROOM COBALTO**

**IMPROVING LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION: BEYOND GENETIC GAIN**

17.00 IVF and genomic screening in pigs and cattle to improve food production. Darren Griffin (UK)

17.30 Freezing eggs to make bacon. Katie Fowler (UK)

18.00 Parental effects on production relevant traits in pigs. Simon Harvey (UK)

**WORKSHOP 6  ROOM VERDE**

**REPRODUCTION IN CAMELIDS**

17.00 Unveiling the luteotrophic role of beta-NGF present in the seminal plasma of llamas. Marcelo Ratto (Chile)

17.30 Protocols for superovulation and new insights to predict and achieve better superovulatory responses in camels. Amir Niasari-Naslaji (Iran)

18.00 Recents advances in AI technology in dromedary camels. Samir Al-Bulushi (Oman)

20.00 **EVENING: JAZZ & FOOD EVENT**
**TUESDAY 29TH JUNE 2021**

**PLENARY SESSION 2  **

- **EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES IN FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE FUNCTION**
  - 8.30 Extracellular vesicle mediated molecular signaling in ovari an follicle: implication for oocyte developmental competence. **Dawit Tesfaye (USA)**
  - 9.10 Extracellular vesicles: multi-signal messengers in the gametes/embryo-oviduct crosstalk. **Carmen Alminana (Switzerland)**
  - 9.50 Extracellular vesicles: novel regulators of conceptus-uterine interactions? **Thomas Spencer (USA)**

- **STEM CELLS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: APPLICATIONS IN REPRODUCTIVE DISEASES OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS**
  - 10.30 Endometrial Mesenchymal Stem/Stromal Cells – regenerative **Cristina Esteves (Scotland)**
  - 10.50 Mesenchymal cell secretome applications in large animal reproductive regenerative medicine, **Anna Lange-Consiglio (Italy)**
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  - 11.40 Discussion

- **REPRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES OF THE FUTURE IN THE DATA DRIVEN BOVINE INDUSTRY.**
  - Lee Cairns (Scotland)
  - Craig Holmes (Scotland)

- **Coffee break**

**POSTER SESSION 2**

10.30 - 12.00

**WORKSHOP 21  **

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**SYMPOSIUM 5  **

13.30 - 16.00

- **REPRODUCTION IN NON-DOMESTIC AND ENDANGERED SPECIES**
  - 13.30 Reproductive biology and biotechnologies in wild felids. **Amphika Thongphakdee (Thailand)**
  - 14.00 Assisted reproduction in wild bovids. **Gabriela Mastromonaco (Canada)**
  - 14.30 Understanding and sustaining reproduction at the Panama Amphibian Rescue and Conservation Project. **Gina Delia Tagga (Panama)**
  - 15.00 Marsupials the alternative therians – From gametes to birth. **John Rodgers (Australia)**

**Oral Communications:**

- 15.45 Anti-Müllerian hormone (AMH) levels in Amazonian manatees (Trichechus inunguis): sex and age class variations. **Rodrigo Amaral (Brasil)**

**SYMPOSIUM 6  **

13.30 - 16.00

- **IMMUNE REGULATION OF OVIDUCT/UTERINE FUNCTION**
  - 13.30 Challenges in studying preimplantation embryo-maternal interaction in cattle. **Dimitrios Rizos (Spain)**
  - 14.00 Neutrophils and monocytes in the equine endometrium: friends or foes? **Dariusz Skarzynski (Poland)**
  - 14.30 Preventing postpartum uterine disease in dairy cattle depends on avoiding, tolerating and resisting pathogenic bacteria. **Iain Martin Sheldon (UK)**

**Oral Communications:**

- 15.00 Ovulation inducing factors in rabbits (Oryctolagus cuniculus): the role of IL1. **Margherita Maranesi (Italy)**
- 15.15 Mating induces down-regulation of miR-671, a key repressor of binding function by fibronectin type 1 (FN1) in the sow internal genital tract. **Manuel Alvarez-Rodriguez (Spain)**
- 15.30 Maternal age results in altered endometrial miRNA profile in a novel bovine model. **Thiago Teixeira (Australia)**
- 15.45 Effect of growth factors derived from commercial ovine placental extract on early pregnancy loss in mares. **Hamed Farnia (Iran)**

**SYMPOSIUM 7  **

13.30 - 16.15

- **EFFECTS OF HEAT STRESS ON REPRODUCTION: FROM CONCEPTION TO LACTATION**
  - 13.30 Effects of periconceptional heat stress on primiparous and multiparous daughters of Holstein dairy cows. **Shelly Rhoads (USA)**
  - 14.00 Effects of temperature rise during in vitro maturation on embryo production in dairy and beef cattle. **Georgios S. Amiridis (Greece)**
  - 14.15 Late gestation heat stress: effects on dam and daughter. **Geoffrey Dahl (USA)**
  - 14.45 Elevated environmental temperature increases the incidence of uterine disease in dairy cows independent of elevated bacterial load. **John Bromfield (USA)**

**Chair:**

- Pierre Comizzoli (USA)
- Graça Ferreira-Dias (Portugal)
- Geoffrey Dahl (USA)
15.00 Impact of heat stress on lactational performance of dairy cows. 
**Sha Tao** (USA)

15.30 Lactation status during gestation is associated with the size of the ovarian reserve of female offspring in dairy cattle. 
**Francesca Mossa** (Italy)

15.45 Effects of heat stress on mammary function: mediators and mechanisms. 
**Tom McFadden** (USA)

13.30 - 16.00  
**SYMPOSIUM 8**  
**ROOM CIANO**

**Chair:** **Amir Arav** (Israel)

**CRYOPRESERVATION: FREEZING, VITRIFICATION, FREEZING DRYING**

13.30 Vitrification in ART: past, present, and future. **Gabor Vajta** (Australia)

13.50 Dry Biobanking as a Conservation Tool in the Anthropocene. **Joseph Saragusty** (Italy)

14.10 Cryopreservation in endangered species - a way to win time for new conservation solutions. **Thomas Hildbrandt** (Germany)

14.30 ViDrying (vitrification and drying) of reproductive cells and stem cells. **Amir Arav** (Israel)

**Oral Communications:**

15.00 Assessment of cryotolerance of IVF bovine blastocysts after vitrification and one step-warming using an economical device. **Alejandro Maruri** (Argentina)

15.15 Cellular effects of Antifreeze Proteins (AFPs) type I and III in extender for sheep semen cryopreservation. **Lucas Francisco Leodido Correia** (Brazil)

15.30 Development of a novel vitrification device combined minimum essential volume and large holding capacity. **Ximo Garcia-Dominguez** (Spain)

15.45 Effect of DHA and DHA-loaded cyclodextrin on the equine frozen semen quality. **Edjolma Rodrigues da Silva-Junior** (Brazil)

16.00 - 16.30  
**Coffee break**

16.30 - 18.00  
**WORKSHOP 7**  
**ROOM VERDE**

**Chair:** **Silvia Cerolini** (Italy)

**ADVANCES IN SPERM CRYOPRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY FOR CONSERVATION OF AVIAN GENETIC RESOURCES**

16.30 Cryoprotective vs toxic action of non-permeant cryoprotectants: effect on sperm and embryos. **Silvia Cerolini** (Italy)

17.00 Role of endogenous and external factors on poultry sperm cryo-resistance. **Julian Santiago-Moreno** (Spain)

17.20 Membrane lipid regulation of cryopreserved sperm function in poultry. **Atsushi Asano** (Japan)

17.40 Current advantages and limits in the implementation of a sperm cryobank for avian genetic resources. **Elisabeth Blesbois** (France)

16.30 - 18.00  
**WORKSHOP 8**  
**AUDITORIUM**

**Chair:** **Bart Gadea** (The Netherlands)

**IMPROVED MAMMALIAN EMBRYO PRODUCTION BY NOVEL BIOMIMIC-DESIGNED 3D AND MICROFLUIDIC CELL CULTURE APPROACHES**

16.30 Engineering the female reproductive tract using microfluidic devices provide new insights into ovulation and ovarian cancer. **Joanna Burdette** (USA)

17.00 Modeling the early embryonic environment at the air-liquid interface. **Jennifer Schön** (Germany)

17.20 Step-by-step improvements in oviduct-on-a-chip cell culture approaches for better in vitro embryo production in cattle. **Heiko Henning** (The Netherlands)

17.40 CRISPR-Cas9 editing of organs-on-a-chip to create reproductive models: a serous tubal intraepithelial carcinoma-on-a-chip. **Marcia Ferraz** (USA)

16.30 - 18.00  
**WORKSHOP 9**  
**ROOM COBALTO**

**REPRODUCTIVE TOXICOLOGY IN MARINE MAMMALS**

16.30 Reproduction in Baltic seals - history of environmental pollution effects and present status. **Sara Persson** (Sweden)

17.15 Under pressure - the scientific challenge of studying effects of environmental pollutants on the reproductive success of harbour porpoises (Phocoena phocoena). **Tina Kesselring** (Germany)

16.30 - 18.00  
**WORKSHOP 10**  
**ROOM CIANO**

**Chair:** **Silvia Cerolini** (Italy)

**THE GAIT OF ASSISTED REPRODUCTION IN THE EQUIDS**

16.30 An extensive characterization of horse oocytes suggests the use of different cultural strategies in order to improve in vitro embryo production. **Federica Francioli** (Italy)

17.00 Embryo and recipient mare cycle characteristics affect the likelihood of pregnancy and foaling after transfer of ICSI embryos. **Tom A.E. Stoul** (The Netherlands)

17.20 Fatty acid composition of the equine sperm plasma membrane and its implication on sperm function. **Christina Autrich** (Austria)

17.40 Assisted reproduction in donkeys: a new challenge. **Diana Fanelli** (Italy)

16.30 - 18.00  
**WORKSHOP 11**  
**ROOM ITALIA**

**GONADOTROPIN SECRETION IN CATTLE AND SHEEP: NEW DISCOVERIES**

16.30 Intra-pituitary mechanisms underlie annual time measurement to regulate seasonal reproduction. **Domingo Tortonese** (UK)

17.00 Discoveries of new receptors on bovine gonadotrophs: possible new mechanisms to control reproductive functions. **Hiroya Kadokawa** (Japan)

17.30 Use of an antiestrogen delivered centrally to override the estradiol negative feedback on LH secretion during anestrus in ewes. **Terry Nett** (USA)
**WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE 2021**

**PLENARY SESSION 3**

**EPI/GENETICS GENOMICS IN REPRODUCTION**

8.30 The impact of prenatal environment on postnatal life and performance. *Antonio González-Bulnes* (Spain)

9.00 Untangling early embryogenesis using single cell –omics. *Ramiro Alberio* (UK)

9.30 Fetal development and cardiovascular health: causes and consequences. *Janna Morrison* (Australia)

10.00 Interferon Tau: influences on growth and development of the conceptus. *Fuller Bazer* (USA)

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.00 POSTER SESSION 3

12.00 - 13.30 SYMPOSIUM 9

**NEW APPROACHES IN BUFFALO REPRODUCTIVE MANAGEMENT**

13.30 Embryo production in buffalo cows. *Pietro Baruselli* (Brasil)

14.00 Exogenous and endogenous factors in seasonality of reproduction in buffaloes: a review. *Michael D’Occchio* (Australia)

14.30 Reproductive management in buffalo by artificial insemination. *Gianluca Neglia* (Italy)

15.00 Synchronization and re-synchronization strategies to improve fertility in Dairy Buffaloes. *Nasim Ahmad* (Pakistan)

13.30 - 16.00 SYMPOSIUM 10

**REPRODUCTION IN COMPANION ANIMALS**

13.30 Cold Case: Small Animal gametes cryobanking. *Gaia Cecilia Luvini* (Italy)

14.00 Oocyte and embryo evaluation by AI and multi-spectral auto-fluorescence imaging. *Jeremy Thompson* (Australia)

14.30 The label-free microscopy a non-invasive new tool to assess gametes and embryo quality. *Marcello Rubessa* (USA)

15.00 Assessments of sperm quality integrating morphology, swimming patterns, bioenergetics and cell signaling. *Eduardo Roldan* (Spain)

13.30 - 16.00 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

15.30 Identification of secretory proteins from bovine cumulus oocyte complexes during in vitro maturation. *Jasmin Walter* (Switzerland)

13.30 - 16.00 SYMPOSIUM 11

**NEW IMAGING SYSTEMS FOR ASSESSING GAMETE AND EMBRYO QUALITY**

15.30 Effect of frame rate on stallion sperm motility evaluated by CASA-Mot system. *Sabrina Gacem* (Algeria)

15.45 Modulation of immune function in the bovine uterus peripartum. *Modulation of immune function in the bovine uterus peripartum. *Stephen LeBlanc* (Canada)

13.30 - 16.00 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

15.30 Standardization of contrast in bovine ovary ultrasound. *Moderation of contrast in bovine ovary ultrasound. *Stephen LeBlanc* (Canada)

13.30 - 16.00 SYMPOSIUM 12

**NOVEL INSIGHTS ON UTERINE IMMUNOLOGY DURING PREGNANCY AND DISEASE**

15.30 Assessment of the anti-inflammatory potential of horse endometrial and adipose mesenchymal stem cells in an vivo model of mare induced endometrits. *Fidel Castro* (Chile)

15.45 Uterine immune events associated with embryo presence and early placenta in the dog. *Miguel Tavares Pereira* (Switzerland)
16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 - 18.00 WORKSHOP 13 ROOM ITALIA

**TISSUE INVASION MECHANISMS OF TROPHOBLAST IN VETERINARY SPECIES**

16.30 Molecular mechanisms of equine trophoblast development and invasion. *Amanda de Mestre* (UK)

17.00 Genetic regulation of equine chorionic girdle development: linking invasion with immunomodulation. *Doug Antczak* (USA)

17.30 Convergent evolution of pregnancy-specific glycoproteins in animal species with highly invasive trophoblasts. *Robert Kammerer* (Germany)

Chair: *Amanda de Mestre* (UK)

16.30 - 18.00 WORKSHOP 14 ROOM AZZURRA

**BOVINE REPRODUCTION**

16.30 Recent advances in dairy research that affect reproductive management in confinement and grazing systems. *Matthew Lucy* (USA)

17.15 Uterine disease in confined and grazing dairy productive systems with emphasis on risk factors and management. *Scott McDougall* (New Zealand) and *Wolfgang Heuwieser* (Germany)

Chair: *Ana Meikle* (Uruguay)

16.30 - 18.00 WORKSHOP 15 AUDITORIUM

**ADVANCES IN THE USE OF DOPPLER ULTRASONOGRAPHY IN CATTLE REPRODUCTION**


16.50 Uterine and luteal blood flow after artificial insemination and embryo transfer in cattle. *Heinrich Bollwein* (Switzerland)

17.10 Potentials and flaws of the early diagnosis of nonpregnancy based on corpus luteum blood flow. *Joao Henrique Moreira Viana* (Brazil)

17.40 Applications of color Doppler ultrasonography in commercial fixed-time programs in cattle. *Guilherme Pugliesi* (Brazil)

Chair: *Joao Henrique Moreira Viana* (Brazil)

16.30 - 18.00 WORKSHOP 16 ROOM VERDE

**EMBRYONIC DIAPAUSE**

16.30 Putting pregnancy on hold down under. *Jane Fenelon* (Australia)

17.00 Molecular cues controlling embryonic developmental pace. *Vera van der Weijden* (Switzerland)

17.30 Embryonic derived signals for communicating with the uterus: Clues from studying embryonic diapause in mice. *Shuangbo Kong* (China)

Chair: *Susanne Ulbrich* (Switzerland)

16.30 - 18.00 WORKSHOP 17 ROOM CIANO

**NUTRITIONAL STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE FERTILITY IN SMALL AND LARGE RUMINANTS**

16.30 Role of fatty acids on fertility in dairy cows. *José E. P. Santos* (USA)

17.00 Managing for fertility in dairy cows, the oocyte deserves center stage. *Jo Leroy* (Belgium)

17.30 Perspectives on nutrition-reproduction relationships - research priorities and management needs. *Graeme Martin* (Australia)

Chair: *Graeme Martin* (Australia)

16.30 - 18.00 WORKSHOP 18 ROOM COBALTO

**GENETICALLY TAILORED PIGS AS DISEASE MODELS AND ORGAN DONORS FOR XENOTRANSPLANTATION**

16.30 Modelling Duchenne muscular dystrophy in pigs - recent progress. *Hiroshi Nagashima* (Japan)

16.50 A pig model for Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome. *Vicente Andrés* (Spain)

17.10 Xenografting of gene edited immunodeficient pigs with human hematopoietic stem cells. *Jorge Piedrahita* (USA)

17.30 Recent breakthroughs in pig-to-primate xenotransplantation. *Eckhard Wolf* (Germany)

Chair: *Eckhard Wolf* (Germany)

20.00 EVENING: CONGRESS DINNER
THURSDAY 1ST JULY 2021

8.00 - 10.00 PLENARY SESSION 4 AUDITORIUM

SEMEN QUALITY. SEMEN ÔMICS: RELATION WITH MALE FERTILITY

8.00 Contribution of sperm and seminal proteins on sperm function, cryotolerance and fertilizing ability in the pig. Jordi Roca (Spain)
8.40 New insights into the function of bovine and other animal sperm and seminal plasma proteins on fertilizing ability: the relevance of epididymal maturation. Xavier Druart (France)
10.20 Sperm surface changes and their consequences for sperm transit through the female reproductive tract. Jessica Rickard (Australia)

Chair: Marc Yeste (Spain)

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 - 12.30 PLENARY SESSION 5 AUDITORIUM

ADDING A NEW DIMENSION TO REPRODUCTION

10.30 A 3D approach to reproduction. Tiziana A.L. Brevini (Italy)
11.10 Oviduct on a chip. Pedro Costa (Portugal)
11.50 Engineering the 3D printed bioprosthetic ovary. Monica M. Laronda (USA)

Chair: Tiziana A. L. Brevini (Italy)

12.30 - 13.00 CLOSING CEREMONY

THE MICHELSON PRIZE AND GRANTS

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**SIMMET PRIZE**

Through the auspices of the International Congress of Animal Reproduction (ICAR), Minitube International, a science-driven biotechnology company, is sponsoring the 4th Simmet Prize in Assisted Reproduction.

The award, which recognizes the scientific advances in assisted reproduction pioneered by Dr. Ludwig Simmet, founder of Minitube, recognizes an active research scientist for outstanding basic and applied research published during the previous six years in the area of assisted reproductive technologies for animal production systems.

The Simmet Prize, which comes with a 50,000 euro honorarium, is the largest of its type in the world and is presented every four years at the ICAR meeting.

**Dr. Gabriel Bó of the Instituto de Reproducción Animal Córdoba (IRAC) in Córdoba, Argentina is the recipient of the 2020 Simmet Prize for Assisted Reproduction.**

The prize, which is the most prestigious award in animal reproduction and one of the largest of its kind, was given for the pioneering efforts of Dr. Bó to develop practical protocols for fixed-time artificial insemination, superovulation and embryo transfer in cattle.

Dr. Bó is currently President and Director of Research and Post-graduate training at IRAC and Professor of Obstetrics and Biotechnology of Reproduction at the Veterinary School of the Instituto de Ciencias Basicas y Aplicadas, Universidad Nacional de Villa Maria in Cordoba, Argentina. IRAC is one of the few organizations of its kind with missions in research, teaching, and clinical service including embryo transfer, artificial insemination, and gamete and embryo cryopreservation. Over 1300 veterinarians in South and Central America have received education on animal reproduction since IRAC opened in 1995.

Bó and his colleagues have developed what are now the de facto standard protocols for superovulation in cattle. Research conducted by him and his collaborators on estrus synchronization and fixed-time artificial insemination has been one of the key drivers for implementation of these technologies by producers throughout South America and globally. Together, these practices are revolutionizing genetic selection and reproductive management of cattle.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO YOUNG RESEARCHERS**

More than 130 applications received for the Financial Support to Young Researchers. We would like to thank everyone of our applicants.

The Committee had a very difficult task of selecting the 10 recipients out of such a large pool of worthy applicants. Congratulations to the award recipients:

- Almeida Praxedes Erika, Brazil
- Bertuzzi Mariana Lucia, Argentina
- Bharfi Arora, India
- De Oliveira Santos Maria Valeria, Brazil
- Mohammed Stephanie, Trinidad and Tobago
- Nabi Ibrahim, Algeria
- Navarro Micaela, Argentina
- Panahi Farnaz, Iran
- Santos Jimenez Zurisaday, Mexico
- Von Mengden Lucia, Brazil
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UNTIL 15th MAY 2021

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NEW CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are glad to inform you that there will be a new call for the next edition. It will be possible to submit new and original works that will be reviewed for poster presentation during the Congress.

Please be also informed that all the abstracts that have been submitted and accepted for the previous edition will be cancelled; since these abstracts have been presented in 2019 and most of them would need a review or an update for the 2021 edition, the Scientific Committee has decided to restart a new submission also for them.

On this basis, we are also asking to all speakers (including those of Industry Workshops) to send again the abstract of their speech.

All the abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committees once again and you will receive the final results and comments. We understand the concern this may cause and we would like to inform you that this is the best solution to guarantee to the authors all the possibilities, both if they would like to update a research and if they would like to present a new one as well.

As we asked last time, the content must not have been previously published in academic journals or subjected to peer review.

The timetable and the deadlines of the new procedure are will be soon published on our website www.icar2020.org and you will be informed also by email with our newsletter.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

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- Bovine reproduction
- Buffalo reproduction
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- Female reproductive physiology
- Horse reproduction
- Imaging methods in reproduction
- Male reproductive physiology
- Metabolism and reproduction
- Neuroendocrine control of reproduction
- Nutrition and reproduction
- Ovary and oocyte
- Oviduct
- Pig reproduction
- Pregnancy, placental function and parturition
- Reproduction in avian species
- Reproduction in exotic animals and wild species
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STRUCTURE OF THE ABSTRACT
Abstracts can be structured and may include:
1. BACKGROUND a brief introduction stating the purpose of the investigation and its relevance to laboratory medicine;
2. METHODS a description of the methodology used;
3. RESULTS to be supported by statistical analysis or other evidence to show their validity;
4. CONCLUSIONS The body of the abstract must not exceed 2300 characters, spaces included.

GENERAL INFORMATION
Submission deadline: 30th November 2020
Confirmation of receipt: Receipt of the abstract will be acknowledged by e-mail immediately after submission.
Notification of acceptance or rejection: authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by 30th January 2021.
Registration: At least one Congress registration is needed every two accepted abstracts; abstracts not respecting these indications will be not published.
Deadline registration: 31st March 2021

For information regarding poster submission: posters@icar2020.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Abstract Authors are asked to indicate the most suitable topic for presentation of their work. Abstracts should be submitted via the on-line submission system only. Do not send in an abstract more than once!

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HOW TO REACH THE CONFERENCE VENUE
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BOLOGNA WELCOME
Bologna Welcome will be present during the congress with a booth.
During the Congress Bologna Welcome can help you with tourist information, bus tickets and tour tickets.
USEFUL INFORMATION

HOW TO REACH BOLOGNA
There are many different and easy ways to reach Bologna.

BY PLANE
Guglielmo Marconi International Airport, 15 minutes by bus from Historic DownTown, connecting Bologna to the main Italian and European airports.

To city centre
The Aerobus shuttle bus connects Bologna Airport to the city centre. The service operates from 5am to 12pm: buses leave approx. every 10 minutes. Aerobus tickets can be purchased on board. One way Aerobus ticket from/ to Airport (also valid on all buses in the urban area up to 75 minutes) costs € 6.00.
Otherwise you can take the express train from Airport to Bologna Central Station. It will takes 7 minutes.

BY TRAIN
Bologna Central Station For the strategic geographic location - between downtown and the north - Bologna is the main Italian railway junction, made even more efficient by the High-speed trains, which, together with the new railway station project, has lead to greater development and a significant increase of daily transit of trains and passengers.

BY CAR
Highways In Bologna there are two main motorways that converge, linking the north and south of the country (A1 and A14), that can be reached directly from all major Italian cities.

TOURIST INFORMATION, HOTEL AND TRAVEL
On-line booking system is available on the congress website. Travel information are available on the congress website.
For any information you can contact:
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MOBILE PHONES
All participants are asked to switch mobile phones off or to silent mode during the scientific sessions.

ELECTRICITY
In Italy the electrical current is 220 volts AC (50 Hz). Electrical sockets comply with European regulations. In most hotels you will find adaptors for different types of plugs.
CURRENCY
What currency is used in Italy?
Since 2001, the currency used in Italy is the euro. One euro is divided up into 100 euro-cents. There are eight different coins (1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 euro-cents) and seven notes (5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 euros).

CREDIT CARDS
As well as in cash, purchases can be paid for using the most common credit cards. This payment system is common in Italian shops, which generally display the symbols of the credit cards they accept on the outside door.
If you pay by credit card you will be asked to show an identity document.
Travellers cheques (in USD or Euros) can also be cashed in Italian banks.

TIPS
Tips are not compulsory and in Italy there are no generally established rules, although it is common practice to leave a sum amounting to around 10% of the bill if you are satisfied with the service you have received.

BOLOGNA: DISCOVER THE CITY
Bologna with over 400,000 inhabitants, is the capital city of Emilia Romagna, one of the wealthiest and most industrial regions in Italy, whose per capita income and employment rate are way higher than the national average.
Bologna is known in Italy as “La Dotta, La Rossa, La Grassa”, which translates as “the Educated, the Red, the Fat”.
“Educated” is for the city’s University, the oldest in Europe and home to such intellectual greats as the novelist Umberto Eco.
“Red” refers both to the red bricks that most of Bologna’s historic buildings and porticoes are made from, and to the city’s history of leftist politics.
“Fat”, of course, is for Bologna’s culinary history, based on creamy pasta sauces and rich meat dishes.
Bologna is located in a strategic position: being just in the heart of Italy, Bologna is at crossroads in Italy and Europe as well as a transport hub and natural crossroads for international business and trade.

As artistic city Bologna has over 50 museums, including the MAMbo Museum, a reference point for contemporary art.
The Churches and noble Palaces contribute to make of Bologna an open air museum.

Thanks to its culinary traditions Bologna has become the capital city of taste and quality food.
The food of Bologna is principally based upon egg handmade pasta, such as tagliatelle, tortellini, or the famous mortadella.
Bologna is an easy city to visit, and many visitors find it one of Italy’s most appealing one.

THE WEATHER IN JUNE
Bologna has a warm humid temperate climate with hot summers and no dry season.
The month of June is characterized by gradually rising daily high temperatures. The average temperature in Bologna in June is 28 to 35 degree Celsius.
Rain is rare in this period.

SOCIAL EVENTS
JAZZ & FOOD EVENT, 28TH JUNE 2021 AT CANTINA BENTIVOGLO

Time: 20.00
Address: Via Mascarella 4/b, 40126, Bologna

Price: € 70.00 VAT included

Cantina Bentivoglio is located in Bologna’s historical city center since 1987. From more than 30 years, 6 nights a week, 270 events in our music lounge and 60 in our outdoor summer stages.
Cantina Bentivoglio is featured since 2002 on the american magazine “DownBeat”, proudly standing in the top 100 most important world jazz club ranking.
Alberto Armaroli and Giovanni Serrazanetti, artistic directors, take care of every live performance, scheduling not only jazz concerts but also swing, manouche, blues and funky ones.
During the years Cantina Bentivoglio has hosted various important international festivals such as: Heineken Music Club, Alhambra Jazz Club, Alfa Soul Tour and all the Bologna Jazz Festival editions.

CONGRESS DINNER, 30TH JUNE 2021 AT ROYAL HOTEL CARLTON

Time: 20.00
Address: Via Montebello, 8 - 40121, Bologna

Price: € 100.00 VAT included

Royal Hotel Carlton is located next to the pedestrian area in the heart of Bologna, and it belongs to the highest class among Bologna’s hotels. It can be defined as a City Resort, with leisure-oriented offerings, bringing together both the needs of businessmen and a laid-back environment, in perfect harmony.
Built in the seventies on the ruins of the old “Il Resto del Carlino” building by architect Enzo Zacchiroli, the prestigious architectural works of which, such as the John Hopkins University and the Malpighi Hospital, enrich the city of Bologna.