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“ Not just a learning experience but
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The International Society of Feline Medicine will be in the stunningly beautiful Croatian town of Cavtat, just outside of Dubrovnik, for its 2019 European Feline Congress.

This will be our 18th annual congress, which over the years has evolved into a much-loved and well-respected event on the international CPD calendar. For 2019 we will be offering another first-class scientific programme covering the latest findings in **feline infectious diseases**. We are delighted to be welcoming six expert speakers in this field – **Mike Lappin, Richard Malik, Jane Sykes, Séverine Tasker, Francesca Mancianti and Donato Traversa**. In addition, there will be three masterclasses and several sponsor-led symposia.

All this learning is balanced with plenty of opportunities to relax in this magical location. This year we will be holding a welcome reception at the congress hotel's exclusive waterfront restaurant and there will be one further evening reception. In addition, Saturday afternoon is free time, giving delegates the opportunity to explore the area and soak up the stunning scenery and Cavtat's laid-back atmosphere.

All in all, the ISFM Congress offers great value CPD, in a superb location attended by a friendly, fun, feline group – make sure you join us there!

Registration rates

	Full rate
ISFM member	£475
Non-member	£605

Masterclasses: £50 each

Only 50 places available per masterclass

Registration includes: main scientific programme, sponsor-led symposia, refreshment breaks and lunches, welcome reception, downloadable proceedings, use of the congress app and a CPD certificate. Cost excludes masterclasses.

Cancellation policy:

Cancellations must be made in writing and up to 31/05/19 will be subject to a fee of £90.

Cancellations made after 01/06/19 will not be refunded unless at ISFM's discretion.

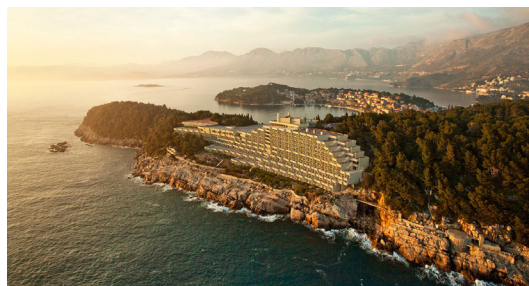




Cavtat is an exceedingly pretty town lying just 20 km to the south of Dubrovnik. Set on a small wooded peninsula with a Renaissance old town on one side and beaches on the other, Cavtat's rich and interesting historical heritage combined with its stunning scenery make it one of the most desirable tourist destinations in the region. The historic town is home to a number of galleries and museums, and the old town harbour has a wide tree-lined promenade lined with an interesting assortment of bars, restaurants and arty attractions. Cavtat is also known for its sheltered beaches and rocky coves and exceptional turquoise waters. Its location is also perfect, being just 5 km from the airport.

Congress venue

This year's congress venue is the stylish Hotel Croatia Cavtat, an award-winning five-star resort and conference centre. Commanding spectacular sea views and first-class facilities, the hotel offers direct access to two quiet beaches, an outdoor pool shaded by pine trees, an elegant spa and an excellent range of restaurants. With the airport just ten minutes away, this location makes for the perfect stress-free destination.



Exclusive rates

Make the most of your congress experience by staying at the Hotel Croatia Cavtat. We have secured a preferential room rate with prices starting from **€160 per night** inclusive of breakfast (exclusive of city tax). Please book your room via this link adriaticluxuryhotels.com/en/hotel-croatia-dubrovnik-cavtat and enter code **ISFM2019**. If you have any queries about your booking please contact the hotel directly on reservations@alh.hr or by calling +385 20 300 300



For more details on the venue and travel information, please go to: icatcare.org/isfm-congress/location

Social programme

The ISFM Congress is more than just a chance to gain valuable feline CPD – it is the opportunity to have fun and relax with like-minded professionals in a fabulous location. This year's social programme includes the ISFM/Hill's Welcome Reception, which will be held at the hotel's exclusive waterfront restaurant, an evening reception and Saturday afternoon off, giving delegates the opportunity to explore the stunning location. Full details of the social events can be found at: icatcare.org/isfm-congress/social



Feline infectious diseases

“ World-class speakers and feline CPD with like-minded vets ”
from all over the world – what more could you ask for!

Join the ISFM team and a host of expert speakers for five days packed with feline-specific CPD. We are lucky enough to have six exceptional speakers – **Mike Lappin, Richard Malik, Jane Sykes, Séverine Tasker, Donato Traversa and Francesca Mancianti**. Together they will share with delegates the latest research and knowledge on a whole range of **feline infectious diseases**, providing practical advice on overall approach, diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

For delegates wanting to gain an even greater level of knowledge and understanding of feline infectious diseases, we are running three masterclasses that can be booked in addition to the main programme.

Our sponsors will also be hosting mini-symposia, covering a range of feline medicine topics and delivered by some of the industry's best feline speakers.



Programme correct at the time of print.
ISFM reserves the right to make changes to the programme.
For the most up-to-date version, please refer to the website: icatcare.org/isfm-congress

Wednesday June 26

VETERINARY PROGRAMME			
15.00	15.15	Welcome	
15.15	16.00	Diagnostic approach to fever in cats	Jane Sykes
16.00	16.30	What you need to know: <i>Aspergillus</i> and other systemic fungal diseases	Jane Sykes
16.30	17.00	Refreshment break	
17.00	19.00	IDEXX symposium	

Thursday June 27

VETERINARY PROGRAMME			
09.00	09.30	Lies, damn lies, and test results: Interpreting infectious disease tests	Mike Lappin
09.30	10.00	What you need to know: Bacterial culture and susceptibility interpretation	Jane Sykes
10.00	10.30	What you need to know: Vaccine regimes – science and pseudoscience	Mike Lappin
10.30	11.00	Refreshment break	
11.00	11.45	Practical bacteriology: Guidelines for antimicrobial use	Jane Sykes
11.45	12.30	More complex than you thought: Toxoplasmosis in cats and man	Mike Lappin
12.30	13.45	Lunch break	
13.45	14.45	Squitty kitties: Infectious GI disease in cats and kittens	Mike Lappin
14.45	15.00	Comfort break	
15.00	16.30	Ceva symposium	
16.30	17.00	Refreshment break	
17.00	18.30	Hill's symposium	
19.00		ISFM/Hill's Congress Welcome Reception	

VETERINARY MASTERCLASS			
10.00	13.00	Clinical decision making and heuristics in feline infectious diseases	Richard Malik and Séverine Tasker

Friday June 28

VETERINARY PROGRAMME			
09.00	09.45	The FIP conundrum: Pathogenesis and diagnosis	Séverine Tasker
09.45	10.30	Complex and curious: The world of feline cryptococcosis	Richard Malik
10.30	11.00	Refreshment break	
11.00	11.45	Feline haemoplasmas: What's new?	Séverine Tasker
11.45	12.30	Mysterious mycobacteria: Systemic disease in cats	Richard Malik
12.30	13.45	Lunch break	
13.45	14.15	What you need to know: Acute infectious URTD (and what's new)	Séverine Tasker
14.15	14.45	What you need to know: Cutaneous mycobacterial disease	Richard Malik
14.45	15.00	Comfort break	
15.00	16.30	Bayer symposium	
16.30	17.00	Refreshment break	
17.00	17.10	AMYSA Award	
17.10	18.30	Boehringer Ingelheim symposium	

VETERINARY MASTERCLASS			
10.00	13.00	Case studies in feline infectious diseases	Jane Sykes and Mike Lappin

Saturday June 29

VETERINARY PROGRAMME			
09.00	09.45	The FIP conundrum: Management, treatment and prognosis	Jane Sykes
09.45	10.30	FeLV and FIV: What do all the tests tell us?	Séverine Tasker
10.30	11.00	What you need to know: Naso-ocular disease in the cat	Richard Malik
11.00	11.30	Refreshment break	
11.30	12.00	What you need to know: Managing chronic URTD in cats	Mike Lappin
12.00	12.45	FeLV and FIV: Management and prognosis	Jane Sykes
12.45	13.30	Weird and wonderful: Emerging feline pathogens	Mike Lappin
13.30		Afternoon free	

VETERINARY MASTERCLASS			
10.00	13.00	Practical parasitology: Diagnostic procedures, unusual parasites and more	Donato Traversa and Francesca Mancianti

Sunday June 30

VETERINARY PROGRAMME			
09.00	09.30	What you need to know: Bartonellosis and cat scratch disease	Mike Lappin
09.30	10.00	What you need to know: <i>Ehrlichia</i> , <i>Anaplasma</i> and <i>Rickettsia</i>	Jane Sykes
10.00	10.30	What you need to know: Feline leishmaniasis	Francesca Mancianti
10.30	11.15	All you wanted to know but were afraid to ask: Lungworm in cats	Donato Traversa
11.15	11.45	Refreshment break	
11.45	12.30	What you need to know: <i>Toxocara cati</i> in cats and humans	Donato Traversa
12.30	13.00	What you need to know: Heartworm in cats	Donato Traversa
13.00		End	

Professor Jane Sykes BVSc PhD DACVIM**Professor of Small Animal Medicine, University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, USA**

Jane Sykes is a Professor of Small Animal Medicine at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine with a special interest in small animal infectious diseases. Jane co-founded the International Society of Companion Animal Infectious Diseases (ISCAID) and is currently Secretary-Treasurer of ISCAID. She was President of the ACVIM Specialty of Small Animal Internal Medicine and is currently Associate Editor (Infectious Diseases) of the *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine*. Her research interests include antimicrobial drug-resistant bacterial infections, blood-borne infectious diseases and deep mycoses, especially cryptococcosis and coccidioidomycosis.

Mike Lappin DVM PhD (Parasitology) DACVIM (Internal Medicine)**Professor of Infectious Disease in the Department of Clinical Sciences, Colorado State University, USA**

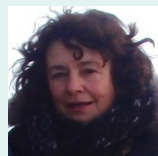
Mike is a Professor of Infectious Disease in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Colorado State University. His laboratory studies immune responses to vaccination against respiratory viruses in cats, as well as immune responses to feline vaccines. He also oversees a large diagnostic service for feline infectious agents, including *Toxoplasma gondii*, *Bartonella* and *Ehrlichia* species and others. Current areas of investigation include mechanisms of transmission of hemoplasma species, therapies for rickettsial diseases, and companion animals as carriers of drug-resistant staphylococci. Mike is also Director of Shelter Medicine and investigates disease outbreaks and management in shelter settings.

Professor Séverine Tasker BSc BVSc(hons) DSAM PhD DipECVIM FHEA MRCVS**Chief Medical Officer, Linnaeus Group, UK**

Séverine is Honorary Professor of Feline Medicine at the University of Bristol and recently became Chief Medical Officer for the Linnaeus Group, a partnership of leading veterinary practices in the UK. She is an RCVS Recognised Specialist in Feline Medicine and is a European Veterinary Specialist in Small Animal Internal Medicine. She is a past recipient of the BSAVA Woodrow Award for outstanding contributions in the field of small animal veterinary medicine and the Petplan Charitable Trust Research Award for outstanding contributions in the field of veterinary research. She co-edited the BSAVA Manual of Feline Practice. Her research focuses particularly on haemotropic mycoplasmas (the haemoplasmas), feline coronavirus infections and vector-borne diseases due to *Leishmania* and *Babesia* species.

Dr Richard Malik DVSc DipVetAn MVetClinStud PhD FACVSc FASM MASID**Consultant for CVE, private veterinary clinics and RSPCA, Australia**

Richard Malik works as a consultant for the Centre for Veterinary Education, various private clinics in the eastern suburbs of Sydney and also for the RSPCA. Richard is involved in a large number of collaborative research projects in both pure and applied research. He is passionate about all aspects of feline medicine and has a special focus on treating common diseases using new therapeutic regimens. His current research areas include genetic diseases, infectious diseases and parasitic diseases of cats and dogs. He is a world authority on mycobacterial diseases, fungal diseases including cryptococcosis, antibacterial and antifungal drug therapy and neural angiostrongliasis.

Francesca Mancianti DVM PhD**Professor of Veterinary Parasitology at the Department of Veterinary Sciences, University of Pisa, Italy**

Francesca is professor of Veterinary Parasitology at the Department of Veterinary Sciences, University of Pisa. Her current research includes diagnosis and treatment of diseases caused by protozoan parasites, in particular *Leishmania* species and mycoses. She oversees a diagnostic service for mycoses and serology of veterinary parasitic diseases.

Professor Donato Traversa DVM, PhD, DipEVPC, EBVS® European Veterinary Specialist in Parasitology**Professor of Veterinary Parasitology and Animal Parasitic Diseases, University of Teramo, Italy**

Donato is Professor of Parasitology and Animal Parasitic Diseases at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Teramo. His research is focused on emerging extra-intestinal nematodes of pets, intestinal parasites and water-borne zoonotic protozoa, with a focus on epidemiology, diagnosis and efficacy of parasiticides. He is a peer reviewer for about 40 international scientific journals and has published almost 400 scientific contributes. He has been responsible for about 20 intramural- and extramural-financed scientific projects and trials.