

BVCS conference programme 2008

Elfordleigh Hotel, Plymouth.

This year's guest speaker is Dr William Vivanco, head of genetic resources and biotechnology at the Peruvian National Institute of Agricultural Research in Lima.

The conference is chaired by the president of the British Veterinary Camelid Society, Robert Broadbent.

Thursday 16 October

Meet for **dinner** from 19.30 in the Conservatory.

Friday 17 October

Meet in the Reynolds Room for today's sessions

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- 08.45 Welcome and introductions – Robert Broadbent, president of BVCS
- 09.00 The situation of South American camelids in Peru – Dr Vivanco
Camelid endoparasites – James Barnett
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.15 Understanding the reproductive physiology of South American camelids – Dr Vivanco
Update on TB – Robert Broadbent
- 13.00 Buffet lunch in the bar
- 14.00 Topics from the international camelid conference 2008 – Karin Mueller:
- ocular disease
 - prognosis after C-section
 - insulin/blood glucose peculiarities
 - brief introduction to camels
 - male breeding soundness examination
- 15.45 Devonshire cream tea
- 16.15 Assisted reproduction in camelids: semen collection, processing and artificial insemination – Dr Vivanco
Bluetongue vaccination study – Claire Whitehead
- 19.30 Dinner in the conservatory

Saturday 18 October

This morning's sessions are in the Elite Lounge

- 09.00 AGM
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.15 Assisted reproduction in South American camelids: embryo production and transfer – Dr Vivanco
- Labial fusion – Graham Duncanson
- Bilateral cranial cruciate dysplasia – Claire Whitehead
- 13.00 Buffet lunch in the Elite Lounge
- 14.00 Practical sessions at Popham Alpacas:
- evaluating alpacas via visual assessment of conformation and fibre – Dr Vivanco
 - abdominal ultrasound – Karin Mueller
 - farm tour and talk – Popham Alpacas
- 19.30 Meet for drinks in the Brasserie bar
- 20.00 BVCS annual dinner in Churchill's restaurant, with music from Feet First

Sunday 19 October

This morning's sessions are in the Reynolds room

- 09.00 Further topics from the 2008 international camelid conference – Peter Aitken:
- overview of the conference
 - cria diarrhoea
 - antimicrobial agents
 - luteal insufficiency and progesterone supplements
- Formulating a herd health plan – general discussion led by Miranda Josephson
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.15 Joint physiology and growth plate closure – Karin Mueller
- The breeds and colours in alpacas: Peruvian work in defining genetic variability and in selecting alpacas for natural colours – Dr Vivanco
- 13.00 Lunch in the Conservatory

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