



HONG KONG

**WORLD
CONGRESS *of*
VETERINARY
DERMATOLOGY**

19–22 November 2008

Second
Announcement &
Call for Abstracts

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Invitation

We are delighted to invite you to be a part of the 6th World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology to be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from November 19th to 22nd 2008. Hong Kong is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and the gateway to Asia. The World Congress is the most prestigious and global event in veterinary dermatology. The Congress program is designed for everyone with a role or interest in dermatology including educators, researchers, clinical specialists and veterinarians in general practice. An exciting social program has been planned featuring the diverse riches of delicious Asian cuisine, the memorable theatre of traditional dancing and Chinese acrobatics and an elegant gala dinner. Hong Kong Island is a fascinating mix of ancient eastern mystique, high-tech commerce and cosmopolitan lifestyles. From unrivalled tax free shopping bargains to thriving street markets, from spectacular harbour views to remote traditional villages, there is something unique and exciting for everybody visiting Hong Kong. There are wonderful opportunities for pre and post congress tours; catch a plane to China and be awed by the grandeur of the Great Wall, swim and enjoy the beautiful coral reefs in Phuket, hike through the raw, diverse beauty of Vietnam or enjoy the casino excitement in Macau.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Hong Kong.

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Congress Scientific Program

The Congress will have six main Congress themes with State of the Art presentations, Supporting Reviews and Supporting Original Studies.

State of the Art Presentations

These are world-class lectures reporting the most recent scientific advances by leading international experts. The experience will affect your research, your teaching, your specialist dermatology and your dermatology in every day practice. Don't miss them!

Skin Biology

Desmosomes and hemidesmosomes: targets for disease.

Prof. Masayuki Amagai (Keio University, Japan)

Immunology

Keratinocytes as immunocytes: the key role of keratinocytes in epidermal renewal and defence.

Prof. Maja Suter (University of Berne, Switzerland)

Infectious disease

Staphylococcal virulence factors and immune evasion.

Prof. Timothy Foster (Trinity College, Ireland)

Parasitology

Challenges in flea and tick control in the 21st Century.

Prof. Michael Dryden (Kansas State University, USA)

Therapy

New concepts in antimicrobial susceptibility testing: the mutant prevention concentration and mutant selection window approach.

Dr. Joseph Blondeau (Saskatoon, Canada)

Otology

The canine ear in health and disease.

Dr. Lynette Cole (Ohio State University, USA)

Supporting Reviews

More expert presentations designed to report the very latest advances in veterinary dermatology from leading academics and researchers. These presentations will update and excite educators, clinical specialists and all veterinarians with an interest in dermatology.

Skin Biology

Dermatoses affecting desmosomes in animals.

Prof. Thierry Olivry (North Carolina State University, USA)

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Deadline for Supporting Original Studies 15 December 2007

Deadline for Free Communications and Posters 31 January 2008

Abstracts for all three categories will be submitted electronically on-line through the official website www.vetdermhongkong.com. Guidelines for abstract submission will be available on the website by May 2007 and abstracts may be submitted from July 2007.

Immunology

Unraveling the skin barrier: a new paradigm for canine atopic dermatitis and house dust mites.

Dr. Rosanna Marsella (University of Florida, USA)

Infectious disease

Advances in the pathogenesis of canine leishmaniosis; epidemiologic and diagnostic implications.

Dr. Manolis Saridomichelakis (University of Thessaly, Greece)

Supporting Original Studies

Oral presentations of original studies within the Congress Themes. These prestigious presentations of research studies with broad and significant impact in veterinary dermatology are accompanied by a travel and expense grant for the presenting author.

Equine Program

Equine skin disorders are common and important. This 2-day program, generously supported by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, will feature keynote lectures, original research studies as well as many problem-oriented and practical continuing education lectures. Equine practitioners and the veterinary dermatologist will enjoy learning the latest diagnostic and therapeutic advances in equine skin diseases.

Continuing Education

Approximately 40 hours of continuing education will be presented by the world's best lecturers on a wide range of common everyday skin diseases as well as unusual and challenging conditions. There will be an advanced level of continuing education for veterinary dermatologists and veterinarians with a special interest in dermatology, and a comprehensive level for general practitioners. The comprehensive lectures will be simultaneously translated into Mandarin, Japanese and Korean and continuing education notes for these lectures will also be available in these languages.

Workshops

The always popular workshops will enable interactive presentation and discussion of the most recent information about specific topics in small groups. Workshop topics will include therapy (topical, antimicrobials, non-traditional treatments, etc), diagnostic testing, allergic dermatitis, otitis, and more.

Free communications and posters

Over 100 original scientific studies, clinical studies or case reports for oral or poster presentation covering a wide variety of topics in dermatology.

International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathologists Program

A full day program with keynote lectures, research abstracts, continuing education and histopathology slides encompassing the latest developments in dermatohistopathology.

Company Symposia

Details to be provided.

Congress Social Program



Welcome Reception

Date Wednesday 19th November

Venue Convention Foyer, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Cost Included for full registration delegates and accompanying persons.

A spectacular and colourful welcome heralds the beginning of a wonderful Congress. Enjoy an evening cocktail and network with your friends and colleagues from the foyer of the sophisticated Congress venue.

Asian Evening

Date Thursday 20th November

Venue Grand Hall, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Cost Included for full registration delegates and accompanying persons.

The diversity of Asian influences in Hong Kong will be appreciated through an exotic variety of culinary delights and entertainment in a memorable evening in the Grand Hall. Try some famous Peking dishes or the zesty flavours of Szechuan Chinese cooking and watch the famous Lion Dance. Sample the spices of Thailand, the rich aromatic flavours from India, the delicacies of Japan and be enthralled by traditional Thai dancers and Chinese acrobats.



Lamma Island seafood dinner

Date Friday 21st November

Venue Lamma Island

Cost Ticket required

Begin with a harbour cruise and enjoy the exciting night views of Hong Kong Harbour. Arrive at Lamma island for a brief walk ashore and a sumptuous Chinese Dinner at a famous seafood restaurant serving the juiciest prawns, scallops, lobsters and fish. Freshness is guaranteed and all you need is a good appetite.

Gala Dinner

Date Saturday 22nd November

Venue Ballroom, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

Cost Ticket required

The Gala Dinner will be a highlight of the Congress social program. Set majestically atop the world-famous Hong Kong harbour, the JW Marriott Hotel is one of the finest luxury hotels in Hong Kong. You will dine in unparalleled sophistication with outstanding local cuisine and flawless service and dance the night away in the luxurious Ballroom of this fabulous venue.

About Hong Kong

Airport (Hong Kong International Airport)

Hong Kong is directly accessible from more than 100 cities worldwide. For more information about Hong Kong International Airport, please visit www.hkairport.com

Climate

The November weather in Hong Kong is warm and pleasant with dry, sunny days and balmy nights. The temperature ranges from 19 to 24C. For more information, please visit the Hong Kong Observatory website at www.hko.gov.hk

Currency

The Hong Kong Dollar (HK\$) is the unit of currency used in Hong Kong. The official exchange rate of Hong Kong dollar to US dollar is 7.80. Most foreign currencies and traveller's cheques can be changed over at banks, hotels and moneychangers. Major credit cards are accepted in Hong Kong. There are no restrictions on the type or amount of money that can be brought into or taken out of Hong Kong.

Electricity

The electricity supply is 220 volts, 50HZ. The connection for appliances is a flat three pin rectangular plug. Transformers are required for electrical appliances using 110V. Both transformers and adaptors may be provided by the hotel, or can easily be bought locally.

Health

Vaccination certificates are generally not required for yellow fever, cholera and typhoid for visitors travelling to Hong Kong. However, you are advised to check with your doctor well before departure as requirements can change without prior notice.

Language

Hong Kong has a population of almost 7 million people. Almost 95% of the population is Chinese. The official languages are Chinese and English, with Cantonese the most widely spoken Chinese dialect. English is widely spoken in Hong Kong. All major signage is in Chinese and English. The official language of the Congress is English.

Passport and Visa

Passport holders from most countries are granted a 90-day stay upon entry to Hong Kong. For country-specific visa information, please check the most updated information from the Hong Kong Immigration Department at www.info.gov.hk/immd/english/topical/e/1.htm

For delegates from countries for which visas are required prior to entry into Hong Kong, please check with the closest Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country.

For delegates travelling to other cities in China, an entry visa to China is required. Please obtain your visa from the Chinese Embassy or Consulate within your current place of residence. The travel documents must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of travelling.

Venue

Safety

Hong Kong is generally considered a very safe city by day or night. Make use of your hotel's safe-deposit boxes for valuable items.

Sales Tax

There is no sales tax on goods and services in Hong Kong.

Time

The local time in Hong Kong is Greenwich Mean Time +8 hours, Eastern Standard Time +13 hours, and Pacific Standard Time +16 hours.

Transport from the Airport

The Airport Express (AEL) high-speed rail service takes passengers from the airport to Hong Kong Station, Central in just 23 minutes and the service runs every 12 minutes. AEL passengers can enjoy free shuttle service between most of the hotels and the Hong Kong Island AEL stations. The price is HK\$100 (US\$13) per single journey and HK\$180 (US\$23) per a round-trip ticket.

Public Transport

Hong Kong is compact and getting around is very easy and inexpensive. Fleets of taxis, buses, trams, harbour ferries, complemented by the excellent Mass Transit Railway (MTR) underground system, enable visitors to explore Hong Kong on their own safely and conveniently.

Taxi

Metered taxis can be taken to almost any destination in Hong Kong, and are readily available from the taxi pick-up area. The flagfall is HK\$15.00 (US\$2) and HK\$1.40 (US\$0.2) every additional 250 metres. Taxis only accept HK dollars, and extra charges are incurred for baggage and tunnel tolls. Hong Kong Island passengers pay the two-way Cross-Harbour tunnel toll. A typical journey from the airport to the Central costs about HK\$330 (US\$42) and takes 40 minutes, and the fare to Tsing Sha Tsui is HK\$270 (US\$35) and takes 30 minutes. Travel times are approximate, and are dependant on traffic conditions.

Water

Water that runs direct from taps satisfies the United Nations World Health Organization standards. Bottled water is widely available in hotels, supermarkets and convenience stores.

For more information on getting around Hong Kong, you may also wish to visit www.discoverhongkong.com



Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre – Wanchai, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre is located on the magnificent and renowned Victoria Harbour and provides some of the largest multi-purpose built convention and banquet facilities available anywhere in the world.

With its superb facilities and environment, expert logistics, and friendly, professional staff, the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre will ensure that the 6th World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology is a spectacular and unforgettable success.

Guests are able to enjoy uninterrupted harbour views from the foyer and hospitality suites. Covered walkways provide guests with quick easy access to adjacent luxury hotels, including the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong and the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel. Also close is Hong Kong's modern subway system, the airport bus, city buses and ferries and all the shopping and entertainment that Hong Kong is famous for.

Accommodation



The official Congress Hotel is the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel which is directly connected to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Renaissance is one of Hong Kong's premier hotels with stunning vistas of the Hong Kong harbour and a perfect location for simple access to the remainder of Hong Kong's exciting attractions. Located across the road from Wan Chai Star Ferry Pier, with boats taking only five minutes to Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon across the water, the Wan Chai MTR station is only five minutes walk away.

The hotel has large and well appointed rooms, comfortable beds and friendly and helpful staff and there is a beautiful outdoor swimming pool with amazing harbour views on the eleventh floor with no shortage of loungers, towels or drink service!

The Congress Organisers have been able to secure accommodation at competitive rates in other luxury hotels located close to the Congress venue. A range of lower cost accommodation alternatives throughout Hong Kong have also been arranged. For more options on hotels and various forms of accommodation available please access our website www.vetdermhongkong.com

Congress Tours



New Lantau Island Tour with Vegetarian Lunch

Date Wednesday 19th November

Time 0800–1630, cost to be advised

Discover a pristine beach, a traditional fishing village, lush valleys, soaring mountains and spiritual enlightenment on Hong Kong's largest island. Take a fast ferry through the Harbour to Lantau Island, board a coach to the beautiful Cheung Sha beach and the unique Tai O fishing village. Take a winding road up the mountain to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Giant Buddha sits majestically close to the Po Lin Monastery. Ample time is allowed for a guided tour of the Po Lin Monastery and Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall. A short walk away is the Wisdom Path where an ancient prayer is inscribed on a series of wooden columns to signify infinity. A vegetarian meal is served in the Monastery, followed by optional visits to Ngong Ping Village. End with a spectacular ride aboard the Skyrail cable car offering stunning views down to Tung Chung.

Day trip to Disneyland (min 10 persons)

Date Wednesday 19th November

Time 0800–1800, cost to be advised

At Hong Kong Disneyland, you will discover whimsical worlds of imagination where enchanting stories and timeless places literally come to life before your eyes. Fantasy becomes reality in this magical themed land: Main Street USA, Tomorrowland, Fantasyland and Adventureland. Meet all of your favourite Disney friends in person: Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Mulan and all their friends, as you discover medieval castles and intergalactic mountains, elephants that lumber and elephants that fly, snakes that talk and bears that sing.

Tour package includes round trip transfers from your hotel to Disney with an English Speaking guide and the entrance fee to Disneyland.



Hong Kong Island Tour

Date Thursday 20th November,

Time 0900–1400, cost to be advised

Hong Kong Island is an intoxicating mix of ancient eastern mystique, high-tech commerce and cosmopolitan lifestyles. This tour is a must for first time visitors. The first stop is Victoria Peak which offers a spectacular view of the hustle and bustle of this extraordinary city. Proceed downhill past delightful tropical forests and along the coastal road to Repulse Bay. Shopping at Stanley Market is always fun, narrow lanes of shops selling silk designer clothing, hand-painted porcelain and souvenir items with many bargains to be found. Lunch is served at a restaurant in Stanley.

Back Streets of Kowloon Tour (min 10 persons)

Date Friday 21st November

Time 1400–1700, cost to be advised

This tour will take you to the unique, open-air “Jade Market “ where tradesmen buy and sell rare stones and finished ornaments. Just around the corner is the unique “Bird Garden” where bird lovers gather and stalls sell a wide variety of exotic birds and cages. The final stop on the tour is Wong Tai Sin Temple where you can pay homage to the blessed “God of Immigrants” and have your fortune told by fortune tellers.

New Territories Tour

Date Friday 21st November

Time 1400–1800, cost to be advised

Touring around the New Territories shows you the remote and undeveloped, rural face of Hong Kong with small villages and farmland. Highlights include visiting Hong Kong’s most impressive Buddhist monastery “Chuk Lam Sim Yuen”; the Wishing Tree in Taipo and the Kam Tin Walled Village, built 700 years ago by the Tang Clan.

Ocean Park Tour

Date Saturday 22nd November

Time 0900–1700, cost to be advised

Visit the most famous theme park in Asia and enjoy a day of entertainment and endless fun for the whole family. Ocean Park is a combination of spectacular oceanariums, exhilarating rides and adorable animals within one complex. Highlights include: Panda Habitat, Shark Aquarium, Ocean Theatre and Pacific Pier.

Chinese Cooking Class (min 10 persons)

Date Saturday 22nd November

Time 1000–1400, cost to be advised

Ever wondered how the delicious delicacies of the orient are prepared? Joining this tour will stimulate your cooking senses and your taste buds. Firstly, a tour of a local Asian food market and then a visit to a famous Chinese restaurant. An experienced chef will give a step by step lesson on the secrets of Eastern cooking. You will be introduced to the world of Eastern herbs and spices and the aromas and culinary delights will leave you breathless. Lunch will be included.

Chinese Tea Appreciation Class (min 15 persons)

Date Saturday 22nd November

Time 0900–1230, cost to be advised

Visit the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware located inside Hong Kong Park. This charming colonial house was once the office and residence of Commander of the British Forces and has been renovated to house a collection of earthenware, gold and porcelain teapots, bowls and trays originating from the Tang dynasty to the present. Tea appreciation encompasses not only an understanding of the important qualities of this revered leaf, but also the contemplative thoughts that tea drinking has inspired throughout Chinese history.

Morning Tai Chi Class (min 15 persons)

Date Daily

Time 0730–0830, cost to be advised

Tai Chi, or “shadow boxing”, is a graceful exercise that combines both thought and action and is developed from ancient Chinese martial art. A Tai Chi master will help you capture the spirit of this ancient art form.

The Gentle Art of Foot Massage (min 10 persons)

Date Daily

Time 1000–1200, cost to be advised

Traditional Chinese medicine regards the feet as the most important part of the human body containing areas that reflect all our major organs. Apply pressure to the correct parts of the feet and you can diagnose and help prevent diseases. Relax and enjoy a 45 minute foot massage.

Pre and Post Congress Tours



1 Macau Excursion (1 day)

Enjoy the excitement of the casino and the famous Macau Grand Prix; relax and enjoy the Mediterranean experience of this former Portuguese enclave with its Baroque churches, open plazas and unique cuisine.

2 Visit Xian, China's capital during the flamboyant and sophisticated Tang Dynasty

This thriving modern city retains its impregnable walls and gates and the impressive Bell Tower, symbols of its glory and importance. Visit the famous exhibition of the spectacular Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses.

3 Beijing Tour (4 days/3 nights)

Visit the extraordinary Great Wall of China and the breathtaking Forbidden City.

4 Jiuzhaigou and Zhangjiajie (6 days/5 nights)

See the unparalleled natural beauty of emerald lakes, rugged mountains and spectacular waterfalls in these World Heritage listed sites.

5 Vietnam (7 days/6 nights)

Explore the art galleries in Hanoi, enjoy the beautiful scenery in the mountain resort of Dalat, bike in the Mekong delta or surf at China Beach.

6 Phuket (3 days/2 nights)

Perfect, unspoilt white sand beaches, uninhabited idyllic islands created for snorkelling and diving, explore jungle with elephant trekking and bamboo rafting.

7 Cambodia (4 days/3 nights)

Fly to Siem Reap and visit the amazing Angkor Wat.

For more details of pre and post Congress tours, please visit our website www.vetdermhongkong.com

KEY DATES

15 December 2007
**Deadline for submission
of supporting original
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15 January 2008
**Notification to authors of
acceptance of supporting
original studies**

31 January 2008
**Deadline for submission
of posters and free
communications**

15 March 2008
**Notification to authors
of acceptance of posters
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