

### **IVNA CONGRESS**

May 22nd & 23rd 2021





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### WELCOME

### 11th Annual IVNA Congress 2021

Each year we follow our members' feedback and continue to make ongoing changes to our CVE events in order to further develop our CPD programme in line with our members requests.

Our 10th Annual Congress proved to be a great success in 2019 and we would like to thank everyone who attended for contributing to this milestone event. We have all had a tough year and as we are currently unable to travel for our CVE we have made the decision to take our 11th Annual Congress to you! The IVNA committee and CVE subcommittee have developed a comprehensive scientific programme with multiple streams and practical sessions offering delegates a wide range of topics on our virtual platform.

The Saturday programme consists of two streams covering areas of Medical and Surgical Nursing. There will also be exhibition booths, competitions and prizes. Our Sunday programme comprises three separate streams, Physiotherapy, Nursing in Practice and Wound Management, which are blended with both lectures and workshops. Please keep in mind that places for our Sunday streams are limited so get your registration in fast!

As always we look forward to interacting with you at this year's Congress and hope to see you all soon!





AGM - Members Only Saturday 22nd May



This year the IVNA Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday the 22nd of May at 11.30am. The committee has chosen to schedule the meeting for this time to increase attendance rates as a number of highly important motions will be tabled which will shape the future of the IVNA and the veterinary nursing profession.

In order for the IVNA to progress in its representation of the profession and work towards building a sustainable future for Veterinary Nurses we are appealing to all our members to attend this crucial meeting and make your vote count. This AGM will include discussion on the IVNA and SIPTU affiliation, the future of the association and the membership subscriptions.

Over the past twelve months the IVNA has been actively working to address the many issues faced by our members and the profession as a whole but we need to do more, and we can, with your support. Members will receive further information relating to the AGM in advance of Saturday 22nd of May. Please help us help you and join us at the 2021 IVNA AGM.

It is not necessary to attend the Congress in order to attend the AGM as all full members are invited. If you are not attending Congress but wish to attend the AGM please email enquiries@ivna.ie before Friday 14th of May and we will organise your digital admission.

Stronger together, Stronger than ever



### Medical Nursing Stream Saturday 22nd May

The Hyperthyroid Cat Caroline Beckett	09:00
Tea Break	10:00
The Renal Patient Clare Hemmings	10:30
IVNA AGM	11:30
Lunch	12:30
Oncology in Practice, Case Study Discussion Caroline Beckett	13:30
Feline Idiopathic Cystitis - Nurses Role Paula Sanfey	14:30
Tea Break	15:30
Managing Long Term Diabetic Patients Clare Hemmings	16:00



#### Anaesthesia & Surgery Stream Saturday 22nd May

Surgical Emergencies - The GDV & C-Section  Caoimhe Farrell	09:00
Tea Break	10:00
Anaesthesia for the emergency abdomen- doing the best with what you have Georgina Murphy	10:30
IVNA AGM	11:30
Lunch	12:30
Managing the highs and lows of Endocrine Anaesthesia Georgina Murphy	13:30
Blood transfusions & the splenectomy patient Caoimhe Farrell	14:30
Tea Break	15:30
Surgical Emergency Case Study Discussion  Caoimhe Farrell	16:00



#### Wound Management Stream Sunday 23rd May

Wound Healing - which product when? Lisa Telford/ Kassie Hill - Bandaging Angels	09:00
Bandaging without blunders - Bandaging complications and why they happen	10:00
Lisa Telford/ Kassie Hill - Bandaging Angels	
Tea Break	11:00
Choosing and Using - dressing choice and application Workshop	11:30
Lisa Telford/ Kassie Hill - Bandaging Angels	
Lunch	12:30
Bandaging techniques - from tail to toe Workshop	13:30
Lisa Telford/ Kassie Hill - Bandaging Angels	
Congress Close	14:30



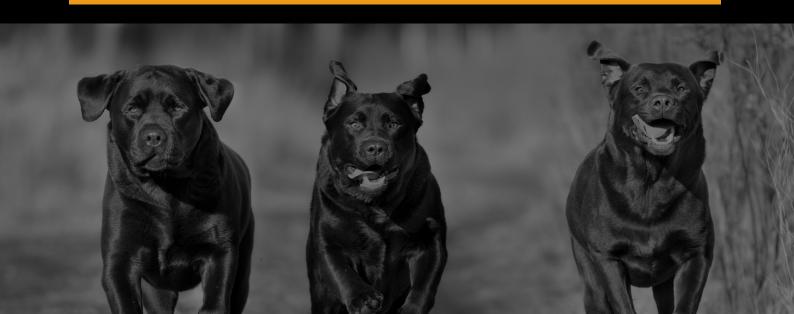
#### Nurse In Practice Stream Sunday 23rd May

Veterinary Nurse clinics in practice Melanie O'Donoghue	09:00
Nurse Services & Consultations Paula Sanfey	10:00
Tea Break	11:00
Designing profitable VN Clinics Paula Sanfey / Melanie O'Donoghue	11:30
Lunch	12:30
Developing your VN Clinic Action Plan Paula Sanfey / Melanie O'Donoghue	13:30
Congress Close	14:30



### Physiotherapy Stream Sunday 23rd May

Rehabilitation for Arthritic Patients  Jane Tyrrell	09:00
Rehabilitation of Neurological patients  Jane Tyrrell	10:00
Tea Break	11:00
Exercise Prescription Workshop  Jane Tyrrell	11:30
Lunch	12:30
Everyday Rehabilitation Modalities Workshop  Jane Tyrrell	13:30
Congress Close	14:30



## **CONGRESS SPEAKERS**



Caoimhe Farrell
RVN BSc Hons

Caoimhe began her career in the veterinary industry as an Animal Care Assistant graduating from Killester College in 2008. In 2010 she pursued her interests in the veterinary field further by joining the BSc Hons VN programme in UCD and graduated with second class honours in 2014. Caoimhe worked in first opinion small animal practice until 2018 when she moved to the Pet Emergency Hospital UCD as Lead Nurse to pursue her interest in Surgery and Emergency Critical Care nursing.



Paula Sanfey
RVN ISFMDipFN

Paula completed her veterinary nursing studies in the UK in 2008, working within the nursing team at an orthopaedic referral clinic in Manchester. After two years she moved back to Dublin and locumed in several clinics before joining Palmerstown Veterinary Hospital in 2011 where she worked as a senior nurse and was their Cat Advocate for almost 10 years. Paula is currently locum nursing in Dublin. She has completed 3 Diplomas in the past 5 years, including the ISFM Diploma in Feline Nursing, with Distinction. Paula is working towards the ISFM Advanced Certificate in Feline Behaviour. She created 'The Purrfect Nurse' in 2019 in order to encourage and motivate veterinary nurses to be more cat friendly and to develop 'Cattitude', a feline friendly approach to cats and their owners.



Clare Hemmings Cert CFVHNut

Clare qualified as a Veterinary Nurse in England in 1996 and worked ten years in practice before joining Royal Canin where she works as Scientific Communications Manager. Clare achieved her Certificate in Canine and Feline Veterinary Health Nutrition in 2015 with distinction. Clare regularly writes for vet and pet publications and is an 'Ask the Expert' panellist for Your Cat magazine.

## **CONGRESS SPEAKERS**



Jane Tyrrell RVN AdvCert VPhys

Jane has been working in small animal practice exclusively since qualifying as a veterinary nurse in 2010 and has a keen interest in surgical nursing and wound management. Jane graduated from St. Johns Central College and in 2013 she returned to education to complete a post grad in Veterinary Physiotherapy. Jane works part time as an RVN and as a small and large animal veterinary physiotherapist. In her spare time Jane serves on the IVNA committee as Chairperson.



Melanie O'Donoghue RVN

Melanie is an RVN and her career spans 3 decades, where she has worked in practice and industry and now works in VetAssist, her Practice development consultancy business. She is passionate about animal health and wellbeing and this is what drives her. Improving patient and practice teams' facilities through practice design and layout, team training and by performing business triage to help practices identify problems, opportunities and develop their services to give patients and clients the best care possible. She has gained qualifications in Digital marketing, Leadership and Management and and has also obtained her Practitioner Cert. She lives and farms with her husband in the west of Ireland, sharing her home with many beloved dogs, cats, ponies and horses as well as a herd of pedigree Dexter cattle or "mini moos" as they are affectionately referred too! She feels very privileged to have had such a diverse and interesting career and this amazing been facilitated by the professionals that she has worked with and met over the years and hopefully many more in the future!



Caroline began working in UCD in 2006 and completed her diploma in 2008. After working in New Zealand and later gaining a level 3 canine hydrotherapy qualification, she went on to graduate from the top up degree from UCD in 2016. She has been a senior nurse in small animal medicine for the past 9 years and over the past 2 years she has been an integral part of developing and expanding the oncology department in UCD

Caroline Beckett
DipVN BScHons RVN

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Kassie Hill Fdsc RVN REVN E-SQP

Kassie joined Cliffe Equine in July 2011 following completion of her Veterinary Nursing degree in small animals with the University of Brighton. She completed her equine veterinary nursing top-up in 2013. She has been part of the equine world since her earliest years. Kassie began helping out on an event yard in her early teens, where she realised that she gained immense satisfaction from rehabilitating horses following injury. She has more recently gone on to become both a qualified clinical coach and an SQP and has joined the Equine Bandaging Angels team. In her spare time Kassie can be found helping with the family's eventing team or walking her dogs.



Lisa Telford

BSc(Hons) RVN

Lisa qualified as a Veterinary Nurse in 2010 from Edinburgh Napier University and continued as an RVN in a general practice in West Lothian for six years, where for five of those years Lisa was Head Nurse. In 2016 Lisa moved to the Surgery department at the Hospital for Small Animals at Edinburgh Vet School as a surgical nurse becoming the lead surgical ward nurse in 2017. Lisa has completed many years of mentoring veterinary nursing students and finds this very rewarding. In 2017 Lisa completed the Delving Deeper into Wounds course after always having a passion for wound management and bandaging. Her work location means she gets to see and assist in the treatment of many interesting and challenging wound management cases enabling her to get creative when bandaging or applying dressings! When Lisa is not in work you will find her in a muddy field competing her two dogs in agility!



**Georgina Murphy** 

Georgina qualified in the UK and has worked in first opinion, referral hospital and emergency practices. She spent ten years as senior nurse for anaesthesia at UCDVH. She now locums in the university vet school, doing clinical work, teaching and working as a research assistant. She runs Anaes-easier, a company offering practical anaesthesia training and is currently working towards a Master's in anaesthesia and analgesia.

RVN DipAVN (Surgical)

# CONGRESS REGISTRATION

#### About the event

Registrations are open online via our website www.ivna.ie Delegates registration and stream options are listed below. Early bird rates apply until 30th April 2021. Up to 11 CVE Credits awarded for the full event, tbc.

PROGRAMME DATES	MEMBERS EARLY BIRD	MEMBERS LATE REGISTRATION	NON MEMBER EARLY BIRD	NON MEMBERS LATE REGISTRATION
SINGLE DAY	€75	€95	€150	€180
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	€125	€160	€250	€300

#### **Group Discount**

The IVNA like to reward those practices who assist and fund their RVN staff with achieving their CVE requirements. Group discounts are now available to practices securing multiple delegate registrations. The following T&Cs apply to group bookings:

- 1. All delegates in the group must be employed by the same practice (not necessarily in the same branch)
- 2. Group Discounts 4 10 avail of 10%, Groups over 10 can avail of 15%.

#### T&Cs

Please contact administrator@ivna.ie for any further information regarding EFT payments Cancellations & disclaimer: A 50% refund is available for cancellations made prior to April 30th 2021, thereafter refunds will NOT be made on any cancellation. All details in this programme were correct at the time of printing. The IVNA reserves the right to change or amend the arrangements without prior notice. The IVNA cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions in this registration document. Due to Sunday streams including practical sessions, delegate registrations for these streams are limited. Once registration is received and confirmed delegates will be unable to swap their registration for an alternative stream, entry to each stream will also be confirmed on the day. When registering for a Sunday stream, only one stream per day per delegate may be booked. Postal forms can be requested by emailing enquiries@ivna.ie



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