VETNNET CONFERENCE 2019, Bruges, Belgium

This year speakers are:

Harrie Phillips, PGCertClinEd, BAdVocEd, RVN, DipVN, DipBus, DipTAE, TAA
ACVN, Australia

Harrie Phillips is one of Australia's most highly qualified veterinary nurses and educators and is the founder of the Australian College of Veterinary Nursing. She has completed her Bachelor of Adult and Vocational Education and her Post Graduate Certificate in Clinical Education (from the human world) focusing on simulation, where she topped her class for e-learning in clinical education.

Harrie qualified as a Veterinary Nurse in Australia but is also a UK registered veterinary nurse. She has completed two Diplomas of Veterinary Nursing (Surgical and Emergency & Critical Care) and has worked in a variety of clinics from general practice, ECC, specialist centres and in universities.

Jill Macdonald
DipAVN (Surgical) RVN FHEA,
UK

Jill Macdonald has been a veterinary nurse in the UK for 20 years, and has worked as a head nurse, clinical coach and assessor, and in veterinary undergraduate and postgraduate education. She founded, owns and runs ONCORE ePD, which provides online, interactive CPD for the veterinary profession. In January 2019, Jill took up a post with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, UK, to manage the VN Futures Project, an initiative which aims to address the challenges and exploit the opportunities in the Veterinary Nursing profession in the UK. The project has been running since 2016, and will aim to perform a review and report back to the profession in 2021.

Dr Maeve O'Reilly MVB, Med(AFE)
Athlone Institute of Technology, Ireland

Maeve O'Reilly is a lecturer in veterinary nursing and Bioveterinary science in Athlone Institute of Technology, Ireland.

Maeve graduated with first class honours in Veterinary Medicine from the University College Dublin in 2002. From 2002-2014 Maeve worked as a small animal veterinarian performing a wide range of medical and surgical procedures on domestic animals while based in veterinary practices in Preston, England (2002-2004), Dundalk, Ireland (2005-2007) and Limerick (2007-2014). In 2014 she started lecturing on the Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science programs in Athlone Institute of Technology, where she continues to lecture to date. She completed a Master's in Adult and Further Education, graduating from University of Limerick in 2018 with first class honours.

Maeve is a lecturer, at higher education level, in the field of veterinary nursing and bioveterinary science. She delivers modules in Veterinary Pharmacology; Animal Breeding and Genetics; Veterinary and Bioveterinary clinical Laboratory Techniques; Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology; and Bioveterinary Parasitology to Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science undergraduate students and has delivered continued professional development (CPD) lectures to qualified veterinary nurses. Maeve contributes to the development of both the Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science programs in AIT and is currently a course co-ordinator for the Bioveterinary Science program.

Maeve uses a combination of lectures and practicals for teaching and also engages in field trips, and animal handling sessions. She is involved in the assessment of student placements and writes and grades a range of both practical and written state examinations. Maeve's recent Master's in Adult Education focused on the use of Audience Response Systems in veterinary nursing education and she continues to use this tool to improve the student experience in her classes.

Maeve is the current secretary of the Midland's Veterinary Clinical Society where she is actively involved in arranging continued education events for veterinary practitioners and veterinary nurses. In addition to attending and co-organising the local clinical society evening meetings she attends a range of Irish and international conferences. These have included the Cattle Association of Veterinary Ireland (CAVI) conference, the Irish Equine Conference, the British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) conference, the Southern European Veterinary Association (SEVA) and WSAVA congresses. Maeve also is a member of the Veterinary European Transnational Network for veterinary Nursing Training and Education (VETTNET) and regularly attends the annual VETNNET conference.

Areas of expertise: *Veterinary Nursing, Veterinary anatomy and physiology, Veterinary clinical laboratory Techniques, higher education, adult education, audience response systems in higher education.*

Victoria Hedges
BSc (Hons), PCES, RVN
UK

Victoria, Examinations Manager at the RCVS, started working in a veterinary practice when she was 16 and qualified as a veterinary nurse in 1995. She joined the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2002 at an External Verifier. She is currently responsible for auditing examinations delivered by UK Universities and Colleges and the registration of nurses educated outside the UK. This includes designing and delivering the Pre-registration examinations which some nurses are required to complete before registration. Victoria's main interest is practical assessment, especially designing and advising on the design of Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE). Between 2008 and 2010 she was involved in the training of veterinary nurse educators around Europe as part of the PEPAS project. More recently, she is involved with the redesign of the OSCE stations developed during this project. In 2017 Victoria attended the University of Cambridge and completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Studies (PCES) in educational assessment and examinations.   In her spare time, she enjoys making medical models for use in the examinations.

Julie Dugmore
RVN, Director of Veterinary
Nursing
UK

Julie qualified as a veterinary nurse in 1987 after spending her training years in small animal practice. Her enthusiasm for encouraging and supporting student training lead her to take a teaching position in 2000 and since leaving full time practice, she has kept her clinical skills up to date.

Julie's position with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons has been varied; starting in 2002 as an external verifier, quality assuring student veterinary nurse training programmes and progressing through the ranks to become the Director of Veterinary Nursing responsible for eight members of staff working to support the Veterinary Nurse Council in the College's regulatory remit

Julie is Chair of the Accreditation Committee for Veterinary Nurse Education (ACOVENE) and a board member of the Veterinary European Transnational Network for Nursing Education and Training (Vetnnet) and has, over the past ten years been involved with several Leonardo da Vinci European funded projects developing veterinary nurse training across the European Union.

Dorte Windeløv, DVM
Hansenberg, Denmark

Dorte graduated from The Veterinary University of Copenhagen in 1991. After a period in small animal practice, she moved to Jutland where Dorte, since 1993, has been working as a veterinarian and specialist teacher at HANSENBERG, Kolding at the VET programs of Veterinary Nursing and Animal Keeper (Laboratory Animal Technician). The subjects she teaches are mostly veterinary legislation and terminology, small animal nutrition, laboratory diagnostics and animal experimental techniques. She is a school representative in The Local Educational Committee of Veterinary Nursing and has been working with educational plans, development of curriculum etc. for many years. She has been active in VETNNET since 1998 and a board member from 2011 – 2014. Dorte has been responsible for her schools partnership in the Leonardo projects DASVENT, PEPAS and ACOVENE. On a personal note she is married to Tom who also is a veterinarian at Hansenberg and they have a daughter, Fanny, aged 17.

Mili Patakangas-Hautala, DVM
Amiedu Finland

Mili, DVM graduated from University of Helsinki in 2007, and has been a subject teacher at Amiedu for 6 years. Her role in Amiedu is to teach veterinary medicine subjects e.g. anatomy, physiology and nutrition. Mili is also the head teacher in Amiedus special vocational qualification program in veterinary nursing. This new program started in the beginning of this year and lots of planning needs to be done still. In her free time Mili takes care of her garden and hike with her family and two Bernese mountain dogs

Harriet Sandfors, VN, RN, M.h.Sc
Amiedu, Finland

Harriet graduated as a veterinary nurse from Amiedu and worked for several years in both small clinics and big hospitals as well as abroad. While at that time there was no further education possibilities in Finland, she started to study human nursing and graduated as a Bachelor of nursing and worked in the operating theatre as an anaesthetic nurse. Luckily, she was asked to come and lecture for veterinary nurses and found after a while that this was her calling. While teaching became her fulltime job, she studied to be a teacher for nurses and took her masters in Health Sciences from the University of Åbo. Today her role in Amiedu, as well as lecturing is also to plan and develop the nursing teaching program. Harriet has also been an active member of Vetnnet for many years. To further develop her skills, she is studying solution-focused brief coaching and is happy to tell you more about that, so just come and ask more at the conference!

Hannelore Vandepitte,
Hogeschool VIVES, Belgium

Originally Hannelore was a mathematics and computer sciences teacher in secondary education. After having written some mathematics handbooks for this target group, she decided to start studying again in order to delve into underlying learning processes. After obtaining a master's degree in instructional and educational sciences, she taught mathematics, didactics and pedagogy in teacher training. She has already spent three years working as an education coach at VIVES, University of Applied Sciences, in the faculties of biotechnology and health care. Her task is two-fold: on the one hand she supports lecturers in their pedagogical and didactic tasks and on the other hand she helps programme teams in the process of designing and implementing their curriculum, in accordance with the educational policy of the institution.

Laura Špik, DVM,
BIC Ljubljana, Slovenia

Laura graduated at Veterinary faculty Ljubljana in 2002. Before she had graduated and two years after graduating, she was working in agricultural educational centre as practical skills teacher and farm manager. In 2004 she joined BIC Ljubljana as a fulltime teacher. She teaches theoretical subjects as anatomy and physiology, pathology, clinical procedures. She also teaches practical skills and has made some models for use in class and exams. She is in charge of PEPAS tasks and PEPAS final examinations.

Laura has been an active member of Vetnnet for many years, in 2018 she took on the Vetnnet secretary position.

With her family she lives in a small village in the northern part of Slovenia. Her "extended" family includes two daughters, husband, 5 horses, landseer dog and four cats. Horses are Laura´s family passion, they all ride but also like carriage driving.

Nienke Dijkerman,
Zone College, Netherlands

After graduating as a veterinarian many many years ago, she worked in veterinarian practice until last year. During this period of clinical work with different species, she also became a teacher at the vocational education for veterinary nurse of Zone College. Nienke has been involved in developing the educational program for VN's. She also has been working on contructing of national exams of different vocational educations at Groene Norm last years.

"The veterinary clinic and the profession of the veterinary nurse changes very quickly, not even to mention the changes in habits and interests of our students. I think it's a challenge to keep the educational program up to date, and suitable for our students. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to show some games we made. Our students use those games to practice their theory and skills in a relaxed and easy way."