



## spring newsletter

### Dear Vetnnet members!

We hope the spring shows her bright colors everywhere! That might encourage us to be more optimistic despite still uncertain situation.

In this newsletter you will find information about September conference. The full program is available and also all the important dates and decisions Vetnnet board had adopted during the meetings. Of course, we did not have life meeting this year but now we all have many experiences working on line so we were very active that way.

Congratulations to Dutch schools! 11 Dutch school are conected to DOPA - National Dutch Platform Teachers Veterinary Nursing. Read more about DOPA in this newsletter.

**And we wish you a happy Easter, full of joy and optimism!**



# Vetnnet conference September 2021

We all hope that the situation will allow us to have this year Conference- as it was intended last year, the conference would be held in Prague, the Czech Republic.

**Please keep in mind that the board will take the final decision about the conference at the end of May. You will then receive the newsletter where you will find the conference brochure with registration details or announcement of postponing the conference.**

**Another scenario may happen: we may decide to hold a live conference but due to uncertainty about traveling and possible restrictions there will not be enough participants registered. So late delay might happen...**

**Naturally, we all hope and wish that in the end of May you will receive the newsletter with positive news. And that the situation will be clear enough that all of us will register without second thoughts.**

For now, you can take a look on the conference program. We believe it is very interesting. Slight changes may happen- as always- but they will not affect the quality of the program.

The pre- conference day is still in the plan so do not forget to book one day more!

## **22nd to 24th September 2021 should be marked on your calendar!**

**September 22nd is the day for pre-conference activities and official opening of the conference in the evening, September 23rd and 24th are the days for interesting lectures and workshops.**

### **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021: pre-conference day**

8.00	Bus leaves the hotel
10.30- 11.30	Visit of Lanškroun Secondary Agricultural and Veterinary School
11.30	Leaving for the town of Kutna Hora
13.30-14.30	Lunch at Kutna Hora
14.30-16.00	Guided tour of Kutna Hora
17.00	Arrival back to Prague

[KUTNA HORA](#)

[Lanškroun Secondary Agricultural and Veterinary School](#)

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, official opening of the conference**

19.00	Reception at the Holiday Inn hotel
20.00-22.00	Warm buffet at the Holiday Inn hotel
22.00	Celebration of 25th anniversary with a dance party

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

8.45. – 9.00	TEA and COFFEE
9.00 – 9.10	<b><i>Welcome and Introduction</i></b> Annemarieke de Man, VETNNET Co-ordinator
9.10 – 9.45	<b><i>History of Vetnnet presented by honorary members of Vetnnet</i></b>
9.45 – 10.30	Celebrating 25Th anniversary of Vetnnet
10.30 – 11.00	<b><i>School veterinary clinic at BIC Ljubljana,</i></b> Alja Tufegdžić, DVM, BIC Ljubljana, Slovenia
11.00 – 12.00	<b><i>New approach to teaching sales and innovation to veterinary nurses and the impact it can have on mental health,</i></b> Finn Kristensen, Teacher, Diploma of Vocational Pedagogy, HANSENBERG, Denmark
12.00 – 12.10	Stretch your legs
12.10 – 12.30	<b><i>VET4VN project</i></b> Drs. Nienke Dijkerman and Drs. Angelique Withaar, Zone College, The Netherlands
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 14.00	<b><i>How to connect theory and practical work using digitalization- interactive learning,</i></b> Tine Eleršek, DVM, BIC Ljubljana, Slovenia
14.00 – 14.30	<b><i>Royal Canine: Nutrition in Veterinary Practice – a complete educational module</i></b> Daphne Westgeest, DVM, Royal Canine
14.30 – 14.45	TEA and COFFEE
14.45 – 15.45	<b><i>Royal Canine: Nutrition in Veterinary Practice – a complete educational module- workshop</i></b> Daphne Westgeest, DVM, Royal Canine Annemarie Revet, DVM, Wellant college Houten, The Netherlands Yvonne van Ginkel, registered veterinary nurse, Aeres mbo Barneveld, The Netherlands
18.00	<b><i>Guided walking tour to city center</i></b>
19.30	<b><i>Dinner at the restaurant Parnas</i></b>

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

8.45. – 9.00	TEA and COFFEE
9.00 – 10.00	AGM
10.00 – 10.15	<i>Next conference host presentation,</i> Johanna Penell, MSc Veterinary Medicine, MRCVS, PhD, Sweden
10.15 – 10.30	TEA and COFFEE
10.30 – 11.30	<i>Pepas updates and confidentiality issue,</i> Vicky Hedges, BSc (Hons), PCES, RVN
11.30 – 11.50	<i>ACOVENE presentation last year activities,</i> Julie Dugmore, RVN Director of Veterinary Nursing
11.50 – 12.35	<i>Vet nurse's mental health</i> Lisa Quigley, Mind Matters Initiative Manager, UK
12.35 – 12.50	<i>Show and tell: Wordwall-on line tool for making different assessments</i> Alja Tufegdžić, DVM, BIC Ljubljana
12.50 – 13.50	LUNCH
13.50 – 14.25	<i>Veterinary dialogue trainer - presentation</i> Drs. Saskia Nab en Drs. Tessa Plagis
14.25 - 15.30	<i>Veterinary dialogue trainer - workshop</i> Drs. Saskia Nab en Drs. Tessa Plagis
15.30 – 15.45	TEA and COFFEE
15.45 – 16.00	<i>Conclusions and closing the conference</i>



## **DOPA - National Dutch Platform Teachers Veterinary Nursing**

This new Dutch platform has been active since September of 2020.

No less than 11 schools that offer the education for Veterinary Nurse in The Netherlands are now connected to DOPA. DOPA represents a large group of veterinarians and veterinary nurses who teach the Dutch veterinary nurse students.

DOPA has a board. For the schoolyear 2020-2021 the members of the board are:

Marije Colmans, Aeres MBO Barneveld ([m.colmans@aeres.nl](mailto:m.colmans@aeres.nl))

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Nienke Dijkerman, Zone College ([ndijkerman@zone.college](mailto:ndijkerman@zone.college))

Maybe, our platform can be useful to VETNNET members. If you are interested, or would like to have some more information, please send an email to the DOPA board. We will be glad to answer your questions. We can send you our first Newsletter, with organisation structure, goals and activities of DOPA.

Drs. Nienke Dijkerman, docent  
Zone College



## Educational package 'Nutrition in Veterinary Practice' now available in English!

In collaboration with 2 veterinary nursing schools in the Netherlands, Royal Canin has developed a complete educational package on 'Nutrition in Veterinary Practice' for teachers in vet nursing education. After the successful launch of the Dutch package in the Netherlands last year, it has now been translated and adapted to the international market. **We are pleased to announce the complete package is now available in English!**

The package includes an extensive reader with many accompanying work forms, such as presentations, case studies, Q&A's and fun games. Basic knowledge on nutrition and support of the different organ system and related diseases are neutrally reviewed, without focusing on specific products. All materials can be adapted and customized to the personal needs of the teacher and students.

If you would like more information or want to receive the complete educational package, please contact the Royal Canin office in your country.

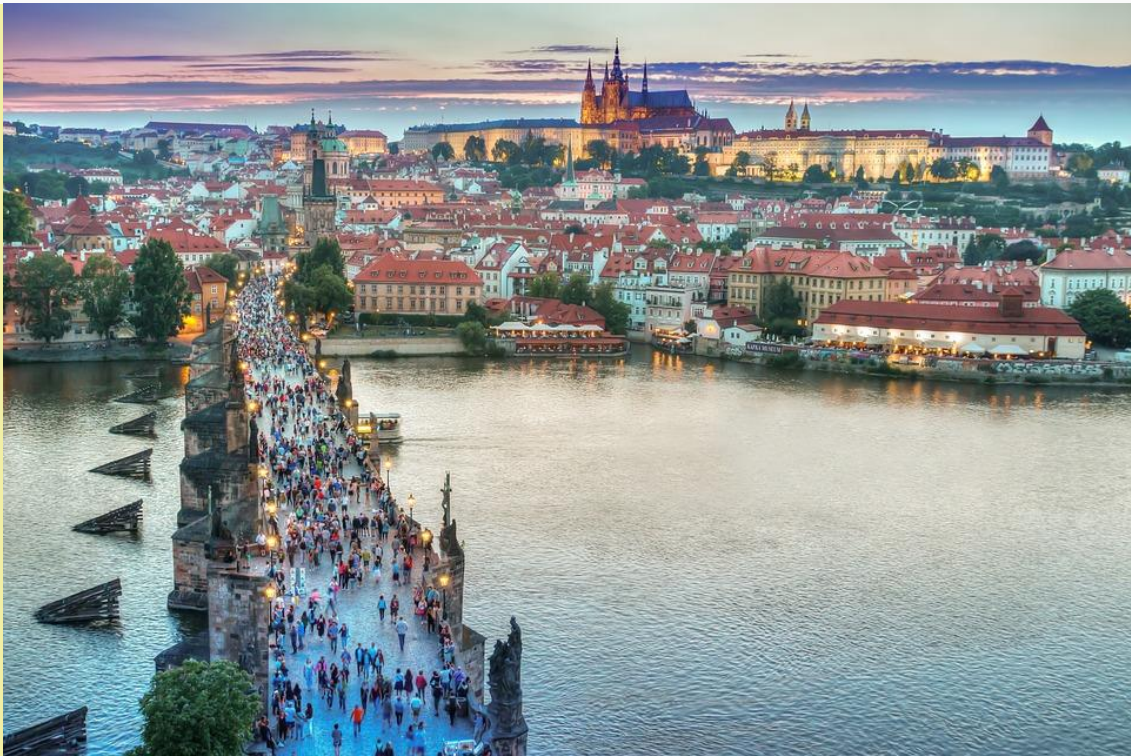
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**Let's hope for the best... see you in Prague, The Czech Republic!**

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support of VETNNET

