

## Final programme - Annual Meeting VEE 2018

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### “Social veterinary epidemiology: how to induce behavioural changes in animal health management”.

Friday 26 October 2018, Brussels, Palace of the Academies, Belgium

[Registration](#) and [poster submission](#) still possible!

#### Theme

**How to stimulate behavioural changes in livestock production and animal owners for better animal health and welfare? Which routes are there to change people’s behaviour in animal health management? Is this through regulation, economic incentives or are there also other means? What is the role of communication and education? Is nudging relevant to animal health? What are the farmers’ or animal owners’ perceptions on animal diseases and management, and how can we measure them?**

These questions are typically researched in **social veterinary epidemiology** (SVE), a relatively new domain within veterinary epidemiology. The term is inspired by the term ‘social epidemiology’, the field that covers research on human attitudes, perceptions and practices influencing human health. SVE is the study of human behaviour that affects the causes, spread, prevention and control of animal diseases and health problems.

During the morning session of our annual meeting, speakers with specific expertise in this domain will **share their experiences in the fascinating field of inducing behavioural change**. We will explore recent social science contributions to veterinary epidemiology and discuss the different routes that can affect animal owners’ perceptions and behaviour in animal health management.

Our meeting will take place in collaboration with:



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## Programme

- **Morning programme: keynote speakers on “Social veterinary epidemiology: how to induce behavioural changes in animal health management”.**
- **Afternoon: selected oral presentations on any topic regarding epidemiology, economics and social sciences & networking.**

9h30-10h00: *Reception* with coffee

### Session 1

#### Welcome & Keynote Speakers

09h55-10h00: Welcome on behalf of the VEE (Dr. Stefaan Ribbens)

10h00-10h05: Introduction of keynote speakers (Dr. Johannes Charlier)

10h05 – 10h55: “Economic, institutional and social approaches to understanding and improving animal health management.” **Dr. Erwin Wauters** (ILVO)

10h55 -11h40: “A Deceived Mind: How communication strategies can correct cognitive biases that are influencing a farmer’s adoption of sustainable treatment methods.” **Carla Mingolla** (UGent)

11h40-12h25: “Practical view & experiences in changing people’s behaviour in animal health.” **Dr. Ir. Jolanda Jansen** (Sint-Anna Advies)

12h25-12h40: Panel discussion (Chair VEE)

12h40-14h00: *Lunch with poster exhibition*

*VEE board meeting - general assembly immediately after session 1!*

### Session 2

#### Presentation of research results

14u10 -15u25 Selected oral communications (15 min – 3 min discussion)

“Importance of Influenza A Virus - Swine circulation in swine production over a 5-year period in Belgium and The Netherlands” **Dr. Frédéric Vangroenweghe** (Elanco)

“Coaching of pig and broiler farmers towards a reduced antimicrobial use by means of a herd specific action plan” **Nele Caekebeke** (UGent)

“Relation between dairy goat welfare, management practices and productivity in organic farms” **Dr. Jo Vicca** (Odisee)

15h25-16h00: *Coffee break with poster exhibition*

Session 4: Presentation of research results

16h00 – 17h00 Selected oral communications (15 min – 3 min discussion)

“Two risk models to assess the potential for resistance selection and residues transferred to soil due to oral antimicrobial treatments of pigs” Dr. **Maria- Eleni Filippitzi** (Sciensano)

“Development of a biosecurity evaluation tool for cattle: the biocheck” **Bert Damiaans** (UGent)

“Eradication of IBR-virus in Northern-Belgium – description of gE positive latent carriers in 2017-2018” **Willem Van Praet** (DGZ Vlaanderen)

17u-17u15: Avia-GIS Poster prize & closing remarks.

### Call for posters

Young and senior researchers are still invited to **bring a poster** – please indicate this before 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 to [stefaan.ribbens@dgz.be](mailto:stefaan.ribbens@dgz.be). Posters on any topic regarding epidemiology, economics and social sciences in animal health are accepted (no full paper required).

### Awards

The best poster will be awarded with the Avia-GIS poster prize (€100).

### Participation

Online registration **before 24 October** via this [link](http://vee_aesa.fikket.be/event/vee-studiedag-2018) ([http://vee\\_aesa.fikket.be/event/vee-studiedag-2018](http://vee_aesa.fikket.be/event/vee-studiedag-2018))

VEE -leden / AESA leden: € 50 ⇔ Niet-leden: € 95.

Deelname + hernieuwen lidmaatschap: € 80

Het lidgeld voor de VEE bedraagt 30€. U heeft er dus alle belang om lid te worden. U kunt dit doen door het bedrag over te schrijven op IBAN: BE84 0012 7946 5059 (vzw VEE, Salisburylaan 133, 9820 Merelbeke).

### Location

Brussels, Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts (750 meters walking distance from Brussels, central station).

Paleis der Academiën  
Hertogsstraat 1  
1000 Brussel

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### Route

#### Trein en metro

**Brussel centraal.** Van het Centraal Station is het 15 minuten wandelen, via Ravenstijngallerij en Warandepark, tot het Paleis der Academiën.

**Zuidstation.** Neem in het Zuidstation metrolijn 2 of 6 richting 'Simonis Elisabeth', uitstappen aan halte 'Troon'.

**Noordstation.** Neem uitgang 'Centrum' en loop rechtdoor de straat in naar metrohalte Rogier. Neem hier metrolijn 2 richting 'Simonis Leopold II' of 6 richting 'Koning Boudewijn', uitstappen aan halte 'Troon'.

#### Met de wagen

Via kleine Ring van Brussel.

Komende van noord: uitrit 'Wetstraat'.

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Parking aan de kant van de Regentlaan (achterkant Paleis der Academiën)

