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**Celebrating 30 years VEE**  
**Annual scientific meeting 2023**

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**“A Glimpse into the Future: Animals, Health, and the Environment.”**

Thursday 26 October 2023, Galilegebouw FOD, Brussels



## Welcome

Dear VEE friend,

We are delighted to invite you to the 30th Annual Conference of the Flemish Society for Epidemiology and Economics. This year, we are proud to celebrate our organisation's three-decade anniversary, marking a significant milestone in our commitment to advancing knowledge and collaboration in the fields of epidemiology and economics in Flanders.

Throughout the years so many people from academia, government institutions and industry have contributed to our society. Some engaged to the board, others organised workshops in their home institution and yet others frequently attended our activities. Over the years, new activities were organised such as the best poster and the tri-annual VEE award and the New Year's drink. VEE also contributed to international conferences (ISVEE, SVEPM) in the Low Countries. We **thank all people that have contributed over the years** making VEE come to plenty adulthood and hope you will join us celebrating this joint achievement.

Coming of age, we would like to use this moment to bring up some old joint memories. **Please share memories and pictures** for a presentation and a slide show during the reception! Where were the times that epidemiology was a new and emerging science, fighting for recognition among more traditional sciences? But especially, we would like to **look forward**. "Sustainability" is everywhere, but what does it mean and how can veterinary epidemiology contribute? As the title suggests, in this foresight looking, we want to focus on animals, health and the environment. As per definition of One Health, healthy animals and a healthy environment are prerequisites for healthy humans. For each of these themes, we have selected distinguished speakers and during the conference we will especially be looking for the interconnectedness of these 3 topics. Additionally, we have the traditional oral and poster sessions on selected research topics, providing an excellent platform for networking and knowledge sharing among participants.

Thus, we look forward to welcoming you to the 30th Annual Conference of the Flemish Society for Epidemiology and Economics. Let us seize this opportunity to shape the future of veterinary epidemiology research in Flanders and our Society.



Stefaan Ribbens  
President VEE



Johannes Charlier  
Secretary VEE

## Programme

### Part 1 *Keynote speakers*

08h45-9h15: Coffee

9h15-9h30: **Stefaan Ribbens** (DGZ, President VEE) – Let's celebrate 30 years of VEE!

9h30-10h15: **Herman Claeys** (Head of Service Animal and Plant Health Policy, Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment) – **Welcome and setting the scene: A Glimpse into the Future: Animals, Health, and the Environment**

10h15-11h00: **Jaap Wagenaar** (Utrecht University) – **One Health, a global view**

11h00-11h30: *Coffee break & networking, poster session*

### Part 2 *Keynote speakers*

11h30-12h15: **Geertrui Rasschaert** (ILVO) - **Antibiotic resistance in a One Health perspective: from animal to the plant**

12h15-13h00: **Tim Nawrot** (UHasselt) – **Fine particulate matter with relevance to human, animal & environmental health**

13h00-14h00: *Lunch & poster session*

14h00-14h30: *General assembly VEE*

### Part 3 *Scientific session*

14h30-14h45: **Jozefien Callens** (DGZ) - **Monitoring besnoitiosis in northern Belgium**

14h45-15h00: **Bénédicte Callens** (AMCRA) – **Data collection on antibiotic use in companion animals and horses and benchmarking of veterinarians: challenges ahead!**

15h00-15h15: **Maries Lissens** (AMCRA) - **The consumption of veterinary antibacterial products in Belgium in 2022 and its evolution since 2011**

15h15-15h30: **Tong Wang** (Kreavet) – **Wormwize® – condensing research in a worm control expert tool**

15h30-16h00: *Coffee break & networking, poster session*

### Part 4 *Scientific session*

16h00-16h15: **Helena Ferreira** (ILVO) - **The costs of improving biosecurity practices across seven European countries, after applying different types of supporting measures**

16h15-16h30: **Julia Gabrielle Jerab** (UGent) – **Antimicrobial use in on-farm hatching systems vs. traditional hatching systems: a case study**

16h30-16h45: **Anna Catharina Berge** (Berge Veterinary Consulting) - **Prevalence, biosecurity and management risk factors of bovine coronavirus infections in calves on dairy farms in Europe**

**Part 5**      *Award session & reception*

16h45-17h00: Tri-annual VEE prize, Avia-GIS best presentation

17h00-18h30: Anniversary reception with photographs of 30 years of VEE activities

## Registration

Online registration until Monday 16 October, 12:00 CET via [this form](#).

### Rates:

- Non-member: € 100
- VEE-member (inclusive renewal of annual membership of € 35): € 85
- Effective VEE-member: € 50
- Master-students: free

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