



The University of Surrey
is delighted to invite you to

The School of Veterinary Medicine IMR Partner Conference: 'Together We Can Be Even Better'

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June 2023



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The Partner Conference

We are delighted to invite you to join us for a 2-day event; an exciting opportunity for us to provide our amazing community of practices with some CPD, whilst also providing updates and sharing ideas to discover how, together, we can be even better.

Day One, Thursday 22nd June

The first day will allow us to come together to receive useful insights into past and future University activities, share updates and opportunities, and discuss how we can work together to further shape IMR.

Sessions include:

Learning from our Colleagues.

In this presentation Paul Pollard, the Director of Clinical Training, will talk us through how we can learn how to teach, assess, or give feedback by observing best practice by our colleagues. This process of peer observation is commonplace within the university and a great way for colleagues to learn from each other and share ideas. Paul will ask you to peer observe his presentation, reflect on what you have seen and give feedback as an example of how easily this learning tool can be adapted to practice.

Workplace learning – giving our students time to think.

This talk explores ways of enabling students to get the most value from workplace learning. We will dip our toe into the pool of educational theory to explain how ‘teaching’ less may be better, and how giving students time to think, gives them the opportunity to link ideas and concepts rather than accumulating information.

Species specific feedback sessions.

These sessions are one of the most valuable opportunities of the partner conference. CIMs will be placed into species specific focus groups and given the opportunity to discuss what is working well, as well as concerns you may have or challenges you may face. This invaluable session will allow groups to brainstorm ideas for managing challenges and recommend solutions. Groups will consist of both new and experienced CIMs, providing the opportunity to learn from each other. This is an informal, idea sharing session and the content is led by you as CIMs, with LVCPs and species specific academic staff on hand to facilitate and provide their perspective where required.

During the lunch break there will be an opportunity for delegates to meet Surrey Veterinary School staff from across the programme and learn about some of the fantastic facilities at the University. In the evening there will be the opportunity for us all to come together and relax...enjoying a BBQ and some live music at the Vet School.

Day One Timetable

Schedule	Time	Location
Check In and Refreshments	9am – 9:30am	Vet School Main Building atrium
Welcome and Head of School Report Chris Proudman	9:30am – 10:00am	Lecture Theatre 2
Research Overview	10:00am – 10:15am	Lecture Theatre 2
Module Report Paul Pollard	10:15am – 10:40am	Lecture Theatre 2
Biobanking: from biological samples to relevant veterinary clinical research	10:40am – 11:10am	Lecture Theatre 2
Refreshments	11:10am – 11:30am	Vet School Main Building atrium
Curriculum Update Peter Cockcroft	11:30am – 12pm	Lecture Theatre 2
AGM	12pm – 12:30pm	Lecture Theatre 2
Learning from our Colleagues Paul Pollard	12:30pm – 1pm	Lecture Theatre 2
Lunch	1pm – 2:15pm	Vet School Main Building atrium
Workplace learning – giving our students time to think. Paul Pollard	2:15pm – 3pm	Lecture Theatre 2
Species Specific Feedback Sessions	3pm – 3:40pm	Lecture Theatre 2
Refreshments	3:40pm – 4pm	Vet School Main Building atrium
Species Specific Feedback Sessions continued	4pm – 4:45pm	Lecture Theatre 2
IMR through the eyes of the student and the CIM	4:45pm – 5:30pm	Lecture Theatre 2
BBQ and Evening Entertainment	6pm onwards	Vet School Main Building atrium



Day Two, Friday 23rd June

Day 2 will focus on the provision of some fantastic CPD and several steams will be running. Delegates will be able to attend 2 sessions of their choice.

1. The Surrey BVMSci Curriculum; Creation of Common Resources

In this workshop we will explore the foundations of the clinical years teaching in the BVMSci curriculum at Surrey, reviewing the key learning objectives across each core species. We will demonstrate how we develop clinical skills teaching materials to ensure consistency in teaching and help delegates understand how to break down a skill in order to teach our students. Examples of our clinical skills workshops will be shared to help develop a deeper understanding of the level of preparedness we expect when students enter IMR. As a group we will share resources which might benefit students on rotation and work together to create a common resource bank that will be useful to support students whilst on IMR.

2. Debriefing the Team after a Significant Event

In this workshop we will use simulations to explore how to effectively debrief a team after a critical incident. We will focus on how to create a psychologically safe environment, how to embed learning whilst maintaining a no-blame culture and how to take a whole systems approach. This session will be relevant to all species backgrounds and we will have species specific LVCPs exploring with the group how critical incident debriefs can be applied to their working practice.

3. A (Happy) Workplace For Everyone

Come and join us for a workshop exploring how to support students and staff with conversations around equality, diversity and inclusion. We will explain some of the protocols at Surrey regarding students needing reasonable adjustments and we invite you to take part in discussions around some of the challenging conversations we can find ourselves in. We will also explore the impact of incivility in practice on practice culture, productivity and staff retention. All questions are welcomed; this is a safe space to learn how to make your workplace an inclusive and happy one for everyone.

4. Planning for a Sustainable Future

We all know that the world is getting hotter. The impacts of climate change are becoming increasingly apparent and as vets, with our unique insight into the interactions between animals, humans and the environment, we are in a prime position to act and instigate lasting change. In this workshop we will discuss the main principles of sustainability and identify some of the key challenges that we may face as a profession as our climate continues to change. As a group, we will explore ways in which we can work to a more sustainable future, identifying actions that will help us adapt as the climate changes in the future.



Day Two Timetable

Schedule	Time
Registration & Refreshments	08:30am – 9am
The Surrey BVMSci Curriculum; Creation of Common Resources	
Debriefing the Team after a Significant Event	9am – 12pm
A (Happy) Workplace For Everyone	
Sustainability Stream	
Lunch	12pm – 1pm
The Surrey BVMSci Curriculum; Creation of Common Resources	
Debriefing the Team after a Significant Event	1pm – 4pm
A (Happy) Workplace For Everyone	
Sustainability Stream	
Close of Conference	4pm

FAQs

What is the cost?

We can't thank you enough for your unwavering support and in recognition of this, the event is provided free of charge to all of our partners. We will also provide lunch on both days, and an evening meal and entertainment on the Thursday night.

Who is this event relevant to?

Mentors in practice and anyone within the practice who is involved/interested in student training.

Do I have to attend both days?

No, if you wish to only attend one day, then you are more than welcome. Both days are open to all members of staff within your practice that are involved with IMR students.

Is Accommodation Provided?

We are once again happy to provide complementary accommodation, which will be onsite at Manor Park in our University accommodation, with ensuite rooms and continental breakfast included. Accommodation will be provided on a first come first served basis, capped at 2 rooms per practice, on Wednesday 21st and/or Thursday 22nd. We would be so grateful if you could please register by 4th June 2023 if you would like accommodation.

Are travel expenses covered?

Whilst we are delighted to cover the cost of the conference, including food and accommodation, we are regretfully unable to cover travel expenses.

Is there an evening activity on Thursday night?

Yes! We cannot wait to see you all and on Thursday evening there will be a BBQ, live band and activities, hosted in the atrium, until 8.30pm.

Is parking on site available?

Free parking will be available on site, registration is available on our website.

Or through:

<https://permitmanagement.co.uk/events/uosvisitorparking/EYYB14S>

How do I register?

Please visit surrey.ac.uk/VetSchoolPartners2023 to register for tickets and accommodation and to select your preferred pre-conference activities.

The **deadline for registration is 4th June 2023**, although if you miss this then please do get in contact with **Sophie Mitchell** or **Jessica Atkinson Brown** and we will do our best to accommodate you.

How do I find out more?

Please visit surrey.ac.uk/VetSchoolPartners2023 to find out more. Alternatively, you can speak to your LVCP or contact Sophie Mitchell on sophie.felicity.mitchell@surrey.ac.uk, or Jessica Atkinson Brown on j.atkinsonbrown@surrey.ac.uk

