



The University of Surrey is delighted to invite you to the

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

IMR PARTNER CONFERENCE:

'Advancing Veterinary Education: Celebrating a
Decade of Innovative Teaching and Collaboration'

THURSDAY 26 JUNE AND FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2025



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We are delighted to announce that on day 2, our 10 year celebratory event will take place from 12:30pm until 4pm.

**Celebrating a Decade of Innovative Teaching and Collaboration,
we would love for you to join us.**

THE PARTNER CONFERENCE

We are delighted to invite you to join us at the University of Surrey School of Veterinary Medicine for our annual Partners' Conference. This two-day event will showcase the latest in Continuing Professional Development (CPD), highlight key updates, and celebrate a decade of groundbreaking advancements in veterinary education. Join us as we honour our shared journey in innovative teaching and collaboration at the forefront of veterinary education.

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2025

The first day of the conference will offer a valuable opportunity to come together and gain insights into both past and future activities at the University. Attendees will have the chance to share updates, explore new opportunities, and engage in discussions on how we can collaborate to further advance IMR.

In addition, we will offer guided tours of the Vet School, where you can view some of our teaching facilities, including outstanding clinical skills models.



Sessions include:

- **Welcome, Annual Reports and Reviews, including pedagogy and research**
- **Annual General Meeting**
- **A chance to Tour the Vet School**
- **The start of our exciting educational CPD opportunities**

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During the lunch breaks 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 over an evening meal and entertainment.

DAY ONE TIMETABLE

THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2025

	Time	Location
Check In and Refreshments	9:00am – 9:30am	Vet School Main Building atrium
Welcome and Head of School Report Prof Kamalan Jeevaratnam	9:30am – 10:00am	Lecture Theatre 2
Faculty and School Research – recent achievements and updates	10:00am – 10:30am	Lecture Theatre 2
Refreshments	10:30am – 11:00am	Vet School Main Building atrium
Module Report & Curriculum Update, followed by AGM Dr Paul Pollard & Dr Charlotte McCarroll	11:00am – 11:30am	Lecture Theatre 2
Partner network and LVCP Drop-in sessions Companion Animal, Production Animal, Equine & ECC	10:30am – 11:30am	Vet School Main Building atrium & small teaching rooms
What Was I Thinking? Dr Paul Pollard	11:30am – 12:15pm	Lecture Theatre 2
A chance to Tour the Vet School, Networking Opportunities, workshop with the IMR team, and non or new Preceptor drop-in session	12:15pm – 1:00pm	Tour to meet at Vet School Main Building Reception Area and sessions to be signposted
Lunch	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Vet School Main Building atrium
Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs): a Benchmark for Student Assessment	2:00pm – 3:30pm	To be signposted
Can a busy vet really do research (without being bored, terrified, or completely confused)?	Each session is 45 minutes, allowing attendance of two sessions	To be signposted
Top Tips from the Network		To be signposted
Refreshments	3:30pm – 3:45pm	Vet School Main Building atrium
Simple Coaching Skills for Preceptors: Helping students to find their own ways forward	3:45pm – 5:15pm	To be signposted
Seeing Both Sides: The importance of observation in teaching	Each session is 90 minutes, allowing attendance of one session	To be signposted
BBQ and Evening Entertainment	5:30pm onwards	Vet School Main Building atrium

DAY TWO: FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2025

Day Two will further focus on the provision of some fantastic educational CPD and several streams will be running. Delegates will be able to attend a morning session sessions of their choice.

DAY TWO TIMETABLE

FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2025

	Time	Location
Registration & Refreshments	9:00am – 9:30am	Vet School Main Building atrium
Teaching and Feedback for Non (or new) Preceptors Dr Paul Pollard	9:30am – 10:30am	Lecture Theatre 2
Simple Coaching Skills for Preceptors: Helping students to find their own ways forward <i>*note this session will begin at 9:10am*</i>	Each session is 1 hour, except the second, allowing attendance of one session	To be signposted
Strengthening Clinical Audit Skills: A Collaborative Approach to Quality Improvement		To be signposted
Refreshments	10:30am – 11:00am	Vet School Main Building atrium
Standard setting a MiniCEX	11:00am – 12:30pm	To be signposted
Lunch	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Vet School Main Building atrium
School of Veterinary Medicine 10-year Anniversary Celebrations	12:30pm – 4:00pm	Lecture Theatre 2
Close of Conference	4:00pm	Vet School Main Building atrium

CPD OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE TWO DAYS INCLUDE:

1.1 What Was I Thinking?

This talk will examine the differences between knowledge and reasoning. It will explore why some of us struggle to differentiate between the two when we assess our students. With a practical example, Paul will propose a method of exploring reasoning skills aimed at helping students understand how experienced clinicians think. When used by students it can give us a better understanding of a student's reasoning ability which in turn can help guide our teaching and assessment.

1.2 Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs): a Benchmark for Student Assessment

Do you struggle to understand EPAs, how to use them and wonder what is their point? This session, run by our team from the neuter clinic will answer these questions as they give an overview of Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) and the rationale behind their use in competency based undergraduate assessment. The session will include a practical example enabling you to put your knowledge and skills to the test.

1.3 Can a busy vet really do research (without being bored, terrified, or completely confused)?

This short session is all about making research a possibility for everyone within our partner practices, even alongside a busy clinical schedule. Find out the easy ways in, a little bit more about ethics and publication and see what support the University can give you to take your first steps.

1.4 Top Tips from the Network

Join us for this interactive 45-minute small group session where a group of LVCPs and fellow delegates will come together to share practical insights, ideas and experiences around teaching, assessment and feedback. Drawing on the collective wisdom of the network, this informal discussion will explore what's working well in practice, common challenges, and creative solutions. Whether you're new to teaching or an experienced educator, come ready to share, learn, and leave with a fresh set of tips to try out in your own setting.

2.1 Simple Coaching Skills for Preceptors: Helping students to find their own ways forward

This interactive workshop will present three basic skills from coaching that can help you to create a conversation where the student can identify for themselves where they are, where they need to be and how they might get there. This can be especially useful for challenging students such as those who are hesitant or overconfident and the best thing of all . . . they do all of the thinking!

2.2 Seeing Both Sides: The importance of observation in teaching

Performing peer pedagogical interactions is essential for helping improve ourselves as educators both as the observed and as the observer. In this session we will discuss why they are important (not just as a box ticking exercise with the RCVS!). We will also show, with examples how to carry them out effectively and how they can be an enjoyable collaborative experience to help both parties learn.

3.1 Teaching and Feedback for Non (or new) -Preceptors

Teaching and feedback are skills that we all use every day of the week, whether it be giving directions to someone who is lost or explaining post operative advice to a client. This session has been designed for those who are new to teaching and will provide some useful and practical tips on how to improve how we teach and give feedback. The end of the session will include an overview of AFHEA accreditation process for new preceptors.

3.2 Strengthening Clinical Audit Skills: A Collaborative Approach to Quality Improvement

In this workshop we aim to explore how you can effectively integrate student audit assignments into practice quality improvement initiatives.

3.3 Standard setting a MiniCEX

Join us for an interactive session on setting standards for MiniCEX assessments. This session is designed for LVCPs and Preceptors to enhance their understanding and consistency in evaluating clinical skills. Participants will watch an example MiniCEX video featuring a case and engage in a guided discussion on scoring, ensuring alignment with assessment criteria and best practices. Participants will be divided into groups based on species.

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What is the cost?

This event is free of charge to all our partners in recognition of the unwavering support you give us. We will also provide lunch on both days, and an evening meal and entertainment on the Thursday night.

Who is this event relevant for?

Mentors in practice and anyone within the practice who is involved or 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 to. Both days are open to all members of staff within your practice that are involved with IMR students.

Is accommodation provided?

We are happy to provide complementary accommodation, which will be on site at Manor Park in our University accommodation, with ensuite rooms and continental breakfast included. Accommodation will be provided on a first-come-first-serve basis, capped at two rooms per practice, for Wednesday 25 June and/or Thursday 26 June 2025. We would be so grateful if you could register by Friday 16 May 2025 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 an evening meal and entertainment, 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 surrey.ac.uk/events/school-veterinary-medicine-imr-partner-conference or through our Padlet: padlet.com/sophiefelicitymitchell/partnerconference2025

How do I register?

Please visit surrey.ac.uk/events/school-veterinary-medicine-imr-partner-conference to register for tickets and accommodation and to select your preferred conference activities. You can also access our MS form directly here: forms.office.com/e/rZNNfJ51fB. The deadline for registration is Monday 2 June 2025. If you miss this, please do get in contact with Sophie Mitchell (sophiefelicity.mitchell@surrey.ac.uk) or Jessica Atkinson Brown (j.atkinsonbrown@surrey.ac.uk) and we will do our best to accommodate you.

How do I find out more?

Please visit surrey.ac.uk/events/school-veterinary-medicine-imr-partner-conference to find out more. Alternatively, you can speak to your LVCP or contact Sophie Mitchell (sophiefelicity.mitchell@surrey.ac.uk) or Jessica Atkinson Brown (j.atkinsonbrown@surrey.ac.uk).



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