ASVP 2018
SCIENTIFIC
CONFERENCE

Sex in the Wild: Reproductive and Placental Pathology in Population Health and Conservation

DATE: 14-16 SEPTEMBER, 2018
VENUE: Coogee Bay Hotel
9 Vicar Street
Coogee, NSW, Australia
On behalf of the Australian Society for Veterinary Pathology and the 2018 Committee, it gives me great pleasure to extend an invitation to Coogee, New South Wales to attend the 2018 Scientific Conference, “Sex in the Wild: Reproductive and Placental Pathology in Population Health and Conservation”.

This is the premier educational and social event on the Australian Veterinary Pathology calendar and the ASVP NSW Committee are excited to once again hold the conference over three days in New South Wales at the Coogee Bay Hotel, Coogee.

Sydney, as well as Coogee Bay, has many attractions, historical destinations and landmarks to offer delegates and their families. Make time to visit the Sydney Opera House, the beautiful harbour and Bridge, Taronga Zoo, and Sydney’s great restaurants, shopping, galleries and museums, as well as Coogee’s iconic beaches and walks.

The 2018 conference will explore comparative reproductive and placental pathology with a focus on free-ranging and captive wildlife, the area of specialty from keynote speaker Associate Professor Dalen Agnew, Diagnostic Centre for Population and Animal Health, Michigan State University, USA. Discussions will be interactive, exploring first principles, with Australian correlates and practical applications supported by a variety of presentations from both national and international anatomical and clinical pathologists.

Our well regarded, interactive cytology and histology mystery slides sessions are once again on the program, and ASVP members are invited to present abstracts on a wide range of interesting topics to highlight our local expertise.

The conference provides an excellent opportunity to network with fellow delegates and supporting organisations. The conference will offer two social events, the Happy Hour on the Friday evening and the Conference Dinner on the Saturday evening. Join the fun with fellow conference delegates and the ASVP New South Wales Committee to finish each conference day in a relaxed, social atmosphere enjoying the wonderful eastern beaches ambience.

We are pleased to announce IDEXX as our 2018 Conference Partner, and delegates will have the opportunity to chat and learn more about IDEXX from the IDEXX representatives at their exhibition stand.

Early registrations are eligible for the “early bird” discount, so ensure flights and accommodation are booked early. International delegates should make relevant enquiries to ensure that all travel, including visa requirements to Australia, can be completed well in advance.

We look forward to seeing you in Coogee, New South Wales and welcome your participation in the 2018 ASVP Annual Conference!

Dr Melinda Gabor
ASVP Honorary President
Dr Dalen Agnew is Associate Professor Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University, USA.

Dalen Agnew was born and raised in the midwestern United States on a horse farm.

In 1990, he graduated from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine and spent the next 9 years as a veterinarian at the Detroit Zoological Institute. He left to pursue advanced training in comparative pathology, completing an anatomic pathology residency in 2002 and a PhD in 2006 from the University of California in Davis with Dr. Linda Munson. During this time, he spent one year as a pathology resident at the San Diego Zoo and completed research on elephant reproductive diseases, koala retroviruses, and sexually transmitted diseases of cattle among other topics.

He came back to Michigan State University in 2006 and is now an associate professor. He divides his time between service at the Veterinary Diagnostic Center, teaching veterinary students, and continued research on reproductive diseases in beasts of all kinds. This research has taken him from rural Michigan farms to West Africa, Ethiopia, South America, and India and involved cattle, sheep, horses, elephants, rhinoceros, golden pheasants, waxy tree frogs, giant anteaters, hellbenders, and many other species.

Angela Begg is a veterinary pathology specialist working since 2003 in Newcastle, Australia for Vethostics, a national private veterinary pathology laboratory. A 1980 graduate of Sydney University, Angela worked in mixed practice in Tamworth before returning to Uni Syd to specialise in veterinary pathology. After a Diploma in Veterinary Pathology, a general pathology residency at Uni Syd RVC at Camden and a PhD on salmonella vaccines with the CSIRO, she joined the Uni Syd staff as a lecturer in veterinary microbiology and clinical pathology. This included senior veterinary clinical pathologist in charge of the laboratory and busy necropsy service at the RVC Camden.

In the 1990s, Angela developed the Scone Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory - the centre of the Australian Thoroughbred breeding industry - into a very busy private pathology laboratory servicing equine veterinarians, the horse industry and the general veterinary community, often receiving referrals for equine insurance necropsy.

At times she has had active roles in professional committees (ASVP) and continuing education for veterinarians and the horse industry, including the Equine Veterinarians Aust national conference in 2011 on pm pathology, equine cytology, abortions, sudden death in adults and foals. Co-author of over 40 scientific papers on veterinary bacteriology, virology, pathology and clinical pathology mostly equine, Angela is a general pathologist who likes a diagnostic challenge and has considerable experience in equine adult/foetal pathology from more than 2000 equine necropsies. She also has a special interest in microbiology after having handled truckloads of swabs.

Dr Camilla Whittington completed her PhD on the evolution of platypus venom at the University of Sydney in 2011 and took up a Fulbright Fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in 2009-2010.

She then completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Zurich investigating seahorse reproduction, prior to returning to Australia in 2013 to study reptile pregnancy.

In 2015 Camilla was awarded a NSW Young Tall Poppy Award and a L’Oreal-UNESCO for Women in Science Fellowship in 2016. She then received a University of Sydney Research Fellowship and is a lecturer at the University of Sydney.

Camilla is engaged in teaching and research focused on the evolution of vertebrate pregnancy and the placenta. Her growing research group studies many aspects of reproduction in a diverse array of animals, including lizards, seahorses, mammals, and sharks.
### Friday 14th September, 2018 – Coogee Bay Hotel, NSW

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### Saturday 15th September, 2018 – Coogee Bay Hotel, NSW

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<td>An interactive session in which delegates are guided through the diagnostic process by moderating pathologists who submit mystery cases to attendees for evaluation prior to the session.</td>
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REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION CATEGORY | REGISTRATION FEES
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FULL REGISTRATION – 3 days |  
ASVP Members | $540.00 **
NZSVP Members | $540.00
Non Members | $590.00
Fully Retired ASVP members | $265.00
Full Time Student | $265.00

DAY REGISTRATION – single days [per day] |  
ASVP Members | $180.00
NZSVP Members | $180.00
Non Members | $190.00
Fully Retired ASVP Members | $100.00
Full Time Students | $100.00

SOCIAL EVENT

Conference Dinner | $70.00

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE TO BE MADE ON LINE AT:

** Early bird offer to ASVP members - $20.00 discount for registrations made prior to 31st July, 2018

- All prices are Australian dollars.
- All registrations must be completed and paid prior to attendance at the conference
- Secure online payment portal accepts Visa or Mastercard.
- “Pay later” option available for EFT payments
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The ASVP Executive invites you to actively participate in the 2018 Conference Program by the submission of a member presentation. Member presentations held throughout the conference are the backbone of our annual conferences and are a visible representation of the broad spectrum of endeavours our members undertake.

The health and vitality of veterinary pathology in Australia comes from opportunities such as this conference and allows members with a passionate interest in veterinary pathology to share their knowledge and experiences with each other. It is a particularly valuable opportunity for trainee veterinary pathologists to present their findings in front of a professional audience.

We look forward to receiving abstracts from members, and those they mentor, across the broad range of the sub categories in veterinary pathology, however, priority will be given to those with a relevance to the conference theme. Please note that the deadline for the receipt of abstracts is no later than July 30, 2018.

Requirements:

All submissions must meet the following guidelines. Abstracts that are submitted in accordance with these specifications will be excluded from the review process:

➢ Submissions are only accepted from financial ASVP members
➢ Accepted presenters must register and pay for conference attendance [abstract presentation day as a minimum] and present their paper in person. Conference registration and payment of any outstanding membership fees must be completed by close of conference registration date. Should this not occur, the abstract will be precluded from publication and the program.

➢ Accepted abstracts will be published in the 2018 Conference Handbook which is distributed to all conference delegates
➢ Conference presentations will be made available to delegates post conference as either a download or via the ASVP website
➢ All abstracts are to be in English
➢ All authors acknowledge that should the abstract be accepted it constitutes a formal commitment to present at a time appointed by the ASVP Executive Committee
➢ Presenters will need to keep to a strict 15 minute program session, comprising a 12 minute oral presentation with a 3 minutes question time. Presenters may take the full 15 minutes with no question time. Please time yourself to avoid incomplete presentations.
➢ Submitted abstracts should provide a brief description of up to 200 words (excluding the title)

Evaluation:

The ASVP Committee will review each submitted abstract and will consider according to:

• relevance to the conference theme
• relevance to veterinary pathology
• scientific value or potential clinical value
• originality of work
• standard of submission & clarity of abstract
• overall impression

There are a limited number of session times on the program and the order of receipt will also be taken into consideration when finalising the program.

TIMELINE

20th July - Abstract submissions due
20th July - Submissions forwarded to Committee for consideration
27th July - Presenters notified of committee decision
29th August - Presentations due for submission to Secretariat

All submissions are to be online form using this link:

2018 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

EXTENDED TO 20/7/18
Coogee Bay, in the eastern area of Sydney offers delegates a range of accommodation options. Onsite accommodation can be booked through Coogee Bay Hotel, Coogee on +61 2 9665 0000. Conference accommodation booking code: 347375

Accommodation is the responsibility of the delegate and booking must be made and confirmed with the chosen accommodation venue.

For further information on the property amenities, please check the Coogee Bay Hotel website.

www.coogeebayhotel.com.au

Room rates are:

District View Room: [single x 1 queen bed]

$239 pn [Sun-Fri] & $259 pn [Sat] [inc hot breakfast]

Parking is $15 per car per day

Alternative accommodation options

There are plenty of alternative accommodation options to suit all budgets in Coogee. Search via google “coogee accommodation” to obtain details of options, locations and prices.
SOCIAL EVENTS

Event: HAPPY HOUR
When: FRIDAY – 14th September
Where: Lounge 1, Crowne Plaza
242 Arden Street, Coogee, NSW
Time: 5.30 – 6.30 pm
Price: Open to all registered conference delegates
Details: Join your fellow delegates for a social get together at the conclusion of day one of the program on Friday night. A time to relax, catch up with friends and make new ones!

Event: Dinner [post Happy Hour]
When: FRIDAY – 14th September
Where: Unplanned
Time: 6.30 onwards
Details: Friday is an informal social evening, where delegates have the option of forming their own large or small group get together, independent dining or enjoying some alone time, after a busy week. Coogee Bay offers a wide range of cuisines to suit everyone’s palate and preferences.

Event: CONFERENCE DINNER
When: SATURDAY – 15th September
Where: Banana Palm, Vietnamese Restaurant
260 Arden Street, Coogee, NSW
Time: 7.00 pm. Seating is unallocated
Price: $70.00 per head
Tickets: Book online when registering. Delegate partners are welcome and additional tickets can also be booked online.
Details: Enjoy a social evening over a Vietnamese banquet with fellow delegates.
About Sydney & Coogee

Sydney is the capital of New South Wales and one of Australia’s largest cities. It is best known for its iconic Sydney Opera House on the majestic Sydney Harbour, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Zoo and Bondi Beach. Darling Harbour and the smaller Circular Quay port are hubs of waterside life. Have you thought about doing the Sydney Harbour Bridge climb? Sydney Tower’s outdoor platform, the Skywalk, offers 360-degree views of the city and suburbs. There is plenty to do in the CBD and surrounding areas.

Sydney weather in September is predicted to be generally a sunny month and expected to be a high of 20 with an overnight low of 11 during the conference period.

Why not extend your stay, before or after the conference to enjoy what Sydney has to offer!

Coogee is a relaxed coastal suburb only 8 kms south east of Sydney CBD. The area boasts a safe sandy beach for all types of beach lovers and is popular with families. The waterfront comes alive with casual pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants. Coogee is either the end or starting point of the famed Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk.

Tourism: For information on things to do and see in Sydney & Coogee – before or after the conference [or for family travelling with you], please view the following Sydney websites:

http://www.sydney.com/


TIME ZONE: Sydney is UTC/GMT is + 10 hours and is on Australian Eastern Standard Time [AEST]

CURRENCY: Australian Dollars A$

Transfer options:

Uber/Rideshare

Taxi costs range from A$25 to A$35 one way from the airport to Coogee.

A shuttle service is available from the airport to Coogee Bay. The service is operated by Eastern Suburbs Airport Shuttle http://easternsuburbsshuttle.com.au/index.php +61 416066408 or 1300 739 766 which operates between 5.00 am and 9.00 pm 7 days a week on an hourly basis. Booking can be made by phone or can be booked online [please note that online booking require 48 hours notice].
ANNOUNCING OUR
2018 SUPPORTERS

CONFERENCE PARTNER

IDEOXX
LABORATORIES

IDEOXX Laboratories is delighted to be sponsoring the ASVP conference once again in 2018. We consider our role as Conference Partner to be a vital one in supporting the continued professional development of veterinary pathologists from all areas of the industry.

As the global leader in Veterinary diagnostics and with over $100 million dollars invested annually in research and development we continue to introduce new tests and technologies for the enhancement of animal health. With a global network of veterinary professionals including the world’s largest group of clinical and anatomical veterinary pathologists, we are reminded on a daily basis of the contribution that you as a profession make to society and we look forward to supporting continued innovation and learning in veterinary pathology for many years to come.

CONFERENCE SUPPORTERS

Sponsorship Opportunities are open, please contact the ASVP Secretariat at admin@asvp.asn.au for further information on categories and pricing.

ADMINISTRATION

Liability: By registering for the ASVP 2018 Conference, you agree and acknowledge that you are participating in ASVP Conference activities on your own free and intentional will. You acknowledge this freely and knowingly and that you are, as a result, able to participate in ASVP Conference events and hereby assume responsibility for your own well-being. This acknowledgement includes your guest(s) participation in any evening events.

Photography Waiver: The ASVP Conference plans to take photographs/video footage during the 2018 conference for use in ASVP news, promotional material, or inclusion on the ASVP website. Media may be reproduced in print, electronic or other media. By participating in the ASVP 2018 Conference, you grant ASVP the right to use your name and/or photograph for such purposes. All postings are the property of ASVP and may be displayed or used by ASVP for any purpose.

Cancellation policy: Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing/email and received prior to 30th August, 2018. Registration fees will be forfeited by any delegate who does not cancel in writing by the closing date. However, substitution of registration is permitted at the same category level once ASVP has been advised in writing of the full name and details of the substitute. No partial refunds will be given for sessions not attended. Refunds will not be paid until after the conference.

Program Changes: ASVP reserves the right to make changes to the conference program. If any changes are necessary, the information will be posted on the ASVP website at www.asvp.asn.au and every effort will be made to contact delegates in advance of the conference.

Disclaimer of Liability: In the unlikely event that the conference is cancelled or rescheduled ASVP’s liability is limited to the refund of registration fees only. Insurance of any kind is not included in your registration, therefore it is strongly recommended that you consider your own travel, medical and any other relevant insurance to cover your participation in the conference.

Privacy: Your information will be collected by the ASVP for the purposes of planning & conducting this conference, and may also be used to contact you for a future ASVP event and/or for membership joining or maintenance. A delegate list of names and organisation is included in the conference handbook and you may opt out of this list at the point of online registration.

Visa: International delegates should make the necessary enquiries and applications for an Australian Visa well in advance. Further information can be found at http://www.australia.gov.au/help-and-contact/visa-and-immigration

You should register to attend the conference, and a letter confirming your registration will be forwarded to you to assist with your application. The ASVP will not be held liable for any costs associated with visa applications, approvals or refusals.

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