

# 18th IPVS CONGRESS 2004



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*Hamburg*

*Germany*

*27<sup>th</sup> June –1<sup>st</sup> July 2004*

*Participants - 2455*



## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

|                    |                      |                 |               |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| President          | Henning Bossow       | Social director | Regina Bossow |
| Vice President     | Thomas Blaha         |                 |               |
| /Scientific Chair  | Thomas Blaha         |                 |               |
| Congress Secretary | Christoph Pahlitzsch |                 |               |

## PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

|   |            |
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| PRRSV, PCV and Influenza                              | 154        |
| Enteric Diseases                                      | 95         |
| Respiratory Diseases                                  | 81         |
| Immunology and Vaccination                            | 76         |
| Antibiotic Substances                                 | 59         |
| Reproduction /Breeding                                | 54         |
| Nutrition & feeding                                   | 50         |
| Food safety   | 49         |
| Notifiable Diseases and Pathology                     | 43         |
| Management & Housing (21), Welfare & Environment (22) | 43         |
| Measuring Health                                      | 36         |
| Miscellaneous   | 79         |
| Practitioner's Line                                   | 53         |
| TOTAL   | <u>872</u> |

## COMMENTS

The 18th IPVS congress was the first one in the history of the IPVS which was organized by a practicing veterinarian. There were no bids at 2002 congress to host the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, thus the continuation of IPVS was temporarily at risk. Three changes were made to attract and increase the number of delegates from less than 2000 up to nearly 2.500: A scientific programme of high quality with the newly introduced "Practitioner's Line", an excellent Congress centre in the heart of Hamburg, Germany, and a heart-warming social programme, beginning with an unforgettable "Get together" in a medieval setting next to the congress centre.

Relatively few practitioners had used the IPVS Congresses in the past which gave rise to the idea, by president, Henning Bossow, to add the "Practitioner's Line" - a forum for the discussion of practice-relevant experiences. This formed the basis of the congress motto: *Science Meets Practice*

In 2004 the swine veterinarian were focusing less on "bugs and drugs", and more on herd health, optimizing production, animal welfare, pre-slaughter food safety, and environmental stewardship. This trend was reflected in the second motto: *Healthy Pigs for Wholesome Pork*. Blood tests and pharyngeal swabs done on veterinarians by IVD provided evidence of antibodies against influenza, chlamydia & erysipelas as well as influenza antigen.

The organizing team did an excellent job, as stated by Scott Dee: "A simply marvellous congress - we had such a good time and the conference centre was flawless. Well done!"