

# 19th IPVS CONGRESS 2006



*Copenhagen*

*Denmark*

*16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006*

*Participants - 2486*



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## PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

The number of abstracts and delegates for this congress exceeded that of any previous IPVS congress. A total of 964 abstracts were submitted, 194 were allocated for the oral scientific sessions, 74 for the special Practitioners oral sessions and 666 for posters. Finally, 30 were rejected due to low scientific value. A total of 2486 scientific delegates participated, in addition to this 200 exhibitors and press members were part of the congress.

For the first time in IPVS history, all submitted abstracts were blind-reviewed by an International Scientific Committee. The Committee consisted of 62 experts selected among highly respected researchers in their fields. The 60 topics included the large clusters of infectious diseases, PRRS, PMWS/PCVS, Mycoplasma, Lawsonia intracellularis. Programmes controlling and eliminating diseases, reproduction, food safety, pro-and antibiotics, resistance, feeding, immunology, bio-security, economy, management and welfare were other important issues. Seven special invited keynote lectures were given about: PMWS/PCVS, Food safety in relation to antibiotic resistance, Genetic improvement of porcine health, An update on PRRS, Influenza in animals, Decisions based on porcine health data, Animal welfare science, and finally Lawsonia intracellularis infections.

Interactive sessions with voting was a new success during the congress. The delegates could vote on a number of questions during the interactive sessions and the voting results were presented and discussed at the end of the session. These new interactive presentations were well received among the delegates.

## COMMENTS

The welcome reception was held in the famous amusement park Tivoli in the heart of Copenhagen. Here the delegates enjoyed the Nordic summer night with new and old colleagues from all the world. The 19<sup>th</sup> IPVS were held in the modern congress center Bella Center just 10 minutes from down town Copenhagen. The daily 6 parallel sessions went very smoothly and allowed the delegates to switch between the sessions, poster exhibitions and sponsor exhibitions without any problems due to the sufficient large congress center and helpful students. The Congress gala dinner were located at the grand new Opera of Copenhagen. A special developed IPVS opera were provided by the Royal Danish Opera to 1500 enthusiastic IPVS delegates - a very special show for both the delegates as well as the Opera singers. The Congress dinner concluded as all good IPVS farewell parties with a lively and entertaining dance to the late night. Technical tours to swine practitioners, state laboratories and slaughterhouses were arranged the following two days to stimulate interaction between Danish swine vets and IPVS delegates.