

20th IPVS CONGRESS 2008



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Durban
South Africa
 22nd June – 26th June 2008
 Participants - ±1900



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PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Viral diseases (PCVAD 124, PRRS 83)	284
Mycoplasmas	51
Bacterial diseases (Lawsonia 53, Salmonella 31, Actinobacillus 27, Brachyspira 20)	188
Parasites	18
General disease	57
Immunology, Diagnostics, Vaccinology	31
Reproduction	51
Pharmacology	72
Nutrition	43
Pathology	22
Welfare	27
Production	60
Zoonoses	6
Genetics	8
TOTAL	918

COMMENTS

It was fitting that the 20th IPVS congress was held on the African continent thus completing the IPVS's visit to all the continents of the world – IPVS can now truly call itself "International".

The fact that South Africa has a small industry and that technical tours would be limited did not detract from delegate's wishes to choose South Africa as the hosts of the 20th Congress. We believe that this is a testament to the ethos of recent congresses which are to provide a sound scientific program, an affordable congress and an opportunity to network via well planned social events.

The scientific committee of the 20th congress was overwhelmed with over 950 papers submitted of which 939 were accepted and 918 eventually presented. Eight keynote lectures were organised addressing issues of globalisation and impact on trans-boundary diseases, future role of pig vets, future of genetics, food safety and relation between sow housing and diseases. The aim was to stimulate thought and research in an endeavour to keep the world-wide pig industry robust.

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