HISTORY OF IPVS

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International Pig Veterinary Society History 1969-1993 Edited by Luciano Roppa (President IPVS 1988)

Stanley Done and Christianne Glossop's (President 1998) International Pig Veterinary Society History 30 Years 1969-1998; done per instruction of the board in Bologna during the 14th Congress.

Although not instructed the organisers of the 20th thought it would be appropriate to update the history as the 20th congress and 40 years on was a significant milestone. I would like to express my gratitude to the presidents of recent congresses for supplying the necessary data.

In this issue we have attempted to collect photographs of past presidents and logo's of all previous congresses, we trust this will be of interest to the reader. We also believe that the history should be kept up to date and published every 5th congress (10 years)

Peter Evans June 2008

IPVS HONORARY PRESIDENTS

Honour bestowed on past presidents

lst	President	Dr P D Storie-Pugh
2nd	President	Dr W Schulze
3rd	President	Dr J Tournut
4th	President	Dr W Brandt
5th	President	Dr 0 Bohm
6th	President	Dr N C Nielsen
7th	President	Dr R R Necoechea
8th	President	Dr M B Pensaert
9th	President	Dr J L Garcia-Ferrero
10th	President	Dr L Roppa
llth	President	Dr H Keller
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13th	President	Dr S Luangtongkum
I4th	President	Dr E Seren
15th	President	Dr C Glossop
16th	President	Dr R Cutler
17th	President	Dr H Harris
18th	President	Dr H Bossow
19th	President	Dr B Nielsen



INTRODUCTION

"Specialisation in Veterinary Medicine and the increasing importance of swine production has required cooperation between veterinarians from many countries in order to improve the understanding of the problems affecting this species and its breeding and rearing.

The International Pig Veterinary Society (IPVS) was founded with this objective and every two years it has the function of promoting a meeting of the technicians working in swine production, in order to present and discuss the work of the international scientific community.

Technical and scientific interest is the fundamental element that rules an IPVS Congress. Each meeting aims to present a complete review of technical advances in order to promote the most efficient solutions to the challenges faced in swine production.

Over the last 40 years, it can be said that the objectives and purposes of the International Pig Veterinary Society have been reached. Since the first Congress held in Cambridge (England), in 1969, the technical and scientific community has demonstrated its interest in this truly international forum, where all problems related to swine production are debated. Thanks to the integrity and earnest striving of their organisers, the past nineteen IPVS Congresses gathered a total of more than 27,000 participants. Delegates had the opportunity to hear and discuss over 9,000 scientific presentations. Many solutions have been found to improve modern swine production, making it more economic, productive and robust. Thus, by making available a higher quality meat at a lower cost, the whole world population has benefited.

In more recent times the emerging new novel diseases like porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) and porcine circovirus associated disease (PCVAD) have dominated scientific programs. IPVS has demonstrated its continued importance with large numbers of researchers and practicing veterinarians getting together to discuss and find solutions for these emerging diseases. The recent introduction of the Practitioner line sessions, an innovation of the 18th congress in Germany (2004) has enhanced the appeal to practitioners.

The globalisation of the pig industry with the concomitant rapid spread of genetics and pork has also resulted in rapid increase in disease transmission between countries and continents. The IPVS congresses provide an ideal platform to discuss methods of ameliorating disease and reducing risks of global spread of diseases.

Stan Done and Christianne Glossop wrote in their introduction: "Each IPVS Congress provides an excellent opportunity to meet again with old friends, to make new acquaintances and meet colleagues from all over the world. This better understanding among people will form the basis of a large international family which will co-operate for the benefit of all technicians devoted to swine breeding, and we hope that this continues well into the next millennium." These sentiments still ring true.

Please enjoy this version of the history of IPVS and know that all of us in our small way play an enormous and important role in looking after the health, welfare and survival of the pig industry and thus ensure a source of safe meat for the world's citizens.



DEVELOPMENTS

CONGRESS LANGUAGES

There has been no uniform use of Congress languages. The first Congress, which took place in Cambridge in 1969, was held almost entirely in English. There was no simultaneous translation, merely, a few translations of occasional papers. The attempt to give a presentation mainly in German, with brief explanations in English, failed because of the impatience of the majority of the audience. In spite of the difficulties encountered because of the use of a sole language, the Cambridge Congress was a complete success. For the French speaking participants, the language problem did present a problem and produced a massive protest at the General Meeting. After an intense debate, the General Meeting decided that English, German and French would, thereafter, be considered as equivalent Congress languages. This was set into practice in the following Congresses at Hannover, Lyon and Ames. Hannover (1972) was the venue for the first three-language Congress.

It was decided that the language of the host country could also be considered a Congress language. For this reason in 1978 in Zagreb (5th), a few papers were given in Serbo-Croatian. Since these were relatively long and with few exceptions had only an average level, the Presidential Board decided that the increase in the number of Congress languages had not proved successful and should be dropped. In the Congress at Copenhagen (1980), only English, German and French were used. On this occasion, the Congress organizers noticed that only a few participants used the simultaneous translation service when papers were presented in English. This persuaded the Presidential Board to go back to the 1967 agreement from Paris and allow only English as Congress language. This suggestion was presented at the General Meeting at Copenhagen for resolution and was accepted. This time it was the German veterinary practitioners who expressed their disagreement.

Simultaneous translations into Spanish during selected sessions were offered during the 18th (Germany), 19th (Denmark) and at the 20th congress in South Africa reflecting the demand and increase in delegates from Spanish speaking countries.

Over the first 40 years of the International Pig Veterinary Society there have been 20 Congresses and over nine thousand scientific papers presented. More than 27,000 participants have attended, with an average of over 1400 per Congress.

IPVS FUND FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

One of the most enterprising developments has been the fund for young scientists. This was proposed by Doctors Keller and Leresche at the IPVS Board Meeting at The Hague and unanimously accepted so that the previous organizing conference reserves a sum for the establishment of a Bursary Fund for young scientists to attend the next meeting.



SUMMARY OF IPVS CONGRESSES

#	IPVS City/Country	Dates	President	P apers	Participants
lst	Cambridge, UK	23-29/6/69	Dr P D Storie-Pugh	123	500
2nd	Hannover, Germany	23-26/5/72	Dr W Schulze	179	900
3rd	Lyon, France	12-14/6/74	Dr J Tournut	187	854
4th	Ames, USA	22-24/6/76	Dr W Brandt	374	1250
5th	Zagreb, Yugoslavia	13-14/6/78	Dr O Bohm	181	450
6th	Copenhagen, Denmark	30/5 - 3/6/80	Dr N C Nielsen	339	1130
7th	Mexico, Mexico	26-31/7/82	Dr R R Necoechea	341	1366
8th	Ghent, Belgium	27-3/8/84	Dr M B Pensaert	360	1250
9th	Barcelona, Spain	15-18/7/86	Dr J L Garcia-Ferrero	455	1026
I0th	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	14-17/8/88	Dr L Roppa	368	1233
llth	Lausanne, Switzerland	I-5/7/90	Dr H Keller	528	1718
I2th	The Hague, Netherlands	17-20/8/92	Dr J Verheijden	696	2004
I3th	Bangkok, Thailand	26-30/6/94	Dr S Luangtongkum	538	1621
I4th	Bologna, Italy	7-10/7/96	Dr E Seren	648	1614
l 5th	Birmingham, England	5-9/7/98	Dr C Glossop	839	1800
l 6th	Melbourne, Australia	17-20/9/00	Dr R Cutler	605	1614
l7th	Ames, USA	2-5/6/02	Dr H Harris	688	<u>+</u> 1500
18th	Hamburg, Germany	27/6-1/7/04	Dr H Bossow	872	2455
I9th	Copenhagen, Denmark	16-19/7/06	Dr B Nielsen	934	2200
20th	Durban, South Africa	22-26/6/08	Dr DPB Evans	938	1900+
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THE INTERNATIONAL PIG VETERINARY SOCIETY'S FOUNDATION

With the objective of promoting a periodical meeting of veterinarians in order to discuss the problems related to swine breeding, Dr P. D. Storie-Pugh (United Kingdom) and Prof. Dr W. Schulze (Western Germany) planned the establishment of a non-bureaucratic international organization with the responsibility of promoting these meetings. During the first gathering, it was decided that Prof Schulze would be the Chairman of the Steering Committee. During the World Veterinary Congress held in Paris in 1967, the Steering Committee was summoned to a meeting and, at the Chairman's suggestion; Dr P. D. Storie-Pugh was elected the first President of this new organization. Besides Drs P. D. Storie-Pugh and W. Schulze, the Committee also included Drs J. Tournut (France), Sofrenovitch (Yugoslavia), H. Dunne (U.S.A.), Oyaert (Belgium), Glawischning (Austria) and others.

At this meeting several decisions were made and the initial idea of forming a society for the international exchange of knowledge in the swine breeding area became a reality.

The main decisions of this meeting were:

- The first Congress would be held in the United Kingdom.
- The Organizing Committee would be formed by Dr P. D. Storie-Pugh (President),
 Prof. Dr W. Schulze (Vice President) and A. R. M. Kidd (Secretary of the Congress).
- English would be the Congress' official language.

Dr P. D. Storie-Pugh's committee planned to hold the first Congress in Cambridge in 1968 but insurmountable difficulties arose. The British Pig Veterinary Society appointed Dr T. J. L. Alexander to convene a working party to assess the situation, and if possible set up an international conference in Cambridge in 1969. This was done. Enterprising volunteers were co-opted to the working party which grew into the Organizing Committee of the First International Pig Veterinary Society Congress held in Cambridge in June 1969. The members of this committee were:

T. J. L. Alexander (Chairman) R.W. Saunders A. R. M. Kidd I. C. Dring A. O. Betts H. G. Silcock M. C. G. Littlewort R.F.W. Goodwin K. M. Brown A. J. Stevens D. R. Melrose A. H. Hogg P. D. Storie-Pugh R. M. Connan D.W. B. Sainsbury J. E.T. Jones P. Whittlestone J.T. Done

This pioneering group developed the basic format upon which all subsequent IPVS Congresses have been based. It also proposed a constitution for the formation of the new International Pig Veterinary Society which was debated by a General Meeting of the participants at the end of the Congress.

Six basic points were agreed:

I. NAME

The Society shall be known as the INTERNATIONAL PIGVETERINARY SOCIETY.

2. OBJECT

The object of the Society is to hold Congresses for the exchange of ideas and information concerning pig health and disease. The Society shall also encourage the formation of Pig Veterinary Societies in all countries and promote co-operation between them.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to Veterinarians of all countries. Non-veterinarians may be associate members, but will have no voting rights.

4. MEETING

Congress meetings will be held periodically, the venues to be decided by a General Meeting at the end of each Congress. Veterinarians in the host country will be responsible for the organization of the Congress.

5. OFFICE BEARERS

The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Congress Secretary. The Committee shall consist of the officers and a representative from each National Pig Veterinary Society.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The election of office bearers shall take place at the Congress General Meeting.

Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary not later than 24 hours before the meeting. Office bearers shall take up office immediately after election.



IPVS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES/ CONSTITUTION

The six fundamental principles established in 1969 were reviewed in 1984, during the 8th IPVS held in Ghent, Belgium, and during the 11th IPVS held in Lausanne, Switzerland 1990. The new principles that presently rule and make up the Society's Constitution are the following:

DENOMINATION: The society shall be known as "International Pig Veterinary Society".

ASSOCIATION BY AFFINITY

- a) The International Pig Veterinary Society (IPVS), is as an association of specialists in pig health and disease, and will become an associate member of the World Veterinary Association in accordance with article 4 of the status of this association (WVA).
- b) The WVA shall be informed every year about the activities of the IPVS.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Society are the following:

- a) Holding of International Congresses for the exchange of ideas and information concerning pig health and disease.
- b) Formation of Pig Veterinary Societies in all countries and promotion of co-operation between them.
- c) Co-ordination of local initiatives in the form of meetings between national societies of countries in areas of common interest, for the studying of particular problems.

MEMBERS

- a) Membership shall be open to all Veterinarians interested in the aims of the Society.
- b) Associate membership shall be open to non-Veterinarians interested in the aims of the Society, but will have no voting rights.
- c) Private companies have no voting right.

STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY

a) DENOMINATION AND ROLE OF OFFICE BEARERS

The officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice President and General Secretary. A representative to WVA can be elected. The main task of the President and Vice President is to organize the international Congresses of the Society. They can be assisted by a Congress Secretary and Treasurer of their choice. The role of the General Secretary is to assist the President and Vice President with the organization of the Congresses as regards the international co-ordination. The elected representative to WVA must ensure the relationship with the WVA.

b) MODALITIES FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The President must be elected at the General Meeting of the Society. Nominations should be with the Secretary not later than 24 hours before the meeting. The Vice President: The candidate is proposed by the newly-elected President; the choice must be agreed at the General Meeting. The Secretary of the Society: at the end of the Congress, the Secretary of the Congress becomes the General Secretary of the Society, with the agreement of the General Meeting, thus ensuring a continuity of action for the Society. The IPVS representative to WVA must be elected for 4 years at a General Meeting. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary not later than 24 hours before an election takes place.

c) REPLACEMENT OF THE OFFICE BEARERS

In the case of death of the elected President, the Vice President acts by right as a President of the Society until the next General Meeting. In the case of death of the General Secretary, the President and Vice President together assume the role of the General Secretary. In the case of death of the IPVS representative to WVA the General Secretary takes over his duties.



d) TERM OF OFFICE

Immediately after election until the following General Assembly of the Society.

e) PRESIDENT OF HONOUR

The title can be conferred on retiring presidents by voting at the general meeting.

f) BOARD

The IPVS board consists of the elected President, the Vice President, the General Secretary and the last 5 retired Presidents.

Should a continent (North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia) not be represented in this combination of the Board, pig veterinarians of the missing continent may suggest a representative as a delegate to the Board. He has the right to vote. The task of the Board members is to ensure the communication of the decisions taken by the office bearers and to organize, in their respective countries the Congresses of the Society. It is the responsibility of the General Secretary and the Presidents of Honour to hold the meeting if an incumbent President fails to organize a Congress.

The national representatives of the National Pig Veterinary Societies (NPVS) must be kept acquainted with the main options proposed by the office bearers of the Society. An up to date list of the national representatives of the different NPVS should be kept by the General Secretary.

CONGRESSES

- a) Congresses shall be held periodically.
- b) At the closing session of the General Meeting at the end of an International Congress, the date for the next Congress must be decided.
- c) The Congresses must not be held during the 9 months before or after a World Veterinary Congress. The committee of the IPVS might organize meetings on the occasion of World Veterinary Congresses, but the International Congress of the IPVS must not coincide with the WVA Congress.
- d) The dates and agenda of the IPVS Congresses must be communicated to the permanent commission of the WVA. The President will be elected because of their ability to organize the next Congress. The candidature of a country for holding the next Congress can be registered in advance, but this candidature can only be accepted on the previously defined conditions.
- e) The President and his organizing committee are responsible for financing the Congress. The other countries shall not help the host country with finance.
- f) Each organizing committee has to provide money for the costs of the IPVS representation to the WVA.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the IPVS is English.

The Congress organizing committee should provide translation to other main languages according to the number of registrants from these respective linguistic areas and within the budgets of the Committee.

{Due to difficulties with continuity of business of the IPVS the 20th General Assembly of IPVS (2008) will be asked to consider amendments to the constitution. The main objective will be to create a permanent secretariat to manage the affairs of IPVS, advise incoming organisers, maintain records, maintain databases, manage IPVS bursary fund and manage membership of the Society. Funds generated from congresses will be required to fund this initiative}



PD Storie Pugh

Cambridge United Kingdom 23rd June – 28th June 1969 Participants - 500

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President P. D. Storie – Pugh Chairman T J. L. Alexander Vice President W. Schulze
Congress Secretary R. W. Saunders

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Herd health control	9
Reproduction	8
Newer aspects of enteric disease	6
Immunology	4
Nutrition	4
Pigs as experimental animals	4
Respiratory disease	4
Environmental requirements	3
Foot and mouth disease	3
African swine fever	2
Behavior and vices	2
Diseases of muscle	2
Control of virus diseases	I
Gastric ulcers	I
Other topics	3
Short Communications	68
TOTAL	123

Symposia

Clinical diagnosis of locomotor disorders;

Serological diagnosis of mycoplasma infections Agalactia.

In addition there were 68 short communications (10 minutes and 5 minutes discussion) on a variety of topics.

COMMENTS

A total of 123 papers plus 3 symposia were presented in three parallel sessions: disease control, enteric and respiratory diseases, swine immunology and reproduction were major subjects and production and nutrition figured prominently. There were 6 papers on muscle. A well-organized excursion to an industrial swine farm completed the technical side of the programme. Held in the ancient and beautiful Cambridge colleges, the social programme added to the enjoyment and the satisfaction of the participants.

2nd IPVS CONGRESS 1972





Hannover
West Germany

23rd - 26th May 1972

Participants - 900

W Schulze

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President W. Schulze

Vice President PD Storie-Pugh

Congress Secretary W Bollwahn

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Diseases of the digestive tract	37
Reproduction	34
Parasitological	17
Diseases of the respiratory tract	13
Locomotor disorders	H
Virus diseases	8
Pigs as experimental animals	8
Immunology	7
Feed and feed additives	7
Metabolic disorders and meat quality	7
Hygiene	5
Cardiovascular disorders	4
Disease management	4
Other topics.	17
TOTAL	179

COMMENTARY

The Congress in Hannover (1972) served two purposes:- a scientific Congress and further training of the country's veterinarians. A special meeting, which consisted of 13 lectures was organized as a further training course.

Scientific communications were presented in 14 sessions and special topics were discussed at 6 further symposia. The three plenary lectures were given by Dr Goodwin (UK), Prof.Tournut (France), Prof. Stryszak (Poland), in English, French and German respectively, with simultaneous translation.

The new or more detailed subjects included: the pig as an experimental animal, feed and feed supplements, cardiovascular problems, metabolic disorders, meat quality and reproduction. For the first time, clinical demonstrations were given in German, English and French. A very extensive commercial exhibition presented information from the pharmaceutical industry and the manufacturers of instruments and implements.



3rd IPVS CONGRESS 1974



Lyon
France
12th – 14th June 1974
Participants - 854



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President J Tournut

Congress Secretary JP Laplace

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Physiology and pathology of reproduction	47
Physiology and pathology of the digestive tract	34
Pigs as experimental animals	22
Swine fever	17
Other Topics	16
Foot and Mouth disease and vesicular diseases	15
Parasitology	12
Physiology and pathology of the respiratory tract	11
Behavior	7
Immunology	6
TOTAL	187

COMMENTARY

In 1974, Professor Tournut was Congress President and Dr Laplace, Congress Secretary. The three communications in the opening session were given in English by Professor Dunne (colibacillosis in the newborn), and in German by Professor Schulze (the physiology of the respiratory system), and Dr Staehli (10 years production of SPF animals).

The usual topics were also covered - classical diseases of the respiratory system, the digestive system and parasitic diseases. The pathology of reproduction was given special attention. Other contributions dealt with research on behavior, the swine as an experimental animal, Foot and Mouth disease, and swine fever. A special symposium on immunological aspects in the pig was very successful.

In Lyon, it was decided that in the future, the IPVS Secretary and the Congress Secretary were to be changed from Congress to Congress.

4th IPVS CONGRESS 1976



Ames
USA

22nd – 24th June 1976

Participants - 1250



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President (Posthumous) H. Dunne
Vice President W. Brandt
Congress Secretary N. Hutton

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Reproductive physiology (29) & Diseases (11)40Clinical medicine27Physiology (13) Toxicology (12)25Production research programs (12), Buildings and environment (12)24Nutrition and feed additives23Pneumonia22Aujeszky's disease15Swine Fever15Chemotherapy14Parasitism11Locomotor disorders9Porcine stress syndrome8Other topics68TOTAL374	Colibacillosis, Swine dysentery, TGE	73
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COMMENTS

At the beginning of the 1976 Congress in Ames (USA), a special tribute was made to the memory of the deceased Congress President and co-founder of the IPVS, Prof. Dr H. W. Dunne. Dr Brandt (USA) took his place as President and Dr Hutton (Ames) was Congress Secretary. In the Opening Session lectures were given by Dr R.H.C. Penny (UK) on "Preventive Medicine: The Science and Art", Dr T Niwa (Japan) on "Pork Production in the Orient", and Dr 0. Bohm (Yugoslavia) on "A Brief Review of Pork Production in Eastern Europe".

The scientific programme included many diverse sessions, particularly management problems, including the construction of buildings and equipment. Infectious diseases were widely discussed, together with the physiology and pathology of reproduction, lameness, the stress syndrome, immunology, surgery and clinical medicine. A visit to farms and to the faculty in Ames was offered as the practical part of the Congress





Zagreb Yugoslavia 13th – 15th June 1978 Participants - 450



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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President O. Bohm
Vice President M. Sviben
Congress Secretary M. Herak

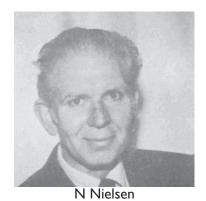
PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Reproduction, Parvovirus	35
Swine dysentery, E.coli infection	30
Aujeszky's disease	14
Disease control	13
Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae, Haemophilus pleuropneumoniae	П
Pharmacology, Growth promoters	10
Atrophic rhinitis	9
Parasitology	7
Husbandry and genetics	5
Porcine stress syndrome	4
Mycobacteriosis	4
Immunology	3
Swine fever	3
Other topics	33
TOTAL	181

COMMENTARY

In 1978 in the Congress at Zagreb (Yugoslavia), Professor Bohm was President and Dr Herak, Congress Secretary. In the scientific programme, primary importance was given to herd problems and especially to large herds. Dysentery was given much attention. Aujeszky's disease was the subject of considerable attention. The infectious diseases as usual were also discussed, but most attention was given to TGE. The SPF-system and immunology were strongly represented. The organizers awarded some of the active members of the IPVS with the "Hyologia and Hyoiatria" medal.

The plenary speakers were: V. Cvetkovic (Yugoslavia) for G. Trbojevid, D. Durman, M. Zjalic, V. Cvetkovic and M. Sviben: "Economic pig production all over the world." J. Tournut (France): "Hyology and Hyoiatrics in Europe; "R. Ramirez Necoechea (Mexico): "The Latin American pig production" and A. Leman (USA): "Pig production and veterinary practice in the United States of America



Copenhagen

Denmark

30th June – 3rd July 1980

Participants - 1130



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President N. C. Nielsen

Vice President P. Hogh

Congress Secretary N. Bille

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Enteric: E. coli infection, Swine dysentery, Regional ileitis, TGE	77
Reproduction	40
Viral: Pseudorabies, Parvovirus, Swine Fever	40
Bacterial infections, Atrophic rhinitis	19
Nutrition and feed additives	18
Parasitology	17
Immunology	16
Pneumonia	13
Locomotor disturbances	12
Herd health control, SPF production	12
Pathology.	10
Drug residues and toxicology	10
MMA Syndrome	7
Porcine stress syndrome	7
Housing-indoor climate	6
Other topics	35
TOTAL	339

COMMENTS

This Congress was held in Copenhagen. N. Nielsen was the President and Dr Bille the Secretary. At the Opening, 3 papers based on the theme: "Trends in modern swine production" were given by K Nielsen (Influence of internal environment upon pigs and man), H Larsen (Influence on external environments, surroundings and nature), and N Ole Nielsen and R Butler (Influence of veterinary education and continuing education on swine practice). Key discussion topics were reproduction, perinatal diseases, immunology, lameness, and herd control. The medicinal residues, the rotaviruses and parvoviral diseases were new topics. Aujeszky's disease was given considerable importance. Several trips to pig farms were also made.





R Nechoechea

Mexico City
Mecico
26th – 31st July 1982
Participants - 1366



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President R. R. Necoechea

Congress Secretary C. Pijoan Aguade

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Gastrointestinal disorders	70
Respiratory disorders	53
Reproductive physiology	51
Feedstuffs and nutrition	38
Husbandry	26
Septicemic diseases	25
Reproductive disorders	15
Nervous disorders	12
Parasitic diseases	10
Locomotor disorders	7
Genetics	6
Other topics	28
TOTAL	341

COMMENTS

The President of the 1982 Congress in Mexico City was Dr Ramiro Ramirez Necoechea and the General Secretary was Dr Carlos Pijoan Aguade. A total of 341 papers were presented and published in the proceedings. The diseases of the gastro-intestinal tract and the respiratory system were foremost. Other infectious diseases such as Hog Cholera and African Swine Fever, Aujeszky's disease, and encephalitis, together with the parasitic diseases, the MMA-Complex and lameness, were given importance. Other subjects such as reproduction, feeding, breeding, the hybrid programmes and immunology, were also discussed.





MB Pensaert

Ghent Belgium 27th - 31st August 1984 Participants - 1250



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President MB Pensaert

Vice President JK Hoorens

Congress Secretary P Lampo

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Swine Dysentery, E. coli	40
Reproduction	39
Aujeszky's disease virus	31
Management	29
Nutrition	26
Haemophilus	25
Atrophic Rhinitis, Pasteurella, Bordetella	23
Porcine stress syndrome	17
Parasitic infections	14
General immunology	14
Viral enteritis	13
Lung: Mycoplasma, Pasteurella	12
Anatomy and Physiology	11
Locomotor disorders	9
Toxicology	8
Porcine parvovirus	7
Urogenital disorders	7
Swine fever	6
Other topics	29
TOTAL	360

COMMENTS

In 1984, the Congress was held in Ghent, Belgium, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Ghent. The Congress President was Professor Pensaert, Professor Lampo was Secretary, and Professor Hoorens, Vice President. The topics discussed most extensively were: Aujeszky's disease, viral diseases (including rots and parvovirus), and infectious diseases of the respiratory tract, reproduction (including sterility), management, nutrition, and porcine stress syndrome. The more usual topics: lameness, parasitic diseases, immunology and health control were also in the programme.

Ghent lies in an important swine-producing area of Belgium, so excursions to farms were also available





JL Garcia-Ferrero

Barcelona Spain 15th – 18th July 1986 Participants - 1026



BARCELONA, SPAIN - 1982

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President JL Garcia Ferrero
Vice President A Concellon
Congress Secretary J Nogareda

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Enteritis/diarrhea, Colibacillosis ,Vibrionic dysentery	52
Reproduction management & physiology	45
Nutrition, Production and management	43
Immunology, Physiology	40
Pleuropneumonia	34
Atrophic rhinitis	28
Induction of oestrus and partus, Artificial insemination	27
Pathology of reproduction	24
Aujeszky's disease	24
Swine fever	16
Parasitology	15
Meat industries	10
Parvovirus	10
TGE	9
Genetics and selection	9
Other topics	69
TOTAL	455

COMMENTS

The Congress was held in Barcelona, and Dr Garcia Ferrero and J. Nogareda were President and Secretary respectively. Papers were presented over 4 days, in 5 parallel sessions. 3 plenary lectures were given by J Pairo and P Carmenes (Disorders of reproduction), J. Tournut and A. Anadon (The piglet from birth to weaning), and C Pijoan and A Leman (Veterinary services to growing and finishing pigs). Enteric and respiratory diseases were key subjects, with emphasis on management, pleuropneumonia and atrophic rhinitis. Hygiene and vaccination were discussed in detail. Colibacillosis was intensively discussed, without definitive solutions. Special attention to the prevention of diarrhea with more digestible diets was also important. Two new antibiotics: avilamicina and efrotomicina were also described.



Rio de Janiero
Brazil
14th – 17th August 1988
Participants - 1233



L Roppa

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President L Roppa Scientific Chairman I Scheid

Vice President SS Cavalcanti

Congress Secretary FA Migliavacca

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Pleuropneumonia ,Pneumonia	41
Aujeszky's disease	35
Nutrition and feed additives	31
Colibacillosis, Swine dysentery, Campylobacter	28
Reproduction management, Induction of oestrus, Artificial insemination	28
Atrophic rhinitis	20
Parasitology	18
Management and production	17
Genetics and selection	13
Urogenital disorders	10
Immunology	7
TGE	7
Swine Fever	7
Pasteurellosis	6
Anatomy and physiology	5
Other topics	95
TOTAL	368

COMMENTS

In 1988, the 10th IPVS Congress was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 378 scientific papers were presented in 6 parallel sessions. The opening was given by Dr Luciano Roppa (Swine Production in Brazil) and Dr Prem Paul presented Biotechnology. In the Scientific programme, primary importance was given to pleuropneumonia, Aujeszk-/s disease, nutrition and atrophic rhinitis. At the end of the Congress excursions to industrial swine farms were made

11th IPVS CONGRESS 1990



H Keller

Lausanne Switzerland Ist – 5th July 1990 Participants - 1718



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President H Keller Scientific Chairman J Nicolet

Vice President JF Baeler
Congress Secretary E Leresche

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Aujeszky's disease (41), Corona viruses (23), Parvo virus (11)	75
Pleuropneumonia (51), Enzootic pneumonia (10	61
Reproduction	61
Management and production	60
Atrophic rhinitis	33
Other bacterial diseases	32
Feed Additives	32
Dysentery (21), & other enteritic bacterial diseases (9)	30
Parasitic diseases	24
Other bacterial respiratory diseases	23
Nutrition	21
Other virus diseases	18
Pathology .	18
Immunology/physiology	16
Other topics	24
TOTAL	528

COMMENTS

The Congress was held in Lausanne, Switzerland. The President was H. Keller, the Congress Secretary E. Leresche, and the Head of the Scientific Committee J. Nicolet. 489 of the 528 communications were published in the proceedings. For the first time, poster sessions and half-day symposia were organized during the Congress. Symposia topics included: Biotechnology (D Schmidt, Germany) Epidemiology (J Tillon, France) and Feed additives (J Decuypere, Belgium). Besides reproduction and management, production, pleuropneumonia and Aujeszky's disease were the main topics presented.

At the Opening Ceremony speeches were made by Dr Gafner, Director of the Federal Veterinary Office, Mr P Pidoux, Councilor of the Canton of Vaud, Dr J Siegfried, President of the Society of Swiss Veterinarians and Dr. Keller, President of the IPVS. After the Congress various technical tours were made.





The Hague
The Netherlands

17th – 20th August 1992
Participants - 2004



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President J Verheijden

Vice President P Van Der Valk

Congress Secretary R Voets

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

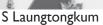
Actinobacillus infections	57
Aujeszky's disease	40
Herd health management and economics	34
Mycoplasmosis	33
Atrophic rhinitis, pasteurellosis, bordetellosis	31
Feed additives and medicated feeds (30), Pharmacology and medication (16)	46
E. coli infections (30), Serpulina hyodysenteriae	55
Parasitic diseases	28
Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS)	26
Environment and housing (23), Integrated quality control (22)	45
Immunology and vaccinology	23
Oestrus and fertility (22), Pregnancy and parturition (16)	38
Nutrition (22), Mycotoxicoses and other intoxications	44
Pathology and locomotory system	22
Anatomy and physiology	19
Male fertility and artificial insemination	18
Other topics	137
TOTAL	696

COMMENTS

Held in The Hague, The Netherlands, Professor J Verheijden, Dr P van der Valk and Dr R Voets were President, Vice President and Secretary, respectively. The scientific programme included the traditional short oral presentations, poster sessions and I2 invited speakers delivered keynote lectures on immunology and vaccination, respiratory and gastrointestinal disorders, and fertility. Again, special attention was paid to respiratory diseases. The role of molecular biological techniques in diagnostics and vaccine production were emphasised. The new disease 'PRRS' was a key topic. Herd health control programmes, use of slaughterhouse information in an integrated quality control system and the development of sound medication strategies (Good Veterinary Practice) were extensively discussed. Technical tours to institutes dealing with research on pig diseases and pig production were organized in addition.







Bangkok **Thailand** 26th - 30th lune 1994 Participants - 1621



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President S Laungtongkum Vice President P Chantaraprateep Congress Secretary A Kunavongkrit

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Bacterial diseases	125
Viral diseases	95
Nutrition feed additives & Medications	67
Breeding and Reproduction	65
Epidemiology, herd health housing and environment	50
Pharmacology & treatments	43
Parasitosis	24
Immunology and vaccines	15
Pathology, physiology and miscellaneous conditions	44
Special lectures	10
TOTAL	538

COMMENTS

In 1994, the 13th IPVS Congress (the first organized in Asia), was held in Bangkok and was opened by the Princess of Thailand.

The hard copies and CD-ROM of the proceedings was distributed, one set for each participant. CD-ROM proceedings were a new introduction at this IPVS Congress.

The OIE Aujeszky's Disease Symposium was organized immediately after the 13th IPVS Congress from the afternoon of Thursday, June 30 to Friday July 1. There were 257 registrants and 12 invited speakers in this symposium.

The idea of providing IPVS funds for young scientists from developing countries was proposed by the Organizing Committee of the 11 the IPVS Congress in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1990. It was approved unanimously by the IPVS Board and General Assembly at the 12th IPVS Congress on August 18 1992 in The Hague, The Netherlands. Nine fellowships were granted to young scientists from Bulgaria (1), Kenya (1), P.R. of China (4), Philippines (1), Venezuela (I) and Vietnam (I) to help them attend this Congress.





Italy
7th – 10th July 1996
Participants - 1614

Bologna



E. Seren

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President E Seren
Vice President M Mattioli

Congress Secretary GP Sandri, G Galeati

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Herd health management	89
Reproduction breeding genetics	89
Nutrition and additives	67
Other viral diseases	44
Pathology quality control	39
Pharmacology and toxicology	37
PRRS	35
Aujeszky's Disease	32
Other bacterial diseases	32
Actinobacillus	31
Immunology and vaccinology	26
Mycoplasma	24
Parasitic diseases	24
Salmonella	19
Streptococcus haemophilus	19
Physiology and ethology	19
Serpulina	17
Pasteurella	15
Epidemiology	10
TOTAL	648

COMMENTS

The Congress was held in the beautiful renaissance city of Bologna. Those who attended will remember forever the magnificent Congress dinner in the villa with fireworks and ice cream in the gardens after. There were also splendid visits to the University of Bologna, a Parma ham factory and tours to the magnificent cities of Ferrara, Venice, Florence and Rome.





Birmingham
United Kingdom

5th – 9th July 1998
Participants - 1800



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President Christianne Glossop
Vice President John Mackinnon
Congress Secretary Anne Jones

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

MEDITIALIONS (ORAL & LOSTER)	
Clinical papers	145
Alimentary Disorders: Viral (4), E.coli (24), Serpulina (40), PPE (20), Salmonella (28)	116
Drugs and medication	72
Pleuropneumonia	60
Virology	57
PRRS	57
Reproduction	47
Miscellaneous Bacteriology	44
Behavior (19) Welfare (10)	29
Parasites	27
Nutrition	24
General Bacteriology	24
Economic Production	20
Production Systems	20
Herd Health	16
State Medicine	16
Epidemiology	16
Preclinical Science	12
Meat Quality and Science	12
Miscellaneous Pathology	12
Environment	10
Respiratory Viruses	3
TOTAL	839

COMMENTS

A highlight of the scientific programme is the parallel lecture series in veterinary and animal science (over 40) given by world experts. In addition, there will be 288 oral presentations and over 500 posters. Delegates will have the opportunity to attend the Royal Agricultural Show at Stoneleigh, and a Farewell Banquet at beautiful Hanbury Hall.

16th IPVS CONGRESS 1998



D Ross (deceased)

Melbourne Australia 17th – 20th September 2000 Participants - 1614





R Cutler

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President	D Ross
Vice President	R Cutler
Congress Secretary	C Cargill

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

Virology: Pseudorabies, PRRS, Classical swine fever, Circovirus,	119
Production: herd health management, nutrition Environment, economics, disease eradication, growth	102
Respiratory system: Mycoplasma, Atrophic rhinitisActinobacillus pleuropneumoniae,	92
Alimentary system: Brachyspira, E coli,	
Proliferative enteropathy,	77
Drugs and therapy	55
Immunology	33
Meat Hygiene: Food safety, salmonellosis, quality control, epidemiology	52
Reproduction	50
Parasitology	25
TOTAL	605

COMMENTS

In 2000, the 16th IPVS Congress was held in Melbourne during the week of the Sydney Olympic games. Over 1300 delegates attended.

The 16th IPVS President was Dr Doug Ross. Doug died about 5 months before the meeting. Dr Ross Cutler, who convened the scientific program, assumed the presidential responsibilities. Dr Colin Cargill was the IPVS secretary. A highlight of the meeting was the Alexander debate, a debate about SEW, to honour the contribution of DR T J L Alexander to pig veterinary medicine. Dr Mohd. Nordin Nor led a symposium on the outbreak of Nipah Virus in Malaysia.

The scientific programme included the traditional sessions featuring papers and posters from veterinary disciplines including a strong session on meat hygiene and a session which grouped together, under Production, applied papers about topical pig farming issues. There were keynote presentations on Brachyspira, Pharmacokinetics, The cellular defence battleground, Quality assurance, Mycoplasma, Immunization using genetically modified organisms, The nature of the RNA virus and how it causes disease and Menangle virus.

Technical tours to the Australian Animal Health Laboratory, outdoor pig farms and mixed farming properties were organized and combined with a sampling of regional food and wine.

17th IPVS CONGRESS 2002





Ames USA 2nd - 5th June 2002

Participants - + 1500



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President	H Harris	Scientific Chair	R Morrison	
Vice President	H Hill		J Zimmerman	
Congress Secretary	T Burkgren	Finances	R Glock	
PRESENTATIONS (O	RAL & POSTER)			
Immunology (53), Vaccinol	ogy (31), Diagnostics (35)			119
Disease Prevention & Con	trol (76), Epidemiology (36))		112
Reproduction				65
Bacterial diseases				63
Mycoplasma hyopheumoni	ae (15), Respiratory disease	e (47)		62
PRRS (25) PCV2 (15), Eme	rging diseases (11)			51
Enteric diseases: Salmonell	a (10), General (35)			45
Production (18), Economic	s (8), Building (6)			32
Pig Health & Environment	(26)Welfare (5),			31
Antimicrobials & Resistanc	e, toxicology (3)			24
Nutrition, meat quality (6)				24
Food safety (18)				18
Viral: Swine Influenza (5), (Classical Swine Fever (5)			10
Pathology				9
Other Topics				23
TOTAL				688

COMMENTS

The 17th IPVS Congress was celebrated on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, United States of America.

Dr. D.L. Hank Harris, Dr. Howard Hill and Dr. Thomas Burkgren were president, vice president and secretary, respectively. The scientific program included 3 keynote presentations, 15 featured presentations, 175 oral presentations, and 513 posters. The 3 keynote presentations were delivered by Dr. Roger Morris: Evolution of diseases in the world's pig industry; Dr. Christianne Glossop: Pigs and society; and Dr.Steve Henry: Pork production around the world. The featured presentations were concentrated in three areas: pig health, pork production and consumer & environmental issues.

The scientific program co-chairs, Dr. Robert Morrison and Dr. Jeff Zimmerman worked diligently to provide attendees with science-based knowledge that was both timely and practical. A diverse range of subjects ensured that each attendee could satisfy specific educational needs, whether engaged in veterinary practice, research, academia, production or allied industry. Technical tours after the congress allowed participants an opportunity to see US pork production facilities as well as research settings.

18th IPVS CONGRESS 2004



H Bossow

Hamburg Germany 27th June –I st July 2004 Participants - 2455



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL & POSTER)

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	872

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 19th 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!"





Copenhagen

Denmark

16th – 19th July 2006

Participants - 2486



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President Bent Nielsen Vice President Jan Dahl Chair Social Poul Bækbo

Chair Technical affairs Thøger Flagstad

Chair Scientific Jens Peter Nielsen
Vice-chair Svend Erik Jorsal
Vice -chair

social Kaj Vestergaard

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, Decitions 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. Thise 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 19th IPVS were held in the modern congress center Bella Center just 10 minutes from down town Copenhagen. The dayly 6 parallel sessions went very smoothly and allowed the delegates to swich 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 entusiastic IPVS delegates – a very special show for both the delegates as well as the

Opera singers. The Congess 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.



P Evans

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



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President	Peter Evans	Financial	Thomas Volker
Vice President /Scientific Chair	Pieter Vervoort	Sponsorship	Pieter Grimbeek
Congress Secretary	Francois van Niekerk	Social	Edgar Ortmann

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
Immunolgy, 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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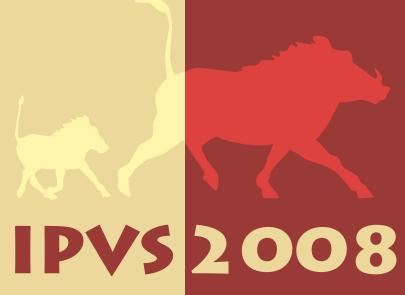












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