



Report of IPVS & ESPHM 2024 Congress

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1. Introduction

The IPVS & ESPHM 2024 Joint Congress, held from June 4th to 7th at the Leipzig Trade Fair, was a landmark event in the field of swine veterinary medicine and attracted almost 2,700 delegates from 63 countries. This significant gathering provided a unique opportunity for professionals from around the world to exchange ideas and discuss the latest advancements in swine health. After 2016 for the second time, the International Pig Veterinary Society (IPVS) Congress and the European Symposium for Porcine Health Management (ESPHM), two of the most prestigious global conferences in this field, were held together at a single venue. This collaboration created an unparalleled platform for scientific exchange, fostering international cooperation and the sharing of innovative practices. The event offered a comprehensive program that addressed both traditional and emerging challenges in pig health and production. Attendees were treated to 16 keynote speeches, over 100 scientific lectures, and more than 800 poster presentations, all of which contributed to a rich and diverse exchange of knowledge. The congress not only focused on cutting-edge research but also emphasized the importance of practical applications, with sessions covering a wide range of topics including e.g. infectious diseases, immunology, nutrition, reproduction, animal welfare, and sustainability. The event's success was further amplified by a robust social programme, allowing participants to experience the culture and history of Leipzig and the surrounding region. Activities such as a boat tour of Leipzig's canals, a brewery visit, and a city tour of Dresden added a memorable cultural dimension to the scientific proceedings. The official congress party, held at the KONGRESSHALLE at Zoo Leipzig, provided a lively atmosphere for networking and celebration, highlighting the event's blend of professional development and social engagement. In addition to the scientific and social components, the congress featured an extensive industrial exhibition, where global partners showcased the latest products, technologies, and research in animal health and husbandry. Supported by 44 sponsors from 15 countries, this exhibition was a key component of the congress, offering participants the chance to explore innovative solutions and emerging trends in the industry.

The next IPVS Congress is scheduled for June 2026 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, while the 2025 ESPHM will take place in Bern, Switzerland. The success of IPVS & ESPHM 2024 has set a high standard for these upcoming gatherings, reinforcing the importance of international collaboration in advancing the field of swine veterinary medicine.



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2. Organization

The Scientific Committee is composed of the members of the LOC, the board of the International Pig Veterinary Society, the board of the European College of Porcine Health Management, and the Veterinary Practitioners Council. The Scientific Committee was chaired by Dr. Carl Andreas Grøntvedt and co-chaired by Prof. Mari Heinonen.

LOC - Local Organizing Committee 2024

- Prof. Johannes Kauffold
- Prof. Thomas Vahlenkamp
- Dr. Jörg Altemeier
- Prof. Gary Althouse
- Dr. Matthias Eddicks
- Dr. Nora Hammer
- Prof. Doris Höltig
- Dr. Torsten Pabst
- Dr. Andreas Palzer
- Dr. Haukur Sigmarsson
- Dr. Gerfried Zeller

VPC - Veterinay Practitioners Council 2024

- Dr. Adrian Balaban
- Dr. Magdalena Czaplińska
- Dr. Martin Pfützner
- Dr. Dražen Hizman
- Dr. Ursula Friedman
- Dr. Adél Orosz
- Karien Koenders

IPVS Board - International Pig Veterinary Society 2024

- Prof. Johannes Kauffold (President)
- Dr. Francois van Niekerk (General Secretary)
- Prof. Fernanda Almeida (Chairperson of the Board)
- Prof. Hanchun Yang
- Dr. Pat Kirwan
- Dr. Won Hyung Lee
- Dr. Alberto Stephano
- Prof. Nguyen Tat Toan (President Elect)

ESPHM Board - European College of Porcine Health Management 2024

- Dr. Nicolas Rose (President)
- Dr. Carl Andreas Grøntvedt (Vice-President)
- Prof. Heiko Nathues
- Prof. Doris Höltig
- Dr. Elena Canelli
- Prof. Arie van Nes
- Dr. Christine Unterweger



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3. Keynote Speakers

IPVS & ESPHM 2024 has invited numerous highly qualified and well-known scientists, researchers and professionals to present keynote lectures in each technical session of the event.

IPVS & ESPHM 2024 presented 16 keynote speakers from 12 countries.



Dr. Adrian Balaban



Prof. Chantal Farmer



Dr. Kaat Goris



Dr. Miguel Angel Higuera



Prof. Liang Chou Hsia



Dr. Estevão Lopes



Dr. Martin Pfützner



Dr. Carlos Piñeiro



Dr. Ludovic Plee



Prof. Hua-Ji Qiu



Prof. Janice Reis
Ciacci Zanella



Prof. Stephan Schneider



Thomas Sønderby
Bruun



Prof. Thomas
Vahlenkamp



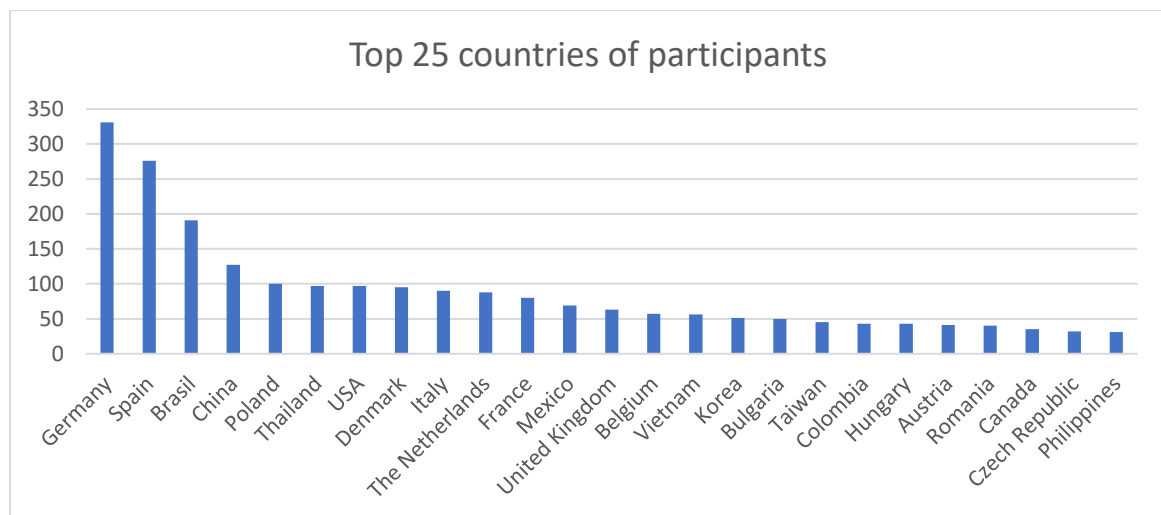
Dr. Heleen van de
Weerd



Prof. Dirk Werling

4. Participants

The IPVS & ESPHM 2024 registered a total of 2.695 registrations from 63 different nationalities for participation in the event, among them 111 residents and 50 diplomats. Participants from 6 different continents were present at IPVS & ESPHM 2024.



As expected, the most strongly represented countries were the host country Germany with more than 300 participants as well as the traditional producer countries Spain, Brazil, China and Poland. All of these countries were represented by delegations of more than 100 participants.

5. Side events

The ECPHM 2024 organized a workshop for college residents between Monday, June 3rd 2024 and 4th. Around 30 people took part in this workshop.

In addition to the workshop for residents, the General Annual Meeting took also place on Tuesday, June 4th. Both diplomates and residents participated in this event. During the planning of this agenda item, a scheduling overlap with the planned welcome reception was noticed but was nonetheless accepted. After the meeting, diplomates and residents almost entirely left for the ECPHM evening without attending the welcome reception. This should be considered when calculating food and drinks.



Opening Ceremony

Numerous participants were welcomed by the Managing Director of Leipziger Messe GmbH, Martin Buhl-Wagner, at the official opening event of the IPVS & ESPHM 2024 on July 4th. He warmly welcomed all participants and thanked all institutions and contributors involved in the organisation of the event. He also emphasised that the pig industry is central to global food production and that it plays an important role in food security and the economies of many countries. However, the challenges and risks in the areas of animal health, environment, food security and public health are constantly changing. Therefore, knowledge sharing and collaboration between experts and scientists is crucial.

Prof. Kauffold, the Congress President of the IPVS & ESPHM 2024, also welcomed all participants in his opening speech and emphasised the importance of the congress theme. Another special feature of the event was the combination of the two events, which was only the second time it had been held in this form.

A special highlight was the 'Tom Alexander Memorial Lecture', which was given by Prof. Jeffrey Zimmerman from Iowa State University (USA) under the topic "In furtherance of Dr. Tom Alexander's legacy of innovations in swine health" as part of the opening event. The lecture is considered a tradition of the IPVS and honours Tom Alexander's contribution to pig medicine.

The opening ceremony was musically framed by a German acapella band. Overall, it was noted that the hall was well attended, and the room capacity of 1,600 seats was adequately planned.

6. Scientific Programme

Intensive knowledge transfer and international networking were at the heart of the IPVS & ESPHM 2024. 16 top-class keynote speeches formed the core of the four-day congress programme. These were complemented by more than 100 scientific lectures by renowned experts and 811 poster presentations, which enabled an intensive professional exchange. An international team of speakers provided information on the latest findings, technologies and innovative approaches in the areas of nutrition and reproduction, animal and consumer protection, crisis and disaster management, parasitology, bacteriology and bacterial diseases, vaccination and immunology,

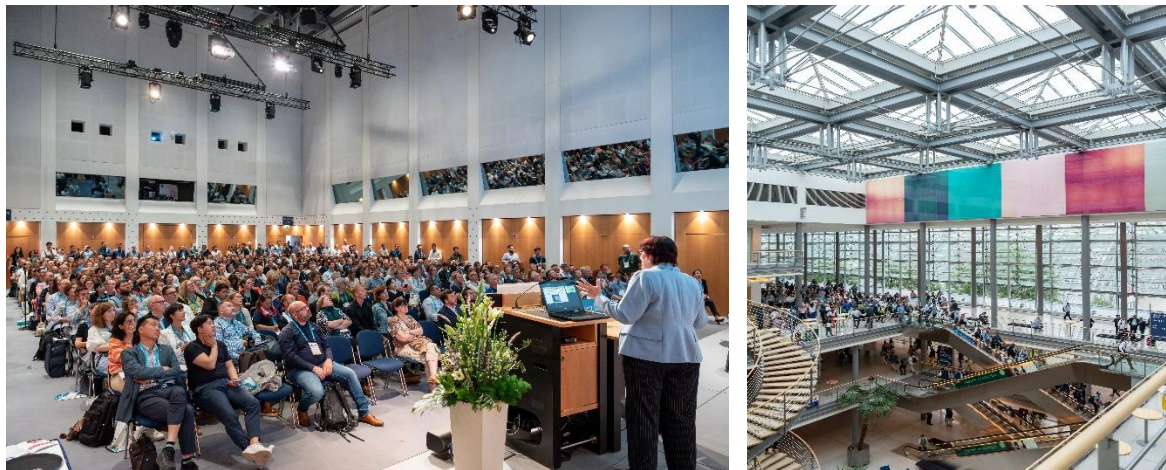


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precision livestock farming and herd health management as well as sustainability and human resource management. The event also included 4 satellite symposiums presented by sponsors: HIPRA, Zoetis, Boehringer-Ingelheim and Farmabase. MSD as the fifth platinum sponsor has decided not to hold a symposium this year.

The event and the scientific programme were presented exclusively in English. Interpreters were sometimes requested, especially by visitors from Asia. However, there was no simultaneous translation during the event. Four rooms were used for the scientific programme. A total of 3 halls were used in the Congress Centre Leipzig. One of them was set up for 1000 people. The other two rooms were equipped for 380 people each. The 4th and thus largest hall was the plenary with a capacity for 1600 people. This was located in the exhibition hall.



All the 4 lecture theatres were well filled by participants. The individual presentations were allocated to the various rooms in advance. When allocating space, the committee based its decision on the number of abstracts submitted. During the course of the event, it was noticeable that there were two programme items, reproduction and nutrition that were more heavily attended than originally anticipated. As a result, the rooms used were over-crowded and so a broadcast was set up in the neighbouring room or in the foyer to enable even more visitors to attend the lecture. In principle, however, it could be stated that the room capacities were completely sufficient and were well calculated in advance.



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In addition to the numerous oral presentations, another component of the scientific programme was the poster area. With 1.230 gross square meters, this area was located in the exhibition hall together with sponsor booths. In this area, visitors had the opportunity to view numerous scientific posters and listen intently to poster presentations. Participants had the opportunity to read both printed posters on poster walls and digital posters at 5 e-poster stations. The authors of the posts submitted a digital version of their poster in advance so that each poster could be found at the e-poster stations. The printed posters were an additional presentation option.

Many participants appreciated the combination of digital and printed posters. However, it is recommended to pay attention to the material of the printed posters to ensure that they can be easily mounted with adhesive tape. Additionally, sufficient space between the rows of posters is necessary, which requires a significant amount of space in the exhibition hall. It is also advisable to choose an appropriate format for the poster upload from the outset, which can then be used for printing the posters. Otherwise, it can be very inconvenient for the participants.

Another special feature of the scientific programme was the establishment of Chaired poster sessions during lunchbreak on Wednesday June 5th for 40 min (so not the entire lunchbreak was occupied). Here, selected authors had the opportunity to present their scientific poster orally. Each session had a session chair who guided thru the session. The time frame for each presentation was. The available e-poster stations were equipped with an extra microphone and speakers to counteract the background noise in the exhibition hall and to ensure that all participants could understand both the author and the session chair. In retrospect, this was also a very good decision, as these presentations were very well attended.





Social Programme

The Welcome Reception on the first day of the event was also well received by the participants. It took place directly after the Opening Ceremony in the exhibition area. The Welcome Reception was already included in the ticket fee.



The IPVS & ESPHM 2024 was enriched by a varied social programme: various activities allowed the participants to experience the city of Leipzig and the state of Saxony. The activities included a boat tour on the Leipzig canals, a brewery tour, a tour of the Porsche factory, a city tour in Dresden, and the official congress party at the KONGRESSHALLE at Zoo Leipzig with the opportunity to visit the Leipzig Zoo and enjoy a traditional Bavarian Oktoberfest. The congress party was sold out with more than 1000 entrance tickets and was a great pleasure for everyone.



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7. Exhibition

Alongside the congress, industrial partners from around the world presented the latest products, technologies, and research results. Interested participants were able to learn about innovative solutions and trends in the areas of animal nutrition, health, husbandry, and breeding. The event was supported by 44 sponsors and supporting companies from 15 countries.



Supporting companies: BioSellal, Bioveta, IMV Technologies, INDICAL BIOSCIENCE, INNOVATIVE DIAGNOSTICS, Longhorn Vaccines & Diagnostics LLC, Peritum Nutrivet, SEPPIC, Serumwerk Bernburg, Tetracore, Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Representatives of the upcoming events for the IPVS 2026 and IPVS 2028 as well as the ESPHM 2025 and APVS were also on site with a small booth. Their booths were located in between the CCL and the plenary hall, very easy to approach for delegates, who wanted to visit the exhibition area during coffee and lunch breaks. Each ticket, regardless of ticket category, had catering included. The sponsors already had the opportunity to order stand construction packages from the onsite stand construction service provider.

8. Closing ceremony

The four-day 27th International Pig Veterinary Society Congress and the 15th European Symposium of Porcine Health Management came to a successful end on June 7th in Leipzig, Germany. Prof. Johannes Kauffold opened the closing ceremony with a warm word of thanks. He looked back on the past few days and made a summary of the event. Among others, Dr Carl Andreas Grøntvedt, Chair of the Scientific Committee, named the most important key figures of the event. The IPVS & ESPHM 2024 had the intention to create a platform for international exchange with regard to the



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scientific and technological community and industry. As Congress President, Prof. Johannes Kauffold once again thanked all committees, sponsors, speakers, chairs and reviewers. Small gifts were presented to guests on the stage.



Two additional awards were presented during the Closing Ceremony. Firstly, the award for the best oral presentation and for the best scientific poster. In the category 'Best Oral Presentation' two winners were honoured with such an award. These went to P.P. Pwint Thu for her topic 'Economic impact of anaemia-related productivity losses in farrowing sows' and to M. Rémond for her topic 'Descriptive study on the transmission of Streptococcus Suis and serotypes 2, 1/2 and 9 in two French farms with clinical cases of streptococcosis'.

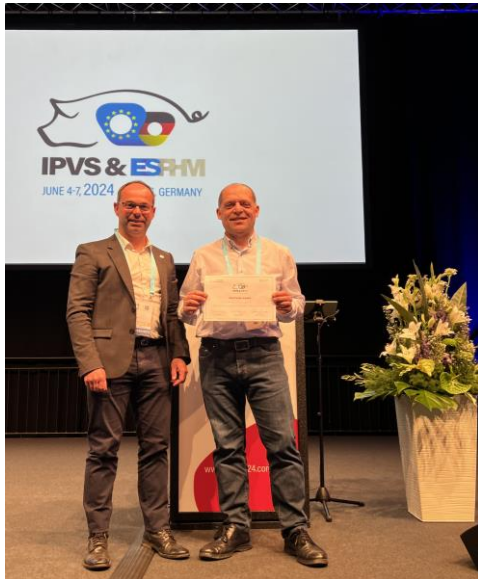


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The prize for the best poster went to Lorenzo Fraile for his scientific poster on 'Screening of DNA markers to improve resistance to outbreaks of porcine respiratory disease' and was handed over by the European College of Porcine Health Management.

Another highlight of the Closing Ceremony programme was the presentation of the ESPHM 2025 by Heiko Nathues as well as the presentation of the APVS 2025 in Japan, the IPVS 2026 in Vietnam and the IPVS 2028 in the USA. In addition, Prof. Nguyen Tat Toan was introduced as the new Congress President of the IPVS 2026 and welcomed to his new position.

9. Veterinary Industry Council

As part of the IPVS & ESPHM 2024, it was extremely important for all organizers to hold a debriefing meeting with the platinum sponsors and partners to receive constructive feedback and discuss various topics. First, relevant key figures concerning the scientific program as well as the exhibition were presented. This was followed by a feedback session. Here, the platinum sponsors had the opportunity to bring up topics that could be improved in future events, as well as to highlight aspects that already worked well.

The location was generally praised for its large exhibition space and room capacities. The building's advantage, with the exhibition area being on a single level, was particularly highlighted. The catering, which was included in every ticket, was well received by the attendees. The connection to public transport and the fact that its use was already included in every ticket was also mentioned



as a positive aspect. Following the feedback session, upcoming events such as ESPHM 2025 and IPVS 2026 were presented.

10. Finances

With nearly 2700 participants for the congress and a total of 44 registered sponsors and supporting companies, the IPVS & ESPHM 2024 in Leipzig was a success. The ambitiously planned revenues could not be fully achieved. The well-calculated costs were adjusted accordingly, so that the overall result is well above the planned figures.

Budget recap – Final total	
Total income	2.074.752,08 €
Total expenses	1.418.669,05 €
Final result	656.083,03 €

The ECPHM, VPC, the IPVS and the LOC will each receive a share of the profits from the congress results.

