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Congress in Cardiff

BVA President Nicky Paull introduces this year’s exciting BVA Congress

Dear colleague,

With devolution, England, Scotland and Wales are pursuing different policies on animal health. In the meantime, traditional approaches are changing and the veterinary profession is becoming more specialised as it fulfils different roles.

The 2009 BVA Congress under the theme Together forever? will consider what this means for animal health, and the implications for individual practitioners and the profession as a whole.

This year, with the move of Congress to the capital of Wales and its surrounding picturesque countryside, expect not only a wide range of CPD and political sessions to be on offer, but also the chance to socialise, network and explore in one of Europe’s most vibrant cities.

Situated in the heart of the city, with only a short stroll to the beautiful Cardiff Castle, National Museum, shops or café quarter, and a taxi hop or short bus ride to Cardiff Bay, the Mercure Holland House Hotel offers exceptional conference, meeting and banqueting facilities with convenient links to transport on its doorstep.

The BVA will once again be running a programme of sessions on both the Friday and Saturday alongside a varied programme of CPD sessions arranged by the following organisations:

- British Cattle Veterinary Association
- British Equine Veterinary Association
- BVA Overseas Group
- Sheep Veterinary Society
- Society of Practising Veterinary Surgeons
- Veterinary Benevolent Fund
- Veterinary Defence Society

A comprehensive trade exhibition will be held in close proximity to the lecture halls with a wide range of companies exhibiting.

There is also an enjoyable and varied social programme, including a welcome reception at the historical Cardiff Castle, a party at the Mercure Holland House Hotel with tickets priced at only £15, while the renowned Congress banquet held on the Saturday night will close the event at the prestigious National Museum.

If you would like to book your place please complete the form at the end of this programme or visit the BVA website www.bva.co.uk/congress to register online.

I look forward to seeing you in Cardiff for what promises to be the most exciting BVA Congress yet.

Nicky Paull, BVA President
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BVA Contentious Issues

9.30 Questions of breeding BL+B
Recent months have seen significant upheaval in the pedigree dog world, as the adverse consequences of selective breeding have come under scrutiny. Advances in genetics and the development of new tests present new opportunities for tackling inherited disease in dogs. This session will provide an opportunity to find out how vets can help breeders—and what breeders want from their vet.
Chair: Nicky Paull, President, BVA
Speakers: Professor Steve Dean, Chairman, Southern Border Terrier Club; Professor Mike Herbage, Professor, Small Animal Medicine, University of Cambridge

11.00 Time out on extramural studies (EMS) BL+B
Extramural studies (EMS) have long been an integral part of veterinary undergraduate education in the UK. However, with increased numbers of students, consolidation in practice, the problem of student debt and new approaches to education, questions arise as to whether they can continue to deliver what is required. There are also questions about value for money, and for whom. This debate will consider whether the current system is sustainable, possible alternatives and whether a different approach is needed.
Chair: Professor Bill Reilly, President-Elect, BVA
Speakers: Ian Beamish, recent graduate and first-opinion practitioner, Liverpool; Barry Johnson, Chairman EMS Working Party

14.30 Horses—a species apart? BL+B
Horses mean different things to different people. Some see them as companions while others regard them as sport or working animals. There are also numerous feral horses in the UK, while European legislation classifies horses as food animals. This might not all seem to matter too much, but what does it mean for animal welfare and disease control, and who exactly is responsible? This session will consider horses in the context of the Animal Health and Welfare Strategy and try to establish where they fit in the scheme of things.
Chair: Nick Blayney, Past-President, BVA
Speakers: Barry Harvey Locke, partner, companion animal hospital practice, Cheshire and Vice-President, Union of European Veterinary Practitioners

16.00 Pets and politics BL+B
Some of the measures applied under the Pet Travel Scheme to protect the UK from rabies and other zoonotic diseases could be swept away next year when a derogation under EU law, which allows the UK to apply stricter controls than most other member states, is due to expire. Are the current controls actually necessary, or is this a case of ‘harmonisation’ gone mad? This debate will address the issues, from both a European Commission and a public health perspective.
Chair: Harvey Locke, partner, companion animal hospital practice, Cheshire and Vice-President, Union of European Veterinary Practitioners
Speakers: Representative of the European Commission; Dlys Morgan, Head, Department for Gastrointestinal, Emerging and Zoonotic Infections, Health Protection Agency Centre for Infections

BVA Overseas Group

9.30 Four decades of Commonwealth Veterinary Association activity PS
For 40 years the CVA, by encouraging the highest professional standards, has promoted the veterinary profession. It has advanced animal health, welfare and productivity and living standards, especially of rural women. Climate change and emerging diseases constitute new challenges, while in the Pacific islands, a shortage of vets is a special constraint.
Chair: Karen Reed, Chair, BVA Overseas Group
Speaker: Dr S Abdul Rahman, Secretary of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association

TB issues: limitations of diagnostics and vaccination AS
This session will look at the science of interpretation of testing and give an update on where we are at the moment with respect to control and eradication.
Chair: John Blackwell, President, BCVA
Speakers: Andrew Biggs, Past-President of Western Counties Veterinary Association (WCVA) and the BCVA, and partner, mixed practice, Devon; Professor Glyn Hewinson, TB Research Group, Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA)

11.00 Bluetongue: the current control policy within the UK and across the devolved administrations AS

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Chair: Gareth Hateley, VLA
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10.00 Unlocking the potential of Africa’s livestock keepers: a new approach to veterinary service delivery PsC
This session will consider the integration of the use of paraveterinary personnel in animal health delivery systems in areas with low vet density.
Chair: Karen Reed, Chair, BVA Overseas Group
Speaker: Christie Peacock, Chief Executive, FARM-Africa

11.00 Working together to improve animal health, integration and cooperation of NGOs PsC
The spectrum of organisations involved in animal health and welfare aid and development includes the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE); Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN; donors of various types; consultancy companies; international and national NGOs both publically and privately funded; academic and training institutions; and Government at different levels in the particular countries. This presentation will use Afghanistan and the Donkey Sanctuary as case studies, contrasting the view from within a privately-funded NGO. It will promote the idea that all organisations need to cooperate, particularly in sharing best practice, if animal health and welfare services are really to improve around the world. [Please note that the Donkey Sanctuary does not work in Afghanistan]
Chair: Karen Reed, Chair, BVA Overseas Group
Speaker: Stephen Blakeway, Director, Overseas Operations, The Donkey Sanctuary

11.30 Working together to help deliver animal health services overseas (open discussion forum with previous three speakers) PsC
Many different organisations work overseas on animal health programmes. It is not always clear how they work together; if they do.

SVS
14.30 Bluetongue: perspective from industry AsC
Sponsored by FORT DODGE
This session will consider the experience and lessons learnt from bluetongue vaccination. It will also examine future threats and the measures available to diminish their impact on the industry.
Chair: Sam Mansley, Senior Vice-president, SVS
Speaker: David Bartram, Fort Dodge Animal Health

15.00 Stakeholders’ experiences and the way forward AsC
Sponsored by FORT DODGE
This session will look at this year’s experience of bluetongue and some of the difficulties faced, in particular, maintaining vaccine take-up and improving knowledge of vaccine capability.
Chair: Sam Mansley, Senior Vice-president, SVS
Speaker: Paul Roger, RCVS Recognised Specialist in Sheep Health and Production

16.00 Anthelmintics and resistance: responsible approaches to control AsC
Sponsored by NOVARTIS
This session will examine how resistance develops and spreads, and the increasing threat to the industry.
Chair: Colin Macaldowie, Past-President SVS
Speaker: Frank Jackson, Senior Principal Research Scientist, Parasitology Division, oredun Research Institute

16.30 Responsible use of available controls AsC
Sponsored by NOVARTIS
An exploration of how we use controls and what we can do in the face of the increasing spread of anthelmintic resistance.
Chair: Colin Macaldowie, Past-President SVS
Speaker: Lesley Stubbings OBE, Independent Sheep Consultant, LSSC

SPVS
14.30 Recession-proofing: managing the top line PsS
This session will present ideas on how to manage the business in more difficult trading circumstances, focusing on sales. The focus will be on the pricing and charging strategy of the practice and identifying ways in which a practice might be able to ensure that ‘lost’ income is captured.
Chair: Iain Richards, President, SPVS
Speaker: Mark Beaney, Partner, Hazlewoods LLP

16.00 Recession-proofing: motivation in a credit crunch PsS
Chair: Iain Richards, President, SPVS
Speaker: Val McGarrell, Head, RCGP NI Council

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Questions of breeding, Friday 9.30. How vets can help breeders and what breeders want from vets

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What, exactly, is a vet?

Wooldridge Memorial Lecture
12.15, Friday 25 September 2009
Things have moved on since the era described in the novels by James Herriot. The role of vets has changed considerably, and so has what the public expects of them. The profession has diversified as knowledge has increased and new specialties have emerged. On the face of it, there is much to separate, say, a farm animal practitioner in the North of Scotland from a small animal practitioner in central London or an equine practitioner in Newmarket, in terms of the skills required and the roles they perform. In addition, vets fulfil many vital, often specialist, roles outside practice, whether in teaching and research, public health, government service, charities, industry or elsewhere. In the veterinary schools there are now fewer opportunities for vets to get to know each other as student numbers have increased and teaching methods have changed. However, for all the changes and diversification, the unique combination of skills that makes vets so useful to society continues to be recognised and the profession still seems to regard itself as a cohesive whole—not just in the UK, but also internationally. The BVA Congress plenary Wooldridge Memorial Lecture will seek to identify the defining characteristics of a vet, and what still binds the profession together.

Speaker: Professor Sandy Trees, Junior Vice-President (President from July 2009), RCVS

Chair: Nicky Paull, President, BVA

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9.30 Finding the right structure for welfare and health BLf

Defra’s plans on cost and responsibility sharing include a proposal to establish a new agency for animal health, which will operate ‘at arm’s length’ from Government. Meanwhile, responsibility for animal welfare will remain within Defra. Animal health and welfare are interdependent, as the Animal Health and Welfare Strategy seems to recognise. Can animal health and welfare really be administered separately, or should they be regarded as an indivisible whole?

Chair: Fred Landeg, Former Acting Chief Veterinary Officer, Defra

Speakers: Mike Segal, Director, Food and Farming Group, Defra; Iain Richards, President, SPVS

11.00 Pick-and-mix on medicines BLg

Achieving the right balance in the supply of animal medicines and vaccines is a delicate task. They have to be available for use when needed but must be used safely and appropriately, not least because of concerns about the development of resistance and because, as biologically active compounds, the possibility of unwanted effects on animal and human health as well as the environment. As one regulator once put it, ‘We’re not just dealing with sweets.’ At a time when existing medicines are being reassigned to different distribution categories, this session will explore whether current distribution channels are overly restrictive or whether they can be relaxed.

Chair: Peter Jones, Veterinary Medicines Consultant

Speakers: John Fitzgerald, Operations Director, WMD; Peter Morris, farmer, Devon; Neil Sargison, Senior Lecturer, Large Animal Practice, Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

14.30 Bovine TB: where do we go from here? BLi

In England, the recently formed Bovine TB Eradication Group has been asked to come up with a plan for eradicating TB, while over the border in Wales, the Welsh administration is actively pursuing one. In the meantime, research aimed at finding a vaccine continues. This session will assess how things stand on TB and, taking a long term view, whether eradication is feasible and what might realistically be achieved.

Chair: Christianne Glossop, CVO, Wales

Speakers: Nigel Gibbens, Mike Lamont, Christianne Glossop and Bert Houston

BVA

9.30 Ophthalmology ASg

Practical and clinical examination of the eye for non-specialist practitioners and recent graduates, including consideration of the Canine Health Schemes.

Chair: Richard Harvey, Chair, BVA Veterinary Policy Group (VPG)

Speaker: Professor Sheila Crispin, Chief Panellist, BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme

11.00 Ophthalmology ASg

A continuation of the above, but including equine ophthalmology.

Chair: Richard Harvey, Chair, VPG

Speaker: Professor Sheila Crispin, Chief Panellist, BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme

BEVA

9.30 The 2007 equine flu outbreak in Australia PSg

The recent devastating episode of equine influenza in Australia is a timely reminder of the effects of a highly infectious disease on a naive population. Presentations will describe the outbreak in terms of both horse welfare and the socioeconomic consequences of the epidemic. Lessons from this include measures to enhance biosecurity, the role of vaccination and actions to be taken in the face of a similar outbreak in future.

Chair: Chris House, President, BEVA

Speaker: Mark Lawrie, President, Australian Veterinary Association and Mark Riggs, Veterinary Technical Manager, Merial Animal Health Ltd
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VDS

11.00 It shouldn’t happen… but it does
We are all aware that we inhabit a blame culture in the UK. We already lead the world in veterinary litigation and an economic downturn may increase the number of clients seeking compensation or simply the avoidance of fees. This presentation will summarise the common pitfalls and offer preventative strategies.

Chair: Wendy Harrison, Chair, Veterinary Support Working Party
Speakers: David Bartram, Fort Dodge Animal Health and Director, VBF; Rosie Allister, PhD student, College of Medicine, University of Edinburgh; Rachel Dean, Director, Centre for Evidence-based Medicine, Nottingham

VBF

14.30 It shouldn’t happen to a vet: suicide and mental health in the veterinary profession
Suicide is a human tragedy. It is also a significant public health problem and the suicide rate among vets is high. But what do we know about vets’ mental health and suicide risk? Can that knowledge be applied and wellbeing improved? Three research projects will be presented as a starting point for discussion.

Chair: Chris Booth, Associate Small Animal Veterinary Surgeon, Oakham Veterinary Hospital
Speaker: Julian Wells, VDS Claims Consultant

BVA

14.30 Start as you mean to go on: financial advice for recent graduates
The benefits of implementing sound financial planning from the outset of your career are such that you will be better placed to achieve your short-, medium- and long-term objectives. Find out how the choices you make now can significantly impact future financial stability and success.

Chair: John Remnant, Junior Recent Graduate Representative, BVA Council
Speaker: Danny James, Director of Business Development, Lloyd and Whyte (Financial Services) Ltd

Start as you mean to go on: financial advice for recent graduates, Saturday 14.30

BVA Council and AGM
Sunday 27 September

10.00 Final meeting of BVA Council 2008/2009 session
12.30 First meeting of BVA Council 2009/2010 session
10.30 Annual general meeting closed session (BVA members only)
13.15 Lunch
11.30 Annual general meeting open session
Thursday 24 September
Welcome reception, Cardiff Castle Interpretation Centre • 18.30–20.30
Sponsored by

The BVA President, Nicky Paull, will welcome delegates and guests to Congress in the surroundings of Cardiff Castle’s Interpretation Centre, which opened in June 2008. The centre relates the extraordinary episodes in the history of Cardiff Castle; from the arrival of the Romans, through the Norman Conquest to lavish Victorian design—all have left their distinctive mark on the castle. Built around a recently exposed Roman wall, the Interpretation Centre has magnificent views of the castle and Cardiff city skyline.

Attendance is free and places at the reception are limited so book early to reserve your place. Drinks and canapés will be served.

Friday 25 September
Full-day trip to The Big Pit and Penderyn Distillery • 9.30–16.30
Experience what it was like to work in a South Wales coalfield at the Big Pit Mining Museum. Accompanied by an ex-miner this tour will take you 300 feet underground and show what life was like for the thousands of men who worked at the coal face. In the afternoon you will be taken to the Welsh Whisky Distillery at Penderyn, one of the smallest distilleries in the world and the only one in Wales. The tour will include an opportunity to sample their award-winning products including whisky, gin and liqueur. Tickets are £30 and include the coach, tour guide and entrance fees. Time will be included in the tour for lunch and refreshments but these are not included in the ticket price.

Exhibition hall drinks, Mercure Holland House Hotel • 18.00–19.30
Enjoy drinks with exhibitors, sponsors and fellow delegates in the exhibition halls at the end of the day’s sessions. This is your chance to have a closer look at the exhibition stands and meet face to face with some key suppliers. Tickets are free to all delegates and exhibitors. To book tickets, please complete the appropriate section on the registration form.

Party night, Mercure Holland House Hotel • 19.30–midnight
If you are staying in the hotel you won’t have to stagger far to join us for this fun evening, immediately after the exhibition drinks reception. For the amazing ticket price of £15 per person for delegates and exhibitors you can enjoy a buffet meal, try your hand at the casino and dance the evening away to the Cardiff-based and popular Fraser Lawson Band.

Tickets are £15 for delegates (£20 for exhibitors and accompanying guests) and include a buffet meal and entertainment.

Saturday 26 September
Day trip to Castell Coch and Caerphilly Castle • 9.30–13.00
This half-day tour will start just outside the city at Castell Coch, a Victorian fairytale castle nestled in the hillside. Built for the Marquis of Bute as a hunting lodge, the castle boasts a beautiful interior and superb vantage point. The tour will then move on to one of the largest concentric castles in Europe, Caerphilly Castle, complete with its own leaning tower, before heading back to the city.

Tickets are £25 and include the coach, tour guide and entrance fees. Time will be included in the tour for refreshments but these are not included in the ticket price.

Congress banquet, National Museum Cardiff • 19.45–midnight
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This year the Congress banquet will be held at the National Museum in the heart of Cardiff. With its striking neoclassical facade designed in 1909, the museum holds a unique position among British museums in its diverse and outstanding range of art and science displays. The drinks reception will be held in one of the exhibition galleries, followed by a three-course meal and wine in the classical marbled Grand Hall, a stunning and prestigious venue and a perfect way to end the Congress. During the meal we will be entertained by the Cardiff Male Choir. Founded in 1898 the choir has given more than two thousand concerts in its hundred-year history, more than living up to Wales’ reputation as ‘The Land of Song’.

Please note this is a black tie event. Tickets are £70 and include pre-dinner drinks, a three-course meal, wine and entertainment.

Please note that tickets for pre-booked social events will be given to delegates at registration at the Congress venue, the Mercure Holland House Hotel. Tickets for the welcome reception on the Thursday evening will be posted well in advance.

Social programme
Relax and socialise at Congress
Travel

How to get to Congress

**Congress venue**
The Mercure Holland House Hotel, 24–26 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 0DD. This four-star hotel is situated in the centre of Cardiff, 15 minutes’ walk from Cardiff Central railway and bus station and a 30-minute drive from Cardiff International Airport.

**Getting to Cardiff**

By air
Cardiff is served by its own international airport with regular direct flights from elsewhere in the UK and other European destinations. For a list of carriers that frequent Cardiff International Airport visit www.tbicardiffairport.com

By rail
Train is often the fastest and greenest way to get to Cardiff from other UK destinations. High-speed Intercity trains link most UK cities with Cardiff. The journey time from London Paddington to Cardiff is under two hours and leaves every 30 minutes during the day. Regional railways operate modern air-conditioned trains direct to Cardiff from Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Nottingham, Bristol, Southampton, Exeter, Torbay and Portsmouth. For more information visit www.visitcardiff.com

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# Accommodation

Where to stay during Congress

## Special rates
To assist delegates the BVA has negotiated special accommodation rates with Cardiff Convention Bureau.

## How to book
To book your accommodation at these special rates, please book online by visiting:

www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate

When prompted for an event reference please enter ‘CDFBVA2009’.

Alternatively you may contact Cheryl Walker at the Cardiff Convention Bureau on 029 2087 1023 or at cheryl.walker@cardiffandco.com

While we have tried to offer a varied range of hotels, we appreciate that these might not suit all budgets.

Please feel free to contact Cheryl Walker at the Cardiff Convention Bureau who will be happy to answer any questions you may have with regards to your accommodation.

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With 40 years of continuous development and dedication to research and manufacture of pharmaceuticals, Norbrook has grown to be a world leader in the medical and veterinary sector.

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We will be exhibiting our range of insurance and financial services, including veterinary practice insurance, home insurance, income protection’, retirement planning services’ and independent financial advice”.

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- Promotes and defends the responsible manufacture, sale, distribution, handling and use of animal medicines
- Acts as a consultative body to industry, government, the media and the general public
- Represents the views and interests of its members
- Informs the outside world about the valuable work of the animal health industry in:
  — Animal welfare
  — Consumer safety
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**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Full name (inc. title): ____________________________

Date of birth: __________ University: ____________________________

Date of graduation/year of study: __________ Qualifications: ____________________________

Correspondence address: ____________________________ Postcode: __________

Tel: ____________________________ Fax: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Have you previously been a BVA member? Yes ☐ No ☐

Why are you joining the BVA? ____________________________

Membership of the Association is open to all members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS); to those on the Supplementary Veterinary Register; to students studying for a degree entitled to membership of the RCVS and to holders of EU veterinary qualifications which would entitle the holder to membership of the RCVS under the terms of the EU Professional Directives. Any person who is not eligible for Membership of the Association but who holds such degree or diploma as the Council shall from time to time prescribe may, for the absolute discretion of the Council, be elected as an associate. Associates shall have the privileges of members but shall not be entitled to vote.

I would like to become a member / associate member of the British Veterinary Association (BVA) and agree to abide by the rules as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association (copy available on request). I agree to pay my subscription on the due date, and if at any time I wish to resign from membership undertake to send my resignation to the Secretary before the renewal date of year in which I wish to resign.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

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We occasionally provide members’ details to companies screened by BVA. If you would not like your details to be given out please tick here: ☐

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Credit / debit card

I wish to pay by Visa / Eurocard MasterCard / Maestro / Solo.

I authorise you to debit my account with the amount of: £___________

Card number: ____________________________

Start date (if present): __________ Expiry date: __________

Issue no. (if present): __________ Security code: __________

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I have enclosed a cheque (made payable to BVA) for the sum of £___________

Direct Debit

I have completed the Direct Debit instruction below (UK bank accounts only).

Instruction to your bank or building society to pay Direct Debits

Name of bank or building society: ____________________________

Account number: ____________________________

Name(s) of account holder(s): ____________________________

Address of branch: ____________________________

Payment frequency (please tick):

- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually

Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay the British Veterinary Association Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with BVA and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank / building society.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

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Please select from the following areas of employment. If more than one area is applicable please number in order of relevance:

- Small animal
- Large animal
- Equine
- Mixed
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- Academic
- Industry
- Other (specify)

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- You can also register online at www.bva.co.uk/congress, and why not keep up to date with the current Congress news while you are there?

Discounts
This year we are offering a wide variety of discounts* to help make the 2009 Congress accessible to all areas of the profession.

Early bird discount
Register before 30 June 2009 and save 10% on the listed programme prices.

Loyalty discount
To reward our delegates and as a way to say thank you for helping to contribute to the success of the BVA Congress over the last few years, we are giving all delegates who attended a Congress from 2006–2008 a further 5% discount off their 2009 registration.

BVA membership discount
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Partner organisation members
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Recent graduate discount†
Recent graduates up to eight years’ qualified can benefit from discounts up to 33%. Please refer to the programme costs for more detail.

*Please note that these discounts do not apply for social events.
†Qualification date must be 2001–2009.

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DISCOUNTS
Please tick the boxes below if you are entitled to the following discounts. You should then deduct the total discount from your programme subtotal (discount does not include the social programme).

- Early bird discount (10%)—must register before 30 June 2009
- Loyalty discount (5%)—must have attended a BVA Congress between 2006–2008

Programme subtotal (inc. VAT)

Discount(s)

Programme total (A)

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Start date (if present):   Expiry date:
Card number:

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All prices include VAT and bookings will be confirmed with a VAT invoice. Please note these discounts do not apply for social events.

Cancellation policy
In the event of cancellations received in writing no later than 24 August 2009, the fee will be returned less 25% to cover administrative expenses. After that date, no refunds will be possible. Substitutions may be made at any time.

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