European Society for Veterinary Virology
University of Veterinary Medicine in Košice
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organise

Central-European Workshop

on

APPLICATION OF MOLECULAR-GENETIC METHODS
IN VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC VIROLOGY

May 27-29, 2008
Košice, The Slovak Republic
Invitation
The European Society for Veterinary Virology (ESVV) is organising a workshop on the molecular-genetic detection of animal viral infections in order to promote the application of modern diagnostic methods in laboratories of Central and Eastern European countries. This workshop is dedicated to all specialists from veterinary institutes, diagnostic laboratories and universities with moderate experience in PCR, RT-PCR, molecular epidemiology and related techniques. Four international specialists will lecture on the principles and application of molecular-genetic methods in veterinary virology. In addition, some techniques will be performed in the laboratory. The workshop is planned for 14-16 active participants.

This workshop will be partly sponsored by ESVV. Two EC FP6 grants FLUTRAIN (www.flutrain.eu) and LAB-ON-SITE (www.labonsite.com) will sponsor workshop in agreement with their strategy for the dissemination of scientific results and experience. The international training programme will be supported by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), by the European Commission, by the Joint Animal Health Division of the FAO and of the IAEA of the United Nations.

Organizing Committee:
Prof. Ing. Štefan Vilček, PhD., DSc.
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Evaluating Committee:
Prof. Sándor Belák, PhD., DSc.
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Prof. Ing. Štefan Vilček, PhD., DSc.
University of Veterinary Medicine, Košice, Slovakia

Working language:
English, no simultations translation to any other language

Workshop location:
University of Veterinary Medicine, Košice, Slovakia (www.uvm.sk)

Accommodation:
The workshop participants will be accommodated in Institute of Education of Veterinary Surgeons in Košice, Cesta Pod Hradovou 13/A (www.ivvl.sk).
Accommodation will be paid by international grants.

Registration fee:
50 Euro (admission to the workshop, technical organization, refreshments during breaks, experiments).

Other expenses:
Meals and contribution to the cost of travel tickets (not more than 350 Euro) will be paid by international grants.

Electronic information:
www.ploufragan.afssa.fr/esvv.html
www.uvm.sk
Letter of motivation:
All specialists who wish to attend the workshop are asked to write a letter of motivation in which they describe
• Reasons why they are interested in the workshop
• Their own experience with molecular-genetic detection of viruses (microorganisms)
• How the knowledge obtained during workshop will be applied in their future diagnostic work.

The maximum length of the letter is one page.
The Evaluating Committee will review the letters and select 14-16 participants. Preference will be given to the specialists with moderate experience (not to absolute beginners or high specialists).

Deadline for application: March 20, 2008
Final confirmation of acceptance: April 8, 2008
Send to Prof. S. Vilcek by e-mail: vilcek@uvm.sk or fax: +421-55-2981011

PROGRAMME

May 27
9.00-9.30 Registration
9.30-10.00 Opening of workshop
Greetings from Prof. MVDr. Emil Pilipčinec, PhD., rector of University of Veterinary Medicine in Košice
Greetings from Prof. Sandor Belák, president of ESVVV
10.15-12.30 Lectures
Hakhverdyan, M.: How to develop a diagnostic PCR assay? Experiences and technology transfer from LAB-ON-SITE project of European Commission.
14.00-17.00 Laboratory work
20.00-22.00 Presentations by participants and hosts of their work.
Colour slide show: Slovakia – my country

May 28
9.00-12.00 Lectures
Stahl, K.: Penside tests for diagnosis of Avian Influenza - if, why and when?
Stahl, K.: Trends in molecular diagnosis of TADs.
Vílček, Š.: Molecular epidemiology of viral infections: Identification of new viruses and genotypes.
14.00-17.00 Laboratory work

May 29
Trip to:
Spiš castle (UNESCO heritage), Žehra Church (UNESCO heritage)
Venue:
Košice, the metropolis of Eastern Slovakia lying in the valley of the River Hornad, has more than 760 years of rich history. The city is the regional administrative centre and Eastern Slovakia's centre of industry, commerce, science and culture. Košice has three universities, including the University of Veterinary Medicine. The town has a population of more than 250,000 inhabitants and is the second largest city in Slovakia.

Kosice is a city with an eventful and memorable past. Its earliest history record dates back to 1230, when it was called as “Villa Cassa”. The coat of arms is the oldest in Europe, a fact attested to by a letter dated 1369. The first in-town university was established in 1657. The city's historic sights from various time periods with the most remarkable gothic St. Elisabeth Cathedral, are concentrated in the historical centre. The reconstructed main street, linked by burger houses and palaces offers to visitors a pleasant leisurely walk and shopping.

The Objectives of European Society for Veterinary Virology (ESVV) are:
- To further progress in veterinary virology
- To provide an organisation for individuals who devote a significant portion of their professional activities to research, teaching or the practical application of veterinary virology
- To further veterinary virological education
- To promote the exchange of information in the field of veterinary virology

Your Benefits with the ESVV Membership:
- Organization of an International Congress every three years
- Organization of four specialist symposia in the two years between the International Congresses
- Publication of Congress proceedings, whenever possible
- ESVV newsletter
- Your right to vote in matters concerning the Society
- Reduced registration fees at ESVV meetings
APPLICATION FORM

for the workshop

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Name: ....................................................................................................................
Mailing address: ....................................................................................................
Postal code:.............. City: ......................... Country:...............................
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Please complete this form (print or type block letters) and return together with Letter of motivation until March 20, 2008 to the address of organizing committee (by e-mail: vilcek@uvm.sk or fax: +421 55 2981011). The Evaluating Committee will read the Letters of motivation and select 14-16 participants. They will be informed by April 8, 2008.

Date: .........................Signature of applicant: ...........................................

Signature of Head of Department: .......................................