First Announcement

Central-European Workshop

on

APPLICATION OF MOLECULAR-GENETIC METHODS IN VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC VIROLOGY

May 29-31, 2006

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. Three international specialists will lecture on the principles and application of molecular-genetic methods in veterinary virology. In addition, techniques will be performed in the laboratory. The workshop is planned for 15-20 active participants.

This workshop will be partly sponsored by ESVV and by international companies. 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.
The National Veterinary Institute and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden
Dr. István Kiss, PhD.
State Veterinary Institute, Debrecen, Hungary
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).
Price: 17 Euro/night

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

Other expenses
All travel tickets and trip (see programme) will also be paid by the participant.

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 15-20 participants. Preference will be given to the specialists with moderate experience (not to absolute beginners or high specialists).

**Deadline for application:** February 28, 2006  
**Final confirmation of acceptance:** March 30, 2006

Send to Prof. S. Vilcek by e-mail: vilcek@uvm.sk or fax: +421-55-6323666

**PROGRAMME**

**May 29**

9.00-9.30 Registration  
9.30-10.00 Opening of workshop, greetings  
Dr.h.c., Prof. MVDr. Rudolf Cabadaj, PhD., rector of University of Veterinary Medicine in Kosice  
Dr. Peter Nettleton, MSc., PhD., BVMS, MRCVS, president of ESVV

10.30-12.30 Lectures  
Vilček, Š.: Principles of in vitro amplification techniques  
Belák, S.: Molecular diagnosis of animal diseases: experience over the past two decades.  
Kiss, I.: Different applications of molecular methods in the diagnostic laboratory

14.00-17.00 Laboratory work  
20.00-22.00 Presentations by participants and hosts of their work and country including a colour slide show: Slovakia - my country

**May 30**

9.30-12.00 Lectures  
Belák, S.: Molecular epizootology  
Vilček, Š: Application of molecular-genetic techniques for discovery of new viruses  
Kiss, I: Characterisation of bacteria by using molecular fingerprinting techniques

14.00-17.00 Laboratory work  
20.00-21.30 Brief evaluation, informal discussion, closing of the workshop

**May 31**

Trip to:  
Spišský hrad (UNESCO heritage), Žehra Church (UNESCO heritage)  
Levoča - Altar by Master Pavol (UNESCO heritage)  
Price: 15 Euro
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.

Košice 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
THE MOLECULAR-GENETIC DIAGNOSIS
OF ANIMAL VIRAL INFECTIONS
Košice – May 29-31, 2006

Name ........................................................................................................................................

Mailing address: ....................................................................................................................

Postal code: ...................... City: ................................. Country: ............................

Tel/Fax ................................. E-mail:.................................................................

Please complete this form (print or type block letters) and return together with Letter of motivation until February 28, 2006 to the address of organizing committee (by e-mail: vileck@uvm.sk or fax: +421 55 6323666). The Evaluating Committee will read the Letters of motivation and select 15-20 participants. They will be informed by March 30, 2006.

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

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