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# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME - FRIDAY 29 MAY 2026

	Room ANFITEATRO 2		Room dell'ARENGO		Room del CASTELLO 1
	<b>NUTRITION</b>		<b>SURGERY</b>		<b>IMAGING</b>
	Liver in focus: updates on hepatic disorders and their nutritional management		From radical treatments to endovascular approaches: integrated strategies in traditional surgery and interventional radiology		Young puppy today: imaging in juvenile and neonatal diseases of dogs and cats
	Chairperson: <b>Carla Giuditta Vecchiato</b>		Chairperson: <b>Dario Drudi</b>		Chairperson: <b>Gregorio Carozzi</b>
09:10	Welcome and introduction	09:10	Welcome and introduction	09:10	Welcome and introduction
09:15	Inflammatory and congenital liver disorders in dogs and cats: updated concepts and clinical approach <b>Penelope Watson</b>	09:15	Advanced hepatic surgery in dogs and cats: extended lobectomies, surgical strategies and perioperative management <b>Laurent Findji</b>	09:15	The young patient and imaging: resolving some doubts <b>Mirko Mattolini</b>
10:00	<i>Short communication</i>			10:00	Radiographic examination in the growing patient: interpretation and recognition of main juvenile orthopaedic pathologies <b>Seamus Hoey</b>
10:20	 Coffee break and Exhibition	10:45	 Coffee break and Exhibition	10:20	 Coffee break and Exhibition
11:00	From cholangitis to gallbladder mucocele: clinical updates of biliary tract disorders in dogs and cats <b>Penelope Watson</b>	11:25	Interventional management of hepatic neoplasms: the role of chemoembolization <b>Gerard McLauchlan</b>	11:00	<i>Short communication</i>
11:45	Inflammatory liver disorders in dogs and cats: nutritional and nutraceutical strategies <b>Barbara Tonini</b>			11:45	Congenital and acquired thoracic pathologies in the young patient: the role of diagnostic imaging <b>Seamus Hoey</b>
12:30	 Lunch break and Exhibition	12:30	 Lunch break and Exhibition	12:30	 Lunch break and Exhibition
	Chairperson: <b>Carla Giuditta Vecchiato</b>		Chairperson: <b>Dario Drudi</b>		Chairperson: <b>Gregorio Carozzi</b>
14:15	Copper-associated hepatopathy in dogs: from gene to bowl <b>Penelope Watson</b>	14:15	Endovascular management of portosystemic shunts: techniques and clinical outcomes <b>Gerard McLauchlan</b>	14:15	Congenital abdominal pathologies: shunt and beyond <b>Seamus Hoey</b>
15:00	Managing complications by dietary interventions. From hepatic encephalopathy to protein-energy malnutrition <b>Giacomo Biagi</b>	15:00	<i>Short communication</i>	15:00	Neuroimaging in the young patient: indications and approach to CT and MRI in major neonatal and juvenile neurological disorders <b>Seamus Hoey</b>
		15:20	Prostatic neoplasms in dogs: indications and outcomes of radical surgery <b>Laurent Findji</b>		
15:45	 Coffee break and Exhibition	16:05	 Coffee break and Exhibition	15:45	 Coffee break and Exhibition
16:30	<i>Short communication</i>	16:50	Prostatic artery embolization: perspectives and limitations of interventional radiology <b>Gerard McLauchlan</b>	16:30	<i>Short communication</i>
16:50	Feline hepatic lipidosis: current insights and practical nutrition plans <b>Carla Giuditta Vecchiato</b> , <b>Penelope Watson</b>			16:50	Oncological diseases in young animals: when to consider them among our differential diagnoses <b>Gregorio Carozzi</b>
17:35	Adjourn	17:35	Adjourn	17:35	Adjourn

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME - SATURDAY 30 MAY 2026

	Room ANFITEATRO 1		Room ANFITEATRO 2		Room del PONTE
	INTERNAL MEDICINE		ORTHOPAEDICS		OPHTHALMOLOGY
	Kidneys in first line: AKI and PLN in dogs and cats		Traumatic injuries of high-performance dogs		How to approach the pet with ophthalmic diseases: diagnosis and management
	Chairperson: <b>Fabio Procoli</b>		Chairperson: <b>Lisa Adele Piras</b>		Chairperson: <b>Daniele Santillo</b>
09:10	Welcome and introduction	09:10	Welcome and introduction	09:10	Welcome and introduction
09:15	AKI in dogs and cats - the role of biomarkers for early diagnosis <b>Francesco Dondi</b>	09:15	Gunshot wounds in military working dogs <b>Shanti Jha</b>	09:15	Ophthalmic examination made easy: what you can look at without specific instruments <b>James Rushton</b>
10:00	<i>Short communication</i>	10:00	<i>Short communication</i>	10:00	<i>Short communication</i>
10:20	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	10:20	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	10:20	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition
11:00	Acute on chronic kidney disease, when time is precious <b>Jessica Quimby</b>	11:00	Achilles tendon, repair and new techniques <b>Shanti Jha</b>	11:00	Diagnosis and management of corneal ulcer - Part 1: medical treatment <b>James Rushton</b>
11:45	Adjourn	11:45	Adjourn	11:45	Adjourn
12:00  <b>scivac</b> General Assembly - Room dell'Arengo					
13:00	🍽️ Lunch break and Exhibition	13:00	🍽️ Lunch break and Exhibition	13:00	🍽️ Lunch break and Exhibition
	Chairperson: <b>Fabio Procoli</b>		Chairperson: <b>Lisa Adele Piras</b>		Chairperson: <b>Laura Barachetti</b>
14:00	Feline pyelonephritis - dagnostic approach and management <b>Jessica Quimby</b>	14:00	Fractures of the calcaneus and talus <b>Shanti Jha</b>	14:00	Diagnosis and management of corneal ulcer - Part 2: surgical treatment <b>James Rushton</b>
14:45	Protein losing nephropathy in dogs, lessons learnt from years of renal histopathology <b>Luca Aresu</b>	14:45	<i>Short communication</i>	14:45	Management of ophthalmic diseases in the brachicephalic pet <b>James Rushton</b>
15:30	<i>Short communication</i>	15:05	Fractures of metabones <b>Shanti Jha</b>		
15:50	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	15:50	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	15:30	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition
16:30	Case-based approach to canine glomerulopathies: synergy between nephrologist and pathologist <b>Luca Aresu, Jessica Quimby</b>	16:30	Diagnosing and treating sports injuries <b>Shanti Jha</b>	16:10	<i>Short communication</i>
				16:30	Main ocular emergencies <b>Daniele Santillo</b>
17:15	Feline glomerulopathies, are they really so rare? <b>Jessica Quimby</b>	17:15	Musculoskeletal impact of repetitive motion in athletic dogs and injuries of high-performance dogs <b>Shanti Jha</b>	17:15	Should I stay or should I go? When and how to refer <b>James Rushton</b>
18:00	Adjourn	18:00	Adjourn	18:00	Adjourn

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME - SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

	Room ANFITEATRO 2		Room dell'ARENGO		Room del CASTELLO 1		Room del TEMPIO 2		Room del BORGIO
	CLINICAL PATHOLOGY		CARDIOLOGY		NEUROLOGY		MININVASIVE SURGERY		DENTISTRY
	🎧 Ups and downs of proteins	🎧	Feline Cardiology	🎧	Neuroemergencies: beyond traumatic brain injury and spinal trauma	🎧	Mininvasive surgery: the Japanese precision	🎧	Jaw and surroundings: management and surgical treatment of maxillofacial trauma and pathologies in dogs and cats
	Chairperson: <b>Giulia Mangiagalli</b>		Chairperson: <b>Ilaria Spalla</b>		Chairperson: <b>Giulia Cagnotti</b>		Chairperson: <b>Federico Massari</b>		Chairperson: <b>Emma Bellei</b>
09:15	Welcome and introduction	09:15	Welcome and introduction	09:15	Welcome and introduction	09:15	Welcome and introduction	09:15	Welcome and introduction
09:20	Acute phase proteins and their role in clinical practice <b>Saverio Paltrinieri</b>	09:20	Feline cardiomyopathies: prevalence, classification and prognosis <b>Jessie Rose Payne</b>	09:20	Acute intervertebral disc diseases: medical or surgical management? <b>Cristian Falzone</b>	09:20	Laparoscopic cholecystectomy <b>Hiroo Kanai</b>	09:20	Management of maxillofacial trauma: from emergency room admission to surgery <b>Ferdinando Tripaldi</b>
10:05	Albumin: analytical methods and diagnostic algorithm of hypoalbuminemia <b>Saverio Paltrinieri</b>	10:05	The ABC of echocardiography in a cat with cardiomyopathy <b>Jessie Rose Payne</b>	10:05	Update on cerebrovascular accidents <b>Ane Uriarte</b>	10:05	Laparoscopic adrenalectomy <b>Hiroo Kanai</b>	10:05	Internal fixation for mandibular fractures <b>Boaz Arzi</b>
10:50	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	10:50	<i>Short communication</i>	10:50	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	10:50	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	10:50	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition
11:25	<i>Short communication</i>	11:10	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	11:25	<i>Short communication</i>	11:25	Pericardiectomy and thoracic duct ligation for idiopathic chylothorax <b>Hiroo Kanai</b>	11:25	Internal fixation for maxillofacial trauma <b>Boaz Arzi</b>
11:45	Serum electrophoresis: pre-analytical and analytical aspects <b>Russell Moore</b>	11:45	Interactive session: clinical cases of cats with a cardiomyopathy. Let's make a diagnosis together! <b>Jessie Rose Payne</b>	11:45	Meningoencephalomyelitis of unknown origin: emergency management between diagnostic uncertainty and therapeutic necessity <b>Ane Uriarte</b>	12:10	<i>Short communication</i>	12:10	<i>Short communication</i>
12:30	🍴 Lunch break and Exhibition	12:30	🍴 Lunch break and Exhibition	12:30	🍴 Lunch break and Exhibition	12:30	🍴 Lunch break and Exhibition	12:30	🍴 Lunch break and Exhibition
	Chairperson: <b>Giulia Mangiagalli</b>		Chairperson: <b>Ilaria Spalla</b>		Chairperson: <b>Giulia Cagnotti</b>		Chairperson: <b>Federico Massari</b>		Chairperson: <b>Emma Bellei</b>
13:30	Serum electrophoresis: interpretative aspects <b>Russell Moore</b>	13:30	Transient myocardial thickening in the cat <b>Marco Baron Toaldo</b>	13:30	The role of intracranial surgery in the acutely neurological patient <b>Ane Uriarte</b>	13:30	From paper cranes to LC: your pathway to advanced laparoscopic surgery <b>Midori Mishima</b>	13:30	Management of TMJ fractures <b>Boaz Arzi</b>
14:15	Qualitative and quantitative proteinuria <b>Marco Giraldi</b>	14:15	Treatment of cardiomyopathy - an update <b>Jessie Rose Payne</b>	14:15	When metabolic conditions become neurological emergencies <b>Ane Uriarte</b>	14:15	Reviewing endoscopic surgery videos to evaluate intraoperative complications <b>Hiroo Kanai</b>	14:15	Medical and surgical approaches to the retrobulbar disease <b>Boaz Arzi</b>
15:00	<i>Short communication</i>	15:00	<i>Short communication</i>	15:00	<i>Short communication</i>	15:00	<i>Short communication</i>	15:00	<i>Short communication</i>
15:20	M proteins and myeloma-related disorders <b>Russell Moore</b>	15:20	Feline arrhythmias: diagnostic algorithm <b>Marco Baron Toaldo</b>	15:20	Refractory and super-refractory status epilepticus: new therapeutic strategies <b>Giulia Cagnotti</b>	15:20	Percutaneous Laser Disc Decompression (PLDD) <b>Hiroo Kanai</b>	15:20	Caudal mandibular fractures in cats <b>Boaz Arzi</b>
16:05	End of the Congress	16:05	End of the Congress	16:05	End of the Congress	16:05	End of the Congress	16:05	End of the Congress




  
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## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

SATURDAY 30 MAY

SUNDAY 31 MAY

	Room della MARINA		Room della MARINA
			
🔊	<b>Geriatric medicine in exotic animals</b>	🔊	<b>Geriatric medicine in exotic animals</b>
	Chairpersons: <b>Daniele Petrini, Alessandro Vetere</b>		Chairperson: <b>Serena Sola</b>
09:10	Welcome and introduction <b>Serena Sola</b>	09:15	Senescence in parrots: clinical signs and related pathologies <b>Jaume Martorell</b>
09:15	The geriatric patient: clinical and diagnostic approach. Teaching preventive care <b>Jaume Martorell</b>		
10:00	Geriatric diseases in elder rabbits <b>Jaume Martorell</b>	10:15	Therapeutic and nutritional management in the senescent bird <b>Jaume Martorell</b>
11:00	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	11:15	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition
11:30	<i>Short communication</i>	11:45	<i>Short communication</i>
11:50	Geriatric diseases in elderly small mammals <b>Jaume Martorell</b>	12:05	The geriatric reptile: physiology of aging and clinical signs <b>Marco Masi</b>
12:50	🍴 Lunch break and Exhibition	13:00	🍴 Lunch break and Exhibition
	Chairperson: <b>Serena Sola</b>		Chairperson: <b>Michele Capasso</b>
14:00	Common pathologies in the geriatric ferret <b>Jaume Martorell</b>	14:30	Main pathologies of the elderly reptile <b>Marco Masi</b>
15:00	<i>Short communication</i>	15:15	Management of the most common pathologies in older animals in zoo <b>Piero Laricchiuta</b>
15:20	☕ Coffee break and Exhibition	16:00	<i>Short communication</i>
16:00	<b>ROUND TABLE</b> Chairperson: <b>Serena Sola</b> Pain management in geriatric patients <b>Giulia Bersanetti, Marzia Possenti, Cristina Stocchino</b>	16:20	Using integration for the management of the elderly animal <b>Marzia Possenti</b>
		17:20	<b>SIVAE Award for the Best Short Communication 2026</b>
18:00	Adjourn	17:30	End of the Congress

## SPEAKERS

**Giulia Bersanetti**, Med Vet, MSc, Master II Liv., ECZM Resident (Small Mammal)

**Pietro Laricchiuta**, Med Vet, Med Vet, Dipl ECZM (Zoo Health and Management)

**Jaume Martorell**, DVM, PhD, Dipl ECZM, Dipl ACZM

**Marco Masi**, Med Vet, ECZM Resident (Herpetology)

**Marzia Possenti**, Med Vet, Accreditata FNOVI Esperta in comportamento, Accreditata FNOVI Esperta in medicina dei piccoli mammiferi e degli uccelli

**Serena Sola**, Med Vet, MSc, GPCert(ExAP)

**Maria Cristina Stocchino**, Med Vet



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