

14th International Coccidiosis Conference Program

START	END	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER	TITLE
TUESDAY – 2026 June 2				
8:00	9:00	Registration		
9:00	9:15	Welcome and opening	The ICC organising team	
Workshop - "An Overview of Regulatory, Safety, and Efficacy Assessments of Coccidiostats in European Union"				
9:15	9:20	Opening remarks	Chairs: Manoj Aggarwal (MSD Animal Health) and Maarten De Gussem (Vetworks)	
9:20	9:55	Lecture 1	Bob Cornez (Huvepharma)	Coccidiostats in the European Union: Challenges and Future Perspectives
9:55	10:20	Lecture 2	Fabien Schneegans (European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) G5 – Food Hygiene, Feed and Fraud)	The legal framework for the authorisation of coccidiostat feed additives in the European Union
10:20	10:50	Coffee break		
10:50	11:45	Lecture 3	Vasileios Bampidis & Alberto Navarro Villa –European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) The Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP)	The assessment of coccidiostat feed additives in European Union: General aspects and specific case studies
11:45	12:15	Round table and discussion		
12:15	13:45	Lunch		
Session 1 – Epidemiology and diagnostic tools - Chair: Monita Vereecken				
13:45	14:30	Keynote 1	Jana Kvicerova (University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czechia)	"From samples to letters": methods, conflicts, biases, and pitfalls in coccidian research
14:30	14:45	Oral 1	Patricia Soster de Carvalho (Ghent University and Poulpharm) - Presented by Gunther Antonissen (UGent)	Sound and image analysis to detect coccidiosis-related changes in broiler chickens
14:50	15:05	Oral 2	Iram Gladan (Utrecht University)	Evaluating ovotransferrin and calprotectin as biomarkers for Eimeria infections in broilers under field conditions
15:05	15:25	Coffee break		
Session 2 – Genomics, genetics, and evolutionary diversity - Chair: Fiona Tomley				
15:25	16:10	Keynote 2	Damer Blake (Royal Veterinary College, UK)	Exploring Eimeria genomes to understand Eimeria populations
16:10	16:25	Oral 3	Conor Noonan (Royal Veterinary College)	Comparative Genomic Analysis of Poultry-Infecting Eimeria Genomes
16:25	16:40	Oral 4	Brecht Maertens (Poulpharm)	Prevalence of the three cryptic Eimeria species in Europe
16:40	16:43	Oral (pitch) 5	Daniel Divín (BIOPHARM, Research Institute of Biopharmacy and Veterinary Drugs, Czech Republic)	Identification of cryptic Eimeria and subsequent evaluation of the situation on Czech production farms
16:43	17:45	From Posters to Pints: Poster session and beer tasting		

WEDNESDAY – 2026 June 3				
8:00	9:00	Registration		
Session 3 – Immunology and vaccines - Chair: Jana Kvicerova				
9:00	9:45	Keynote 3	Marc Pages Bosch (Hipra Scientific SLU)	From First Contact to Protection: The Immunological Journey Against Eimeria
9:45	10:00	Oral 6	Xinming Tang (Institute of Animal Science, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences)	EtAP2_SM Controls Sporogony in Eimeria tenella and Underpins Genetically Engineered Vaccine Design
10:00	10:15	Oral 7	Maarten De Gussem (Vetworks)	Impact of Coccidiosis Vaccination on Broiler Performance Under Heat Stress Conditions
10:15	10:18	Oral (pitch) 8	Yingying Sun, Xun Suo, Xianyong Liu (State Key Laboratory of Veterinary Public Health and Safety; Key Laboratory of Animal Epidemiology and Zoonosis of Ministry of Agriculture, National Animal Protozoa Laboratory & College of Veterinary Medicine, China Agricultural University, Beijing, China)	Immunogenicity and protection against infectious bursal disease via a transgenic Eimeria acervulina expressing IBDV VP2-2C3d fusion protein
10:18	10:45	Coffee break + poster session		
Session 4 – Cell biology and host-pathogen interaction - Chair: Damer Blake				
10:45	11:30	Keynote 4	Sue Vaughan (Department of Biological and Medical Sciences, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK)	Investigating the 3D ultrastructure of Eimeria tenella asexual and sexual stages
11:30	11:45	Oral 9	Anne Silvestre (INRAE)	Impact of Eimeria tenella rhoptry kinase on host cell signaling: transcriptomic and phospho-proteomic analyses
11:45	12:00	Oral 10	Brecht Maertens (Poulpharm)	Evaluation of Eimeria mitis pathogenicity
12:00	12:15	Oral 11	Marie Ithurbide (GABI, INRAE, AgroParisTech, Université Paris-Saclay, Jouy-en-Josas, France)	Understanding the direct and indirect impacts of host response traits on chicken coccidiosis: insights from epidemiological modelling
12:15	12:30	Oral 12	Francisca Velkers (Department Population Health Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University, the Netherlands)	Effect of red-colored feed on Eimeria infection dynamics in Ross 308 broilers
12:30	14:00	Lunch		
Session 5 – Experimental and In vitro systems - Chair: Jean-Michel Répérant				
14:00	14:45	Keynote 5	Anja Joachim (Institute of Parasitology, Vetmeduni Vienna, Austria)	Research in coccidiosis: experimental and in vitro systems
14:45	15:00	Oral 13	Alireza Khadem (Innovadgroup)	Impact of Natural Coccidiosis on Fat Digestibility and Broiler Performance Under Commercial Conditions
15:00	15:15	Oral 14	Oluwayomi Adeyemi (University of Lagos)	Preliminary survey of in-feed mycotoxin contamination and Eimeria co-occurrence in Nigerian chicken farms: implications for disease control and food safety
15:15	15:18	Oral (pitch) 15	Matthew Ogwiji (Modibbo Adama University Yola / Ahmadu Bello University Zaria)	Prebiotic, Probiotic and Synbiotic Supplementations Ameliorated E. tenella induced Pathology in Broiler Chickens
15:18	15:45	Coffee break + poster session		
Session 6 – Microbiomes and co-infections - Chair: Vladimir Vrba				
15:45	16:30	Keynote 6	Woo K. Kim (Department of Poultry Science, University of Georgia, U.S.A.)	Eimeria challenge on gut micro-environment, microbiomes and opportunity for pathogens
16:30	16:45	Oral 16	Jean-Michel Répérant (Anses, Ploufragan-Plouzané-Niort Laboratory, Ploufragan, France)	Effect of some ionophores and a vaccine on the persistence of vancomycin resistant Enterococcus faecium and on efficacy after an Eimeria challenge
16:45	17:00	Oral 17	George Tice (Independent Scientific, Policy and Regulatory Consultant)	The use of ionophore coccidiostats in broilers, the narAB gene and its relevance to antibiotic resistance in human clinical isolates of Enterococcus faecium and Enterococcus faecalis
17:00	17:03	Oral (pitch) 18	Melanie C. Hay (Royal Veterinary College)	Profiling Eimeria burden, species composition, and genomic heterogeneity in poultry caecal metagenomes using Illumina and Nanopore sequencing
18:30	22:30	Conference dinner at Yalo Rooftop (only with prior registration)		

THURSDAY – 2026 June 4

Session 7 – Prophylaxis and treatment, novel approaches for control - Chair: Brecht Maertens

9:00	9:45	Keynote 7	Rami Dalloul (Department of Poultry Science, University of Georgia)	Navigating the complex intervention strategies of coccidiosis control
9:45	10:00	Oral 19	Vereecken Monita (Huvepharma NV)	Efficacy of a trivalent Eimeria vaccine for turkeys when applying spray on birds vaccination
10:00	10:15	Oral 20	Jean-Michel Répérant (Anses, Ploufragan-Plouzané-Niort Laboratory, Ploufragan, France)	A model close to actual conditions of use for evaluating disinfectants against coccidia oocysts
10:15	10:30	Oral 21	Madalina Diaconu (EW Nutrition, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj Napoca, Romania)	Meta-Analysis of Four Controlled Studies Evaluating the Prophylactic Efficacy of Natural Feed Additives Against Experimental Coccidiosis in Broiler Chickens
10:30	10:45	Oral 22	Oluwayomi Adeyemi (University of Lagos)	In silico exploration of the anticoccidial activity of Omi ogi (fermented maize supernatant) against Eimeria tenella
10:45	11:15	Coffee break + poster session		
11:15	11:18	Oral (pitch) 26	Violette Pousset (NOR-FEED)	Performance and Health Outcomes of a Saponin-Based Solution (Norponin XO2) Compared with Conventional Anticoccidial Programs in Broiler Chickens Reared in Commercial Conditions
11:18	11:21	Oral (pitch) 27	Xiaojin Li (State Key Laboratory of Veterinary Public Health and Safety; Key Laboratory of Animal Epidemiology and Zoonosis of Ministry of Agriculture, National Animal Protozoa Laboratory & College of Veterinary Medicine, China Agricultural University, Beijing, China)	Apicoplast Pyruvate Carrier 1 is a Novel Marker for Diclazuril Resistance in Eimeria
11:21	11:24	Oral (pitch) 28	Paulina Abramowicz (Department of Research and Development of AdiFeed LTD)	The effect of phytogenic mixture addition on gut integrity parameters, coccidiosis score in chicken broiler fed two different diets
11:24	11:27	Oral (pitch) 29	Rafiullah (The University of Agriculture Peshawar Pakistan)	Phytase Supplementation Enhances Phytate Digestibility and Reduces Phosphorus Run off in Broiler Production
11:27	11:30	Oral (pitch) 30	Stéphanie Lecuelle (Novus International Inc.)	Gene Expression Explained the Benefits of Protected Thymol and Carvacrol Under a Chemical-Ionophore Coccidiostat Program on Broiler Performance
11:30	11:33	Oral (pitch) 31	Yohannes Tekle Asfaw (Mekelle University)	Clinico-Pathological Study of Avian coccidiosis and its Economical Impact on Small-scale Poultry Farming in Selected Districts of Tigray, Ethiopia
11:33	12:00	Awards, closing remarks		
12:00		End of the conference		