



EVSSAR NEWSLETTER 2017, N° 1

Dear all members of the European Veterinary Society for Small Animal Reproduction (EVSSAR)!

20th EVSSAR congress

EVSSAR News:

- **20th EVSSAR congress is getting closer**
- **Call for abstracts ends March 31st**
- **International EVSSAR - or even IVSSAR?**
- **Two board positions open**
- **EVSSAR tweets**
- **EVSSAR course part 1 in Wrocław**
- **EVSSAR Grants awarded**

Preparations of the 20th EVSSAR congress, which will be held in Vienna, Austria this summer from June 29th to July 1st, are ongoing!

We are sure we have compiled a programme with special, highly actual and inspiring content—both, important for your practice and for your research context.

Because it is our 20th congress anniversary, great festivities are planned and scientific abstract competitions and awards will also be announced. Make sure that you do not miss this event!

Registration is open:

<http://evssar2017.exordo.com>

Please note that we have special **early bird registration fees (until May 15th 2017)**. Hotel rooms are available for a reduced congress participant price offer.



Some highlights of the programme

FRIDAY

- Ethics in animal breeding
- Cloning of pet animals—no longer science fiction
- Improving AI in cats
- Mammary gland diseases
- Contraception today and tomorrow

SATURDAY

- New ways to fight microorganisms
- Seminal plasma — the mystery
- Function and malfunction of the pituitary-gonadal axis
- The feline embryo in vitro

Many exciting talks will be presented by international specialists.

In addition, an ECAR session is a great opportunity for all ECAR residents who want to present their scientific results!

Call for abstracts is still open!



A Kromfohrländer puppy

Deadline for abstract submission is March 31st 2017.

The Scientific Committee of the 20th EVSSAR Congress invites all veterinarians and scientists to submit abstracts for oral and pos-

ter presentations in small, laboratory, wild and exotic animal reproduction. All delegates are encouraged to submit abstracts, clinical case reports as well as basic and clinical research, which will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee.

Please submit your abstract online:

<https://evssar2017.exordo.com>

International EVSSAR or IVSSAR?

It has been discussed if EVSSAR and the Board should be open to all countries in the world and become an international Society. Or if EVSSAR should remain as it is (as a Society and organization-wise), and continue to act internationally.

There are advantages and disadvantages, and the options will be further discussed

before it can be decided which is the most optimal way to move forward in EVSSAR.

We will summarize pros and cons and discuss these at the General Assembly on Friday, June 30th in Vienna.

This is another reason why you should not miss the congress!!

EVSSAR tweets!

Even if avian reproduction is not your main focus, you should know that EVSSAR now is on twitter and tweets!

You are all more than welcome to follow @EVSSAR, to learn the news, to interact and to communicate with people interested in small animal reproduction!



EVSSAR courses in small animal reproduction

In 2017 the **EVSSAR Course Part 1** will be organized in Wroclaw, Poland by Prof. Wojciech Nizanski.

More details of the program, dates and location will follow soon on our Website and in the next newsletter.

The course will again offer a great opportunity to update your skills, to practice hands on and to discuss with recognized, international experts and colleagues.

We gratefully thank Professor Francis Fieni who so successfully organized this very popular course in Nantes in the past years!



Vet dwarf in Wrocław

EVSSAR Research grants awarded

We have the great pleasure to announce that two Research grants were elected for funding by EVSSAR. We had a good response to the call and a blinded version of the proposals were carefully considered by the EVSSAR board grant committee. We cordially thank all applicants for their efforts and high quality submissions!

Fundings go to Smadar Tal for the project "Semen quality as a predictor of health and physical performance in military working dogs" and Maria Giorgia Morselli for the project "Follicle-like structures for in vitro development of cryopreserved oocytes in domestic cat".

We are all looking forward to see some results at the EVSSAR congresses of 2018 or 2019.

Two open positions in the board

Currently, two Board member positions are open for renewal: one academic and one practitioner. During the General Assembly, 20th EVSSAR Congress in Vienna (Austria, 29th June -1st July) the new EVSSAR Board Members will be elected. Electronic voting will also be made available.

If you are interested to engage more in EVSSARs work, you can apply!

Please send a motivation letter with short CV, photo and a copy of scanned ID card to:

secretary@evssar.org

before 15th of April 2017.

Please note that candidates have to be residents of a European country.

More informations about the candidates, including the motivation letters, will be available on our website.

Still open: "Best idea competition" for ECAR residents and PhD students in small animal reproduction. Please send your suggestions concerning future EVSSAR projects and activities and how to improve EVSSAR. The best suggestion will receive a free EVSSAR congress registration in 2017 or 2018!

**Send your proposals and ideas to Helen Ovregaard:
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Greetings from the Board!