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Welcome to The 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids

We are delighted to host The 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids at one of Britain’s most prestigious international research institutions, Royal Holloway, University of London, from 1st-3rd July 2014.

Since 1991 the International Colloquium on Working Equids has played a pivotal role in informing how we best help and support these valiant animals that play such an important role in so many parts of the world. We aim to build on the heritage of the previous events through an inspiring three days in London.

Our discussions will seek to answer the question: “How do we demonstrate the importance of working equid welfare to human livelihoods?” The sad reality is that the working equid is so often invisible in communities where they operate and their vital role ignored in too many livelihood systems. Why is this? What is the reality of their contribution and how do we prove this? How much more could they contribute if their welfare improved? What role can the veterinary profession play? What can we do now to foster this change? Above all, how can we better articulate the vital role that working equids fulfil? Even if we have a better answer to only some of these questions then we will have made a big step forward.

Two days of illuminating presentations and debate will be followed by a one-day, off-site practical workshop. This will all be underpinned through the outstanding facilities of Royal Holloway, providing the perfect venue for entertainment and plenty of opportunity to network and exchange ideas.

This will be an essential event for those who work to improve the welfare of the 100 million working horses, ponies, donkeys and mules around the world – as well as those seeking to improve the lives of the communities which depend upon them.

We look forward to welcoming you in London.

Roly Owers MRCVS
Chief Executive, World Horse Welfare
Important Dates

1st-3rd July 2014 – The 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids

2013

24th June – Abstract submission opened
2nd October – Registration opened
2nd October – Bursary scheme opened
22nd November – Abstract submission closed
30th November – Bursary scheme application deadline

2014

14th January – Charity Knowledge Exchange: registration opened
30th January – Abstract submission: notification of results (extended from 20th due to the volume of submissions received)
30th January – Bursary scheme: notification of results
27th March – Oral presentations: manuscript deadline
15th April – Poster presentations: extended abstract deadline
30th April – Charity Knowledge Exchange: registration closes
15th May – Charity Knowledge Exchange: notification of results
31st May – Poster presentations: final poster deadline
31st May – Oral presentations: final presentation deadline
13th June – Registration closes
30th June – Delegates arrive at Royal Holloway, University of London, Surrey
1st July – The 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids 2014 commences
1st July – Welcome reception
2nd July – Second day of Colloquium presentations
2nd July – Gala dinner
3rd July – Day three of the Colloquium: practical workshop
3rd July – Farewell evening social event
4th July – Delegates depart from Royal Holloway, University of London, Surrey
The Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee is responsible for the review and selection of research abstracts which will be presented at The 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids.

The Scientific Committee is made up as follows:

- Chairman: Andrew Higgins MRCVS – Scientific Advisor, World Horse Welfare
- Stephen Blakeway MRCVS – Director of International Operations, The Donkey Sanctuary
- Sarah Coombs MRCVS – Veterinary Advisory Committee Member, World Horse Welfare
- Mark Kennedy – Head of Science, WSPA
- Liam Maguire – Director of International, World Horse Welfare
- Karen O’Malley – Head of Programme Development, World Horse Welfare
- Roly Owers MRCVS – Chief Executive, World Horse Welfare
- Karen Reed MRCVS – Head of Animal Welfare and Research, The Brooke UK
- Andrew Stringer MRCVS – Veterinary Director, SPANA
- Melissa Upjohn MRCVS – Research Coordinator, The Brooke UK
- Jan Wade – PR Consultant, Jan Wade PR Consultancy
- Becky Whay – Senior Lecturer in Animal Welfare and Behaviour, University of Bristol
Preliminary Programme

Venue: Royal Holloway, University of London
Format: Two days of presentation/discussion and a one-day practical workshop

Outline Itinerary – this is provisional only and is subject to change

Monday 30th June 2014
14.00 Colloquium delegates arrive and register at Royal Holloway, University of London

Tuesday 1st July 2014
08.15 - 08.30 Delegates arrive
08.30 - 09.00 Welcome and introduction by Colloquium chairperson
09.00 - 09.30 Theme One keynote speech: What role do working equids play in human livelihoods – and how well is this currently recognised? Speaker: Joy Pritchard
09.30 - 09.45 Q&A session
09.45 - 10.00 Bekele Mekonnen: Socio-economic impact of epizootic lymphangitis in cart mules in Bahir Dar Town, North West Ethiopia
10.00 - 10.15 Jocelyne Porcher: The work of donkeys in Burkina: a vector of transformations for living conditions of Burkina inhabitants
10.15 - 10.45 Morning break
10.45 - 11.00 Syed Zaman: Contribution of Working Equids to the Livelihood of Their Owners in India
11.00 - 11.15 Debbie Warboys: Cross-sectional survey on the importance of the role of working equids in Honduras
11.15 - 12.10 Breakout sessions
12.10 - 12.40 Theme One summing up session
12.40 - 14.10 Lunch and poster session
14.15 - 14.45 Theme Two keynote speech: Does a holistic approach to improving equine welfare produce better outcomes? Speaker: Tom Morrison
14.45 - 15.00 Q&A session
15.00 - 15.15 Danilo Armando Rodríguez Rodas: Design of an equine welfare network matrix as the implementation model for equine welfare projects in Guatemala
15.15 - 15.30 Dr Jogen Kalita: Community-led actions in India: a path-finding approach for sustainable equine welfare
15.30 - 15.45 Afternoon break
15.45 - 16.00 Dr. Mariano Hernandez Gil: Changing the approach. Promoting welfare in livelihoods relying on equids.
16.00 - 16.15 Sher Nawaz: Holistic approaches to monitoring and evaluation of working equid programmatic activities
16.15 - 17.00 Breakout sessions
17.00 - 17.30 Theme Two summing up session
17.30 - 18.00 Guest speaker closing presentation
18.15 - 19.45 Evening reception

Wednesday 2nd July 2014

08.15 - 08.30 Delegates arrive
08.30 - 09.00 Dr Paul Lunn: Infectious diseases of working horses and donkeys: Havemeyer Workshop Report
09.00 - 09.30 Theme Three keynote speech: What is the role of veterinary science? Professor Derek Knottenbelt
09.30 - 09.45 Q&A session
09.45 - 10.00 Laura Skippen: Exploring approaches to dentistry in working equids
10.00 - 10.15 Elizabeth Starkey: Ocular disease in the working horses of Choluteca, Honduras
10.15 - 10.45 Morning break
10.45 - 11.00 Dr. Nigatu Aklilu: African Horse Sickness in Ethiopia: An Update
11.00 - 11.15 Gabrielle Laing: Unraveling the causes of respiratory disease in the working equids of Ethiopia: a participatory approach and cross sectional survey
11.15 - 12.10 Breakout sessions
12.10 - 12.40 Theme Three summing up session
12.40 - 14.30 Lunch and Charity Knowledge Exchange session
14.30 - 16.00 Discussion panel forum
16.00 - 16.30 Afternoon break
16.30 - 17.30 Colloquium presentations summing up session with rapporteurs
17.30 - 17.45 Q&A session
17.45 - 18.00 Guest speaker closing presentation
19.00 - 21.00 Gala dinner

Thursday 3rd July 2014

09.00 - 17.00 Practical workshop at World Horse Welfare’s Glenda Spooner Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre in Somerset (around 2.5 hours’ drive – transport will be provided)

Friday 4th July 2014

Colloquium delegates depart from Royal Holloway, University of London
Invitations for Research

This event will be an essential forum for those who want to improve the welfare of the 100 million working horses, ponies, donkeys and mules around the world – as well as those seeking to improve livelihoods in communities that depend on them.

The Colloquium will feature two days of presentations and breakout group discussions with keynote speakers, poster displays, ‘Charity Knowledge Exchange’ stands and a discussion panel forum. This will be followed by a one-day practical workshop, to be held at World Horse Welfare’s Glenda Spooner Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre in Somerset.

The Colloquium is a recognised forum for discussing new research in the field of working equid welfare and World Horse Welfare would like to encourage contributions relevant to the below questions. The Scientific Committee is inviting submissions of abstracts, which will provide opportunities for successful applicants to share their research findings through oral and poster presentations.

Evidence suggests that the welfare of both working equids and people is strongly influenced by socio-economic factors, but how well understood is the impact of the working equine’s role on human livelihoods – and how do we establish more effectively the link between the welfare of both? This will form the basis for the theme of the Colloquium, which will address the question:

“How do we demonstrate the importance of working equid welfare to human livelihoods?”

We will approach this theme in three parts:

- What role do working equids play in human livelihoods – and how well is this currently recognised?

- Does a holistic approach to improving equine welfare produce better outcomes?

- What is the role of veterinary science?

To find out further details or to submit an abstract, please visit the abstract submission page: http://worldhorsewelfare.org/abstracts

N.B. Please note that the deadline for abstract submissions was 22nd November 2013
Venue

Royal Holloway’s 135-acre campus is one of the most beautiful in the world. In one space, it offers everything a university could need: ranging from teaching spaces, bars and cafés, high-quality accommodation, a sports centre and a book shop, to their very own Picture Gallery. All these facilities are surrounded by stunning parkland that you can explore as you please.

Situated just 40 minutes by train from London and seven miles from Heathrow, Royal Holloway’s superb site is very conveniently located and offers everything needed to host The 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids.

Events will take place in a number of different locations around the campus and guidance will be provided. Maps will be included in the welcome pack and there will be helpers to assist your navigation of the campus. Accommodation for all delegates will be arranged on site at Royal Holloway.

The practical workshop on the third day will take place at World Horse Welfare’s closest Rescue and Rehoming Centre – Glenda Spooner Farm near Kingsdon, Somerset. Transport to and from the venue will be provided for delegates, with the journey taking approximately 2.5 hours each way.
Travel Information

- Royal Holloway’s beautiful campus is situated in Surrey – one of the safest counties in the UK – and just 19 miles outside Central London. This gives Royal Holloway’s site ‘the best of both worlds,’ with both stunning countryside and easy access to the resources of the capital.

- A key feature of Royal Holloway’s location (postcode TW20 0EX) is the excellent road and transport links which it offers. In most cases you should expect to arrange your own transportation to Royal Holloway, but further information will be available as the event approaches.

- To find out more about getting to the Royal Holloway campus by bus, rail or from airports, please visit the Royal Holloway website: http://www.rhul.ac.uk

- If you need a taxi from the airport, we recommend that you pre-book one. As of October 2013, a ‘meet and greet’ plus fare from London Heathrow to Royal Holloway costs around £40. You can get in touch with Egham-based firm Gemini Cars by phoning +44 (0) 1784 47 11 11 or visiting their website: http://www.geminicars.co.uk/contacts/

- For more information about travel in and around London, please check out the ‘Getting around’ section of the Transport for London website: http://www.tfl.gov.uk/
Visa Information

- You may need a visa to enter the UK depending on the country in which you live. It will be your responsibility to arrange this in good time before the Colloquium. To find out if you will need a visa, you can visit the UK Border Agency website: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/

- You can click on ‘Do I need a visa?’ on the UK Border Agency’s homepage and you will be able to find all the information about visiting the UK which you will need. When registering to attend the Colloquium – which you can do here – please ensure that you tick the box requesting a letter of invitation, as you may need this for your visa application.

- You can find out more information about countries from which you will require a visa to enter the UK here: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/

- If you do require further assistance, we would recommend that you contact the Foreign Office in your own country, which will be best-placed to assist you with any queries which you may have.
Information about visiting the UK

- The residential voltage of mains electricity in the UK is 230 V – frequency 50 Hz.

- The plug used in the UK, commonly called a 13 A plug or 13 amp plug, has three rectangular pins (which form an isosceles triangle).

- The currency in use in the United Kingdom is the pound sterling.

- The country code for the UK is 44. As an example, to call a number in London with an area code of 020 from overseas you would dial +44 20...

To contact Royal Holloway for any queries about accommodation, registration, or payment, please dial +44 (0) 1784 434455.

- The national speed limit is 60 mph (97 kph) or 70 mph (113 kph) on dual-carriageways.
FAQs

How do I register for The 7th International Colloquium?
To register for The 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids, visit the registration page.

Will there be any social events during The 7th International Colloquium?
Yes – there will an evening reception on Tuesday 1st July and a gala dinner on Wednesday 2nd July after the events of each day have concluded. Delegates are advised that dress for these occasions will be formal. There will be a less formal dinner on the Thursday night.

Is the practical day optional?
No – all delegates are expected to attend the practical day at Glenda Spooner Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre on the 3rd July. Delegates are advised to bring practical clothing and footwear, as parts of the day will take place outdoors. Transportation to and from Glenda Spooner Farm will be provided.

As an international attendee, whom do I contact for an invitation letter?
To ensure that you receive a letter of invitation, please ensure that you tick the box requesting one when you register, which you can do here: https://www.eventsforce.net/whw2014

Where can I find the Terms and Conditions?
You can read the Terms and Conditions by visiting https://www.eventsforce.net/whw2014

What will the accommodation be like?
The accommodation was used by Olympic teams training for the 2012 Games and is of a good standard, featuring a double bed, a desk, en suite and good electrical and broadband connectivity. Each group of several rooms has access to a small kitchen where tea and coffee can be made and has use of a refrigerator. Fresh sheets and towels will be provided every two days.

Are all meals included in the price?
Yes, all meals during the four days are included in the price of £575 to attend the Colloquium.

Can I bring my family?
Your time will be full with the Colloquium, but each room has a double bed or you can make alternative arrangements by phoning Royal Holloway direct on +44 [0]1784 414269.

What if I want to arrive earlier or stay longer?
You are very welcome to extend your stay if you should so choose, but please arrange this direct with Royal Holloway. For further information or any queries about registration, payments or accommodation please email CMS@rhul.ac.uk or call +44 [0]1784 414269.