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Veterinary teaching and research conference

THE Association for Veterinary Teaching and Research Work (AVTRW) is hosting its 68th annual conference this year. Following the tradition of the past few years, this will be a joint meeting with the British Society of Animal Science (BSAS) and the World Poultry Science Association (WPSA). The joint meeting covers all aspects of animal and veterinary science and innovation, including teaching and research. The two-day conference offers a great opportunity to network with fellow academics, clinicians, policymakers and industry representatives in a friendly and stimulating environment.

The conference will take place on April 29 and 30, 2014, at the Jubilee Campus of the University of Nottingham. Plenary subjects and speakers will include: emerging and re-emerging diseases of livestock with emphasis on Schmallenberg virus by Martin Beer (Friedrich-Loeffler Institute) and bluetongue by Peter Mertens (Pirbright Institute); host-pathogen interactions in tuberculosis by Jayne Hope (Roslin Institute); equine internal medicine with emphasis on grass sickness by Bruce McGorum (University of Edinburgh) and metabolic syndrome by Andy Durham (Liphook Equine Hospital); breed predisposition to disease in companion animals by David Sargan (University of Cambridge); epidemiology and disease surveillance by Duncan Hannant (University of Nottingham); developments in veterinary education by Jo-Anne Murray (University of Edinburgh); veterinary pathology with an emphasis on avian influenza by Kirsty Short (University of Melbourne) and bovine viral diarrhoea by Joe Brownlie (Royal Veterinary College).

AVTRW delegates are welcome to attend BSAS and WPSA sessions. For their provisional programme please see: www.bsas.org.uk/conference2014. The complementarity and diversity of the sessions aim to create a stimulating and informative environment for knowledge dissemination and networking across the many disciplines of veterinary research and teaching.

To see a draft programme and register visit www.avtrw.co.uk/events.

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