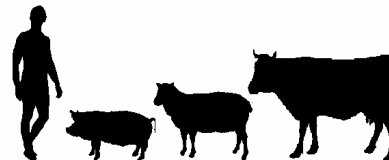


**6th International
Veterinary Behaviour
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Riccione, (Rimini), Italia
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We are delighted to announce that the 6th International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting (IVBM) will be held in conjunction with the 2007 meetings of the ECVBM-CA and of ESVCE from 17-20 June 2007 at the Palazzo del Turismo di Riccione, in Riccione (Rimini), Italia.

Three days of international presentations and posters will follow the Merial Meeting which begins June 15th to end on the 17th morning with a behaviour session.

This will be the MAJOR veterinary behaviour event of the year and we hope that many people will be there.

The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to **1 January 2007** in order to allow more people to submit their papers, so please think about attending what promises to be a fantastic few days of behaviour medicine.

This promises to be a very exciting event and it would be great to see as many delegates from as many countries as possible.

The preliminary programme for the event will be available on the congress website at <http://www.etologia.it>.

The deadline for **early registration** is **April 7th 2007** and the application form will be available soon on the website <http://www.etologia.it> together with information about how to book accommodation in Riccione.

Call for papers

Scientists and practitioners from all related disciplines are encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration. These may be in the form of original (unpublished) research results, case studies or scientific reviews.

Final presentations will be in the form of oral presentation and poster.

Speakers of oral presentations will receive complementary registration for the conference.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is January 1, 2007. Abstracts should be e-mailed as an attachment to ivbm2007@etologia.it. Please use Microsoft Word for Windows when submitting an Abstract.

Accepted contributed oral presentations will be of 20 minutes duration plus 10 minutes for questions.

No anonymous abstracts will be accepted.

Participants will be notified by **1 February 2007** of the selections.

Manuscripts will then be due no later than **1 March 2007**. Details will be included with notification.

All submissions will be triple reviewed anonymously.

Each paper will be evaluated according to both its scientific merit (see guidelines below for different types of submission), originality and interest to the discipline.

All papers meeting the threshold of acceptability will then be considered according to the following selection criteria

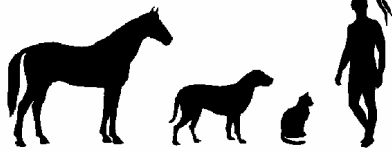
Outstanding scientific merit

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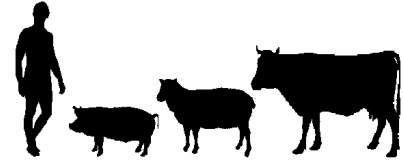
Speaker and topic diversity

The committee is not responsible for abstracts not received due to improper submission.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PAPERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE IVBM MEETING WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ECVBM-CA SESSION SO THAT SEPARATE SUBMISSION ARE NOT REQUIRED. SPECIFIC REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED.



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Instruction for Abstracts

Abstracts must be written in English and not exceed 500 words, excluding title, authors' name and addresses. Use an MS Word-compatible word processing program. Please use Times New Roman 12 pt, single spaced in the main text. Proposals must consist of previously unpublished material.

All abstracts **MUST** include the following information on a **separate cover page** for the abstract:

- Give the full title of the manuscript, followed by the initials and surname of authors but NOT qualifications, and postal address of authors on different lines
- Centre the title in bold capital letters
- Name of the author(s) should be centered under the title in bold upper and lower case without reference to qualifications
- Institutional address should be centered under the title in bold upper and lower italicized case
- The author for all correspondence should be indicated after this and an email address provided only for this contact. This may or may not be the presenting author.
- Information on preferred format:
 - Presented paper
 - Poster
 - Either
- Text (on a **separate page**). The primary heading should draw on the following: Title, Introduction (to include the aim of the presentation), Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusion. No References are requested at this stage.

Please do not submit abstracts if you will not be in attendance at the meeting. In order to balance the program, the Scientific Committee may limit the number of presentations given by a single individual.

General information

Language

The language of the symposium will be English. There will be simultaneous translation into Italian.

Visas

A visa for entry in Italy may be required for participants from some countries. It takes from a few days to two months to process a visa application, you should therefore apply for a visa as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. You are advised to contact the nearest Italian Embassy or Consulate in your country.

Insurance

The registration fee does not include any insurance for the participants

Banking/currency

Currency is Euro. All major credit cards are widely accepted in Italy.

We look forward to seeing you all in Riccione.

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