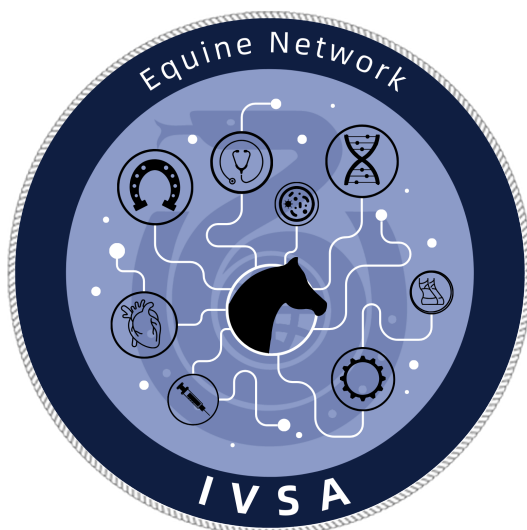




Equine Network (EN) Report





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Introduction:

The Equine Network was formerly known as The Equine Community under the Standing Committee of Veterinary Education (SCOVE), in 2022 under the 21/22 term it became a candidate network now known as Equine Network.

The Equine Network aims to connect students wanting to learn more about the Equine field or those already very interested in the equine veterinary field. The EN provides veterinary students worldwide with equine resources and opportunities to help facilitate their future careers and also helps in improving their knowledge and skills in all aspects of Equine Medicine and Surgery and exposure to various training opportunities globally.

Our Mission

- Provide more equine veterinary resources to students
- Provide students with more equine veterinary opportunities
- Connect equine-interested students globally

Our projects

- **Breeds of the month:** Every month, we feature different breeds of horses with striking appearances and unique characteristics on our Instagram and Facebook page
- **Journal/book club:** We love to explore online books and discover fascinating articles to read together. During our 1-hour meetings, a member or two will share their insights on the chosen chapter or article, and we engage in thoughtful discussions
- **Monthly Equine quiz series:** Our monthly quiz is featured on our Instagram stories in line with the topic for the month
- **Case discussion:** Together, we'll explore and solve the case in a collaborative, discussion-based approach. To ensure that we're following the latest and most effective diagnostic processes, we'll also present the correct procedures based on the latest literature
- **Webinar:** We are thrilled to offer a range of educational online webinars that are tailored to each month's topic. In addition, we have a unique type of webinar that focuses on equine medicine and surgery, as well as valuable advice from veterinarians and veterinary companies on how to start our careers
- **IVSA Equine Network conference:** This is a physical event where veterinary students from across different parts of the world come together to learn, connect, network and also share knowledge on the equine veterinary field





- **Equine flashcards:** The flashcards cover the topic for the month sharing information on diseases affecting horses and how they can be managed
- **Equine Week:** This event is aimed at engaging veterinary students, collaborating with other committees or networks and sharing knowledge
- **Online exchange:** This is a fantastic opportunity for us to get to know each other better, and learn more about each other's countries and educational systems. Our group then comes together for a fun-filled meeting featuring social activities like games and thoughtful questions. We also get the chance to showcase our love for horses through engaging presentations on equine





Requisites for Approval

Summary based on the criteria mentioned in the Standing Committee and Network guidelines.

For a Candidate Standing Committee or Network **to be granted full status**, it should cover the following elements:

- Have a logo	DONE
- Comply with responsibilities listed in Bylaws 9.4	DONE
- Have active communication channels and social media	DONE in 2021/2022 NOT DONE in 2022/2023 NOT DONE in 2023/2024
- A minimum of 5 online lectures or other forms of activity that require a speaker (podcast, YouTube video, etc.) over the course of the 2 years following its creation	DONE
- 1 workshop during the live events over the course of the 2 years following its creation	DONE in the 2023/2024 term (not done earlier)





To show that a Candidate Standing Committee or Candidate Network is active and contributes to IVSA as a whole and to be approved, it can cover the additional elements during the two-year candidate period:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 8 online lectures on other forms of activity that require a speaker (podcast, YouTube video, etc.) over the course of the 2 years following its creation	DONE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2 workshops during the live events over the course of the 2 years following its creation	DONE (2023/2024 term at 72nd symposium and ENC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Present policy paper to the GA	NOT DONE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Published articles about Candidate Standing Committee/Network activities in the IVSA bulletin	DONE in 2021/2022 NOT DONE in 2022/2023 Partially DONE in 2023/2024 (June)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Collaborations with at least two (2) other IVSA Standing Committees or Networks	DONE (in 2021/2022 collaborations with SCAW, no other collaborations earlier) DONE in 2022/2023 (collaboration with Alumni Network) DONE in 2023/2024 (collaboration with Pathology Network)





<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Subpage on IVSA website ivsa.org and community on IVSA members portal or other platform currently used by IVSA Global	DONE
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Impact of the Network

A place for all enthusiasts of equines. Mostly social media content like posts, but also free study resources for students such as infographics (a breed of the month) and webinars. The Candidate Network did not advocate for relevant topics, or do any policy work on behalf of IVSA.

Not a lot of partners are interested in collaborating with EN, based on the last 3 terms EN didn't have an impactfulness and constant relationship with partners.

Obstacles

- **COVID-19 Pandemic:** The ongoing pandemic posed significant challenges, particularly in organising in-person events, especially the Equine Network Conference which at the beginning was planned in 2021
- **Engagement:** Initial difficulties in engaging students and professionals in the virtual format. Building a network from scratch required substantial effort.
- **Activeness:** Inactivity of team members and Chair. A lot of resignations. In 2023/2024 Chair resigned before writing this report.
- **Collaborations:** Partners were very unhappy with the Network and not interested in working with them.
- **Lack of guidelines:** After moving from SCOVE there was no strategic plan for this Network. They were left on their own without a plan for the future.





Project completed

1st Equine Network Conference: organised with IVSA Morocco. After 3 years of choosing the OC.

- ❖ The conference was held from the 15th-19th of October and was hosted by IVSA Morocco, the conference featured different activities from a series of lectures, Equine stream (Radiology, Camel laparoscopy and full lameness examination), cultural evening, white T-shirt evening, visit to Haras El Boraq at Bensliman amongst other activities. 13 delegates from 13 different countries.
- ❖ Lecture 1: Review of the Camel Laparoscopy
- ❖ Lecture 2: Reproductive options in sport horses
- ❖ Lecture 3: Endoscopy in sport horses
- ❖ Lecture 4; Orthopedic shoes for Sport horses

During this event, OC had a problem with contacting Equine Network. MOD had to be involved.

Future Goals:

- **Full Network Status**

- ❖ **General Assembly Voting at Peru Congress:** We hope to establish EN as a "Full Network" during the General Assembly voting at the upcoming IVSA Congress in Peru. This will in no small way give us the recognition we need and help us to reach out to a larger audience with a great sense of confidence and authority



Appendix - Detailed Timeline of Activities:

2021/2022 TERM

March 2022

- **Equine welfare week:** 14th-20th March
 - ❖ This one-week event was done in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Animal Welfare (SCAW), it featured a reel contest, post, educational content (basic equine information, principles of equine welfare, equine behaviour) and webinars with 4 speakers covering different topics



- ❖ Speaker 1: Dr Gemma Pearson (BVMS cert AVP)
 - ★ Topic: Practical behaviour modification for equine vets, how to deal with needle shy neddies (March 15th 2022)
- ❖ Speaker 2: Dr Mary Deborah
 - ★ Topic: Behavioural responses to poor welfare in horses
- ❖ Speaker 3: Dr Hannah York, DVM
 - ★ Topic: Accessing equine welfare (March 20th,2022)
- ❖ Speaker 4: Dr Sue McDonnell
 - ★ Topic: Natural horse behaviour: Concepts of importance to horse welfare, both health and behaviour (March 20th, 2022)



TOPIC :

"PRACTICAL BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION FOR EQUINE VETS, HOW TO DEAL WITH NEEDLE SHY NEDDIES"

SPEAKER

Gemma Pearson BVMS Cert AVP (Eq) MScR

Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist
RCVS Advanced Practitioner in Equine Medicine
Director of Equine Behaviour, The Horse Trust
Veterinary Liaison Officer, International Society for Equitation Science

Gemma combines her time between research and outreach on behalf of the The Horse Trust and seeing clinical equine behaviour cases where she is based at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh. After working in ambulatory practice Gemma moved to the Dick Vet where she completed a rotating residency programme in the equine hospital, becoming an advanced practitioner in equine medicine, alongside an MScR investigating horse veterinarian interactions. Subsequently she completed her CCAB (certified clinical animal behaviourist) and her PhD thesis 'Investigating the stress responses of horses undergoing veterinary care'. As the Veterinary Liaison Officer for the International Society for Equitation Science, Gemma is passionate about improving interactions between horses and people, specifically regarding the application of learning theory. In her spare time she has competed up to advanced level endurance on a homebred horse as well as enjoying competing in affiliated dressage and eventing.

TOPIC :

NATURAL HORSE BEHAVIOR: CONCEPTS OF IMPORTANCE TO HORSE WELFARE, BOTH HEALTH AND BEHAVIOR

SPEAKER

Dr. Sue McDonnell

Dr. Sue McDonnell's graduate studies and entire career have been based at the Penn Vet's New Bolton Center where she is Founding Head of the Havemeyer Equine Behavior Program

Her work includes clinical, research, and teaching activities in reproduction and behavior, with particular expertise in stallion reproductive physiology and behavior. She also assists medicine and sports medicine clinicians identify sources of discomfort and to evaluate whether behavior changes are the result of physical or psychological sources. Dr. McDonnell has authored two introductory level books on horse behavior, as well as a book and DVD entitled *The Equid Ethogram: A practical field guide to horse behavior*. She also co-edited *The Domestic Horse, The Origins, Development, and Managing of its Behaviour*. She frequently contributes on various topics of horse behavior to the *The Horse* and other equine magazines. In 2011, AAEP honored Sue with their George Stubbs Award for contributions by non-veterinarians to veterinary medicine. Dr. McDonnell has been honored by inclusion on Stanford University's list of top 2% of career scientists worldwide based on impact of their research publications.

Dr Mary Deborah Marsden

TOPIC :

BEHAVIOURAL RESPONSES TO POOR WELFARE IN HORSES

SPEAKER

Professional qualifications including British Horse Society qualified Riding Instructor (BHSPTIC), BHS Accredited Professional Coach, 'Ride Safe' (Riding and Road Safety) Trainer and Challenge Award Trainer for recreational riders, and Riding for the Disabled Association Group Instructor (RDAGI), with over 20 years professional experience teaching riding regularly along with equine behaviour consulting work in a huge variety of stables, so fully up to date with a broad range of industry standards and common practices.

SEBC (Society of Equine Behaviour Consultants) Registered Senior Consultant, a SEBC Chief Examiner and am currently Chair of this Professional Body.

- Private Practice as an Equestrian Consultant, trading as MDM Equestrian 1999 – currently.
- Fellow of University of Edinburgh attached to Department of Veterinary Clinical Studies, Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies 1994 – 2002, lecturing and consulting in Equine Behaviour and Management.
- Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship 1990 – 1994 (Effects of Housing and Management on Behaviour Problems in Horses) Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies.
- PhD Degree 1989 (Effects of Husbandry, Housing and Management on Animal Behaviour and Welfare – Practical Solutions) University of Edinburgh.
- BSc Degree 1984 (Agricultural Science, with Honours in Physiology and Genetics, specialising in Animal Behaviour) University of Edinburgh.

Dr. Hannah York, DVM

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work with horses as a new grad? Dr. Hannah York is here to answer this and other questions! During the webinar, Dr. York will walk us through the equine and client communication essentials that every aspiring equine vet needs to know!

Dr. Hannah York is a recent grad from Warsaw University of Life Sciences in Warsaw, Poland. Having a keen interest in horses, Dr. York has started work as an Equine Intern in the United Kingdom.

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April 2022

- **Online exchange: 30th April**
 - ❖ The online exchange was done on the topic of discussion **Infectious disease**





2022/2023 TERM

October 2022

- **New term:** Chair Anastasia Vialov



November 2022

- **Theme for the month:** Nutrition
- **IVSA Journal submission:** This is a documentation of all team members, a brief bio stating their names, positions, year of study and also interest in the Equine veterinary field. The journal also contained information about the Equine network, monthly journal club meetings, webinars, information about our Facebook page, Instagram quizzes, online exchange and live conferences

December 2022

- **Theme for the month:** Endocrine
- **Equine quiz series** (Endocrine)

January 2023

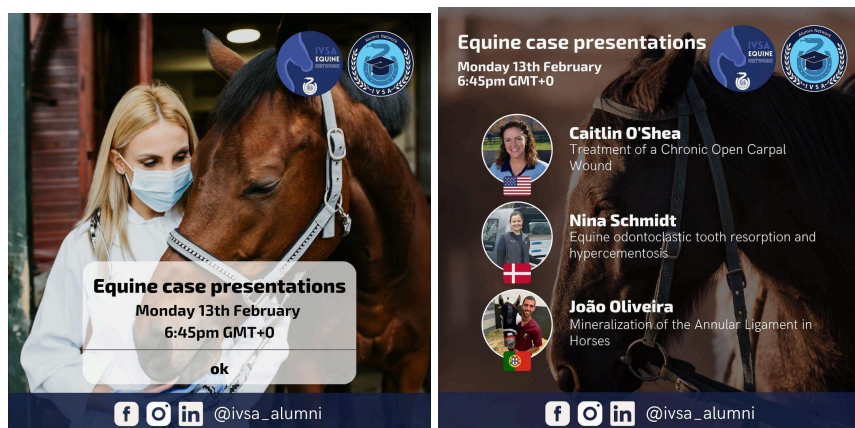
- **Theme for the month:** Reproduction
- **Breed of the month:** The breed for the month was a Friesian horse (January 16)
- **Equine quiz series** (Reproduction)



- **71st Symposium in Slovenia:** During the symposium, the Equine Network had a presentation by the Chair Anastasia, the presentation covered sharing information about what the Equine Network stands for and all activities done in the network

February 2023

- **Theme for the month:** Locomotion
- **Breed of the month:** The breed for the month was Andalusian horse (February 9)
- **Equine case presentation (February 13)**
 - ❖ The event was done with the Alumni network with 3 different speakers on 3 different topics



- **Equine quiz series:** Locomotion

March 2023

- **Theme for the month:** Dermatology
- **Breed of the month:** The breed for the month was Marwari horse (March 7)
- **Post for the international women's day (March 8)**
 - ❖ We recognised the impact of some amazing women in veterinary medicine, these women are intelligent and they have contributed greatly to veterinary medicine across the globe

April 2023

- **Journal club:** Topic for the month **Cardiology** (April 15)
- **Signed partnership agreement with VetpD:** The agreement was signed by Yuri Victor (IVSA President 22/23 term) on behalf of IVSA



June 2023

- **Theme for the month:** Neurology
- **Breed of the month:** The breed for the month was Percheron (June 7)

July 2023

- **Theme for the month:** Podiatry
- **Breed of the month:** The breed for the month was Morgan (July 1)

August 2023

- **Theme for the month:** Urinary
- **IVSA Equine Network bulletin material**
 - ❖ Equine network conference in Morocco from October 15th to 19th 2023



- ❖ **Opportunity from our partner VetPd:** Panel discussion on 3 different topics on different dates





2023/2024 TERM

September 2023

- Interview for new team members
- Meetings and coordination with IVSA Morocco
- Work plan for the new term

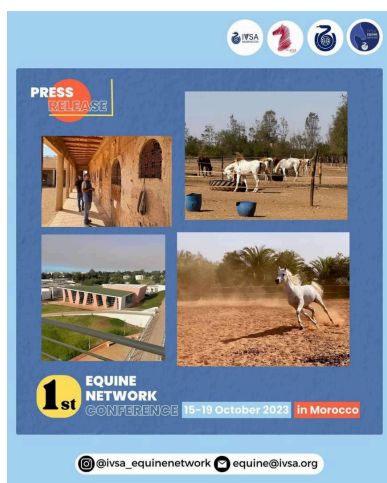
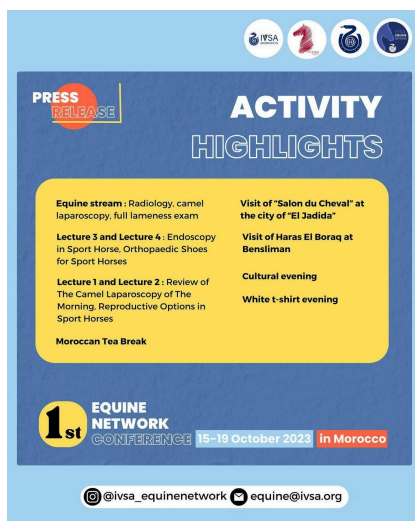
October 2023

- **New term:** Announcement of new team members (October 30)
 - ❖ **Chair:** Luna Salsabila



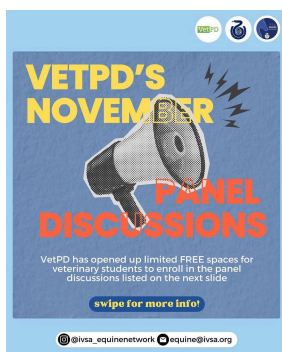
- **IVSA Equine network bulletin material**
- **1st Equine Conference in Morocco**
 - ❖ **When:** 15th-19th of October, hosted by IVSA Morocco
 - ❖ **Participants:** 13 delegates from 13 different countries.
 - ❖ **Activities:** lectures, equine streams (Radiology, Camel laparoscopy and full lameness examination), cultural evening, white T-shirt evening, visits
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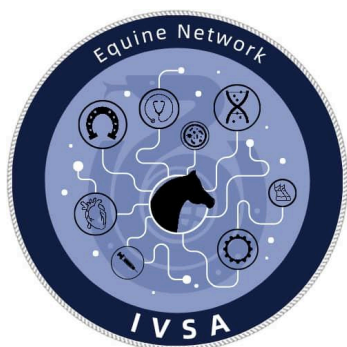
November 2023

- **Theme for the month: Nutrition**
- **VetPD panel discussion: On 3 different topics on different dates**





- **Equine flashcard on nutritional diseases:** (November 25)
- **Journal club meeting:** The topic for the club meeting was Obesity and Insulin resistance (November 29th)
- **Hyraco meeting collaboration:** After the meeting, Hyraco became one of IVSA EN partners
- **New logo design:** This design was done by the chair Luna giving Equine network its own unique identity



- **Meeting with the Pathology network:** This involved making plans for the partnership at the 72nd symposium, contacting speakers and sending emails

December 2023

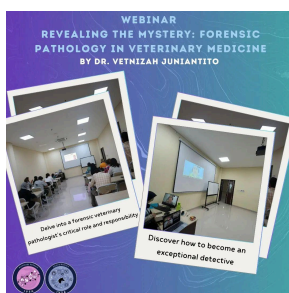
- **Theme for the month:** Endocrine
- **FEEVA & IVSA Collaboration**
 - ❖ Open call for FEEVA working group, this is a joint initiative by IVSA Europe and The Equine Network. This working group is open to all European members who are passionate about working with horses and want to gain valuable knowledge and experience



- **VetPD panel discussion:** On 3 different topics on different dates

January 2024

- **Theme for the month:** Reproduction
- **Equine network practitioner's database** (January 4)
 - ❖ The database contains the names of the 4 practitioners' names, their contact info, country of origin, name of their company, speciality and also a brief bio
- **Equine network X Pathology network workshop:** At the 72nd symposium in Bali, Indonesia
 - ❖ The Equine Network and the Pathology Network joined forces for a short webinar on Veterinary Forensics, led by renowned pathologist Dr. Vetrizah Juniantito, followed by a captivating Veterinary Pathology Investigation. Combining knowledge and fun, this workshop was a recipe for success
 - ❖ Speaker: Dr. Vetrizah Juniantito
 - ❖ Topic: Revealing the mystery: Forensic pathology in Veterinary medicine
 - ❖ Activity: Murder mystery evening (activity)



February 2024

- **Theme for the month:** Locomotion
- **Committees and network corner (seventh episode):** In this episode, the chair of Equine network Luna spoke on EN's objectives, projects, and activities.

March 2024

- **Theme for the month:** Dermatology
- **1st Hybrid webinar**
 - ❖ The webinar was done in collaboration with the College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia-Maryland on 1st March 2024 with our speaker featuring live from her location
 - ❖ Speaker: Dr Lauren Trager



- ❖ Topic: Suspensory Ligament Injury (how to diagnose them and what imaging looks like)



April 2024

- **Theme for the month:** Cardiology
- **World Veterinary Day celebration (April 29)**
 - ❖ It is a special day dedicated to honouring the remarkable individuals who dedicate their lives to caring for animals. It's a day to recognize their unwavering commitment to animal welfare, public health, and the bond we share with our furry, feathered, and scaled companions

June 2024

- **Theme for the month:** Neurology
- **Interim chair (23/24 term):** Hope Odlodzi Jerry (IVSA Nigeria)

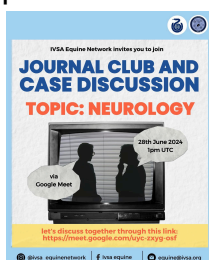


- **Breed of the month:** The breed for the month is Kiger Mustang
- **Equine flashcard:** Post on Equine encephalitis (what it is, how it is transmitted, clinical manifestations, diagnostic procedures)
- **Equine quiz series:** This was featured on our Instagram stories twice at different weeks





- **Upcoming; Journal club/ case discussion (June 28):** This will feature a case presentation on our topic neurology, presentation of an article and a Q&A session



Upcoming event

July 2024

- **Theme for the month:** podiatry
- **Breed of the month:**
- **Equine flashcard**
- **Case discussion:** The topic will be on the theme podiatry
- **Equine week:** In partnership with the Standing Committee on Animal Welfare (SCAW)
 - ❖ Date: 21st to 27th July
 - ❖ The theme for the week is **The role of human-animal bond in equine welfare**
 - ❖ The list of activities includes A webinar (this will include a panel discussion with 2-3 speakers and also a Q&A session on 27th July 2024)
 - ❖ Video contest: This will be in 2 categories, individual video and use of graphical illustration talking about our theme for the week and it is open to all IVSA members. There will also be prizes for the 2 winners in each category
 - ❖ Educational content on our social media pages (in the form of writing and videos)
 - ❖ Quizzes will be featured on our Instagram story

August 2024

- **Theme for the month:** Urinary
- **Breed of the month:**
- **Equine flash card**
- **Equine quiz series**
- **Online exchange**

