

COLLEGE STUDY DAY

ECVBM-CA Annual Meeting – November 25, 2011 – Avignon

Program: 8:30 to 3 pm – Meet at 8 am for transportation to facility (location to be announced)

Morning: Equine Seminar and Workshop - **Speakers:** Patrick PAGEAT, Alessandro COZZI

Aim of the program :

- Clinical approach to behaviour problems
- Stress in athletic horses: evaluation and management
- Education, prevention of behaviour problems

8h30 – 9h30: Senses and perception of the world: practical and clinical consequences

9h:30 to 10h:30 Behavioural and physiological approach of stress in equines

10h30 – 11h00: Coffee Break

11h:00 – 12h00: Practical evaluation of Polar® system in the evaluation of stress. Workshop with horses and cases.

12h00 – 13h:00 Lunch with the speakers (questions and introduction to afternoon seminar)

Afternoon: Canine Seminar - Speaker: Jaume Fatjo

Aims of the program

- To review the different classification systems found in companion animal behavioural medicine.
- To discuss the concept of diagnosis in behavioural medicine and its practical implications.
- To review the different ways to explore behaviour, including a discussion on the reliability and the validity of the information.

13:00h – 15:00h

Classification and diagnosis of behaviour problems in canine behavioural medicine.

Summary: A structured classification system for behaviour problems requires the definition of a list of well-defined and more or less discrete categories of diagnosis. A review of the literature shows that almost every author presents an independent classification system based not only on the different categories included but also on the way the aetiology of behaviour problems is understood. The interpretation of behaviour problems as normal adaptive responses, or alternatively as dysfunctional conditions is a very difficult and controversial topic not only in veterinary behavioural medicine but also in human psychiatry. Diagnosis is based on signs and symptoms, which come from 3 different sources: owner's descriptions, direct observation of behaviour and results from the medical examination. Standardizing the extraction of information through questionnaires, scales and tests is a burning topic in companion animal behavioural medicine.

