



THE SOCIETY FOR VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (SVEPM)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021, Toulouse, France
Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th March 2021

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for presented papers at the 2021 Annual SVEPM Conference are warmly invited and should be submitted via the SVEPM website (<http://www.svepm.org.uk/>) by **31st August 2020**. The full specification for abstract submissions, which should be strictly adhered to, is outlined below.

This conference will follow the standard SVEPM format, with a programme of workshop sessions, invited and presented papers, a poster display and the all-important accompanying social events.

More papers are invariably received than can be accepted and this necessitates a rigorous selection process. The criteria that will be used in the selection of abstracts for presentation include: 1) the work presented must be original and not accepted for publication at time of abstract submission; 2) comprehensive review papers can also be selected for oral presentations; 3) abstracts that summarise all results and conclusions of a study will be given priority over abstracts of work that is still in progress; and 4) priority of selection will be given to authors who have not presented a paper at the previous conference. All abstracts submitted will be considered at the meeting of the SVEPM Committee scheduled to be held on **14th September 2020**.

Abstracts are reviewed and selected by the Committee with authors' names and affiliations removed. Please be careful to maintain anonymity when referring to previous work conducted within the same group. All authors will be contacted within two weeks of the meeting and informed whether they have been selected to give an oral presentation at the 2021 conference. If selected, you will be required to submit a full proceedings paper by **15th December 2020** for inclusion in the Society's Annual Conference Proceedings.

The Committee will consider presentations on any relevant subject related to veterinary epidemiology and preventive medicine, and particularly encourage abstract submissions involving companion animal epidemiology, socioeconomic methods applied to animal

health, field epidemiology and aquaculture. Abstracts that clearly demonstrate an impact relevant to the scientific field, or a societal impact on the health and welfare of animals, humans or the environment will be prioritized.

Please note:

- i) Authors are advised to clearly specify the application or novelty of the presented methods and results.
- ii) An interpretative summary of maximum 5 lines should be included at the top of the abstract, clearly stating the practical implications and impact of the work presented.
- iii) Presenters in the early stage of their career can apply to participate in the competition for the best oral presentation at the 2021 conference. The best oral presentation as judged by members of the Executive Committee and a SRUC representative will be awarded the SRUC Prize. Candidates must fulfil one of the following criteria:
 - Undertaking postgraduate studies (including Masters and PhD students) or enrolled in a ECVPH residency programme (or equivalent), or;
 - Within the equivalent of 3-years full time employment post-PhD, or;
 - If no PhD, within the equivalent of 5-years full time employment in epidemiology, veterinary public health, preventive medicine or another relevant field.

Candidates are invited to express their interest in being considered for the SRUC prize at the time of upload of their abstract at submission. Please note that a limited number of SRUC prize presentation slots will be available. These will be assigned according to final abstract scores upon evaluation by the SVEPM committee.

- iv) The work should not be published elsewhere at the time of publication of the conference proceedings. Although the proceedings are copyright protected, authors with an article published in the proceedings will be given permission to publish the paper elsewhere after the conference at which the work was presented, provided that the Society is acknowledged.
- v) For the 2021 conference, SVEPM will again be looking to publish a proportion of presented papers in a special edition of *Preventive Veterinary Medicine*. In order to ensure prompt publication of the *PVM* special edition (i.e. before the next conference in March 2022) we need to receive a parallel manuscript shortly after submission of the proceedings papers (by 15th January 2021). Papers intended for the *PVM* special edition will be subjected to full peer-review and should be formatted according to that journal's instructions to authors and should **not** be identical in content or title to the proceedings papers. Full details of required formats for both SVEPM proceedings and *PVM* papers will be forwarded to authors of invited papers when the Junior Vice-President notifies them in October 2020.
- vi) Please note the following important dates:

(1) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: 31st AUGUST 2020

Abstracts submitted after this date will not be considered.

(2) SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED PROCEEDINGS PAPERS: 15th DECEMBER 2020

The final deadline for those papers accepted for presentation to be submitted in full (a paper of 8 - 11 pages) to the Junior Vice President, is on or before 15th DECEMBER 2020.

**(3) SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPTS FOR THE SVEPM SPECIAL ISSUE:
15th JANUARY 2021**

Parallel papers for submission to the *Preventive Veterinary Medicine* special edition should be submitted one month after the proceedings paper (instructions for submission will be communicated to successful authors). No papers can be accepted after this date, and manuscripts in short communication format are not acceptable.

There will also be a poster session at the conference, further details of which will be available around December 2020. Requests for poster space should be made when registering for the conference. Please note that submitting an abstract in August 2020 does not preclude having to request poster space at registration.

If you have questions about any other aspect of the conference, or other issues relating to the Society, please contact:

Philip Robinson, e-mail: secretary@svepm.org.uk.

Best wishes,

Philip

**Philip Robinson
SVEPM Honorary Secretary**

**** SVEPM ABSTRACT SUBMISSION SPECIFICATION ****

IMPORTANT:

An online submission form will be available to help you prepare your abstract and provide us with your contact details. The form is accessible via the Society's website at http://www.svepm.org.uk/next_meeting.html.

PLEASE NOTE:

It is expected that the first named author will present the paper and be the contact author. If there is need for a different contact author, this can be specified on the online form.

Any change to the presenting author must be notified as soon as possible, and the Committee reserves the right to withdraw papers under this circumstance.

GENERAL: Abstracts must not exceed **500 words** in length in addition to the interpretative summary which can be a maximum of 450 characters. Longer abstracts may not be accepted by the submission system.

Guidance to the submission form:

Title: The title is plain text and should not be capitalised

Author(s): Please list the contributing authors. The first name will specify the presenting author.

The format should adhere to: Author, A. B., Author, C. D. & Author, E. F.

The next seven fields collect data on the contact details of the contact author. This is either the presenting author or any other contact person from the authors' list

Full name of the main contact: Please fill the full name of the contact author.

Affiliation: Please fill the affiliation of the contact author.

Postal address: Please specify the contact address of the contact author.

Country: Please specify the country of the affiliation of the contact author.

Telephone1: Please provide contact numbers of the contact authors.

E-Mail/Repeat Email: Please provide and confirm the email address of the contact author through which all communication will be undertaken.

Interpretative summary: Please provide an interpretative summary of the presented research findings, spelling out practical implications and/or impact of the presented work on the scientific field and/or society in terms of health and welfare of animals and humans (copy and paste from a text file is possible; plain text). **Do not repeat the information in the main abstract but** use this space to argue for the societal or intellectual value of the study. Interpretative summaries should not exceed **450 characters including spaces**.

Main abstract: Please fill in the main abstract (copy and paste from a text file is possible; plain text). The main abstract must not exceed 500 words. No diagrams or figures are enabled in the abstract section. However, one figure file (jpeg format) can be separately uploaded. Please do not add references to your abstract.

Image: *If you want to provide the committee with a graph or figure please convert your data to jpeg format and upload it from your computer using the “**Select a file**” Button on the submission form. The system merges the content of the uploaded file with the text part of the abstract.*

Checkbox “Please check this box in case you wish to apply for the SRUC prize”:
If you are eligible and wish to be considered for the SRUC prize please tick the box, otherwise leave blank. The SRUC Prize will be awarded to the best oral presentation of a professional in the early stage of their career. See eligibility criteria above.

Spam checker: Please tick the box and solve the visual pop-up task. If your graphical task answer is correct, it will be possible to first “Preview” and then “Save”, using the respectively featured button, your compiled abstract submission form.

When you submit your abstract, a small screen will appear indicating that submission has taken place; your abstract is now stored in our database. You will not receive further confirmation of the submission.

For your archives you may save a copy of the preview file to your computer.