The aim of the Conference is to bring together all relevant stakeholders to review, improve and strengthen UK tapeworm controls with public health and economic significance.

The intended outcomes of the conference are:

- **Agree** we could do more in controlling these parasites
- **Identify** current challenges, threats & gaps in control - **What is being done?**
- **Clarify**, **refresh** and **improve** the current communication lines between all parties
- **Agree refined** recommendations for immediate dissemination and action

**On Friday 17 March 2017**

- Professor the Lord Trees will open the conference at 2pm
- Followed by a **policy discussion** on **what is being done** in the UK to control parasites, chaired by Professor Michael T. Rogan, Salford University, OIE World Reference Laboratory for Echinococcosis/hydatidosis
- A policy discussion will involve the representatives from farming and meat industry, government, BVA Specialist Divisions, researchers and others.

**On Saturday 18 March 2017**

- The registration starts at **9am**, **finish by 3.30pm** and the programme will focus on comprehensive scientific aspects of relevant tapeworms and their controls in relevant species. Undergraduate and postgraduate students are invited to submit posters.

The Conference Organisers INVITE AND WELCOME Students and Researchers to submit abstracts for posters (Please SEE PAGE 2 for further details)
INVITATION TO STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS (vet, medics and others)

As a part of the Andrew Storrar Memorial lecture, this year there is a CALL FOR ABSTRACTS for POSTER presentations from undergraduate students, doctoral and postdoctoral researchers on the topic of:

Controlling tapeworms: Established and Emerging (with public health and economic significance)

There are two categories that POSTERS can be submitted to:

- **CATEGORY 1:** Research
  - Quantitative, qualitative, lab-based, public health related etc.

- **CATEGORY 2:** Conceptual Idea(s)
  - Research ideas/proposals, theoretical concepts, policy, discussion point etc.

**Abstract Guidelines:**

Please provide the category of the abstract, the title of the abstract, authors, their institutional affiliations (linked to each author via superscripted numbers), followed by the abstract inc. references.

Abstract word limit: 300 words maximum, inc. references.

Submission deadline: 05 March 2017

Please submit posters to Wojciech on woiciech.dec@eandj.co.uk and specify the CATEGORY. You will be notified if your abstract has been accepted for poster presentation and sent further instructions.

Posters should be A0 sized in portrait orientation.

**Poster Prizes:**

Based on the Judgment Criteria to the right, each category will be awarded:

- **1st Prize** - £150
- **2nd Prize** - £80
- **3rd Prize** - £40

Each winner will also receive a copy of a Textbook, Gracey’s Meat Hygiene, 11th Edition, David S. Collins (Editor), Robert J. Huey (Editor), January 2015, ©2014, Wiley-Blackwell

Abstracts and posters will be published on VPHA website

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