

Either Hybrid (online & in person) or Virtual Conference

Saturday, 25th September 2021 **VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED**



“WHERE NEXT..?” *Veterinary education & EMS, environment, welfare, food, pandemic, trade...*

Following on from the 2020 student-led conference, the first ever appointed UK VPH Ambassadors would like to take forward the following recommendations, relevant for UK undergraduate vet students: 1) *Increase VPH-related EMS opportunities & more opportunities to comment on various consultation documents* 2) *More teaching on environmental impact & sustainability strategies of the profession*

With exciting and relevant topics for the veterinary profession in mind, we hope you will attend, participate in & actively discuss the proceedings (either in person or online), **WHICH THIS YEAR WILL ALSO BE LED BY UK VET STUDENTS. FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW**
Some presentations may be pre-recorded.

Confirmed speakers



Andrew Storrar Memorial Lecture: “Where next? A global perspective”

David Hadrill, Consultant to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)

David is a veterinary specialist in international development and emergency response. He has worked in more than forty countries. Based on experience in lower and middle-income countries, and building on last year’s conference recommendations/ proposals, he will discuss:

- Veterinary work outside clinical practice
- Current hot topics, such as disasters, AMR, emerging pandemic threats
- Environmental impact issues



“Where next? Trade in meat(s) and animal products”

Peter Hardwick, Trade Policy Advisor BMPA

The up-to-date situation regarding UK trade in Meat and Animal products nationally and internationally. Challenges for traders and vets. How veterinarians can continuously facilitate this important trade!



“Where next? Understanding & Enhancing vets’ contributions to environmental sustainability” Harriet Bartlett, PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge

Harriet is in the final year of her PhD at the University of Cambridge. She put her vet degree on hold to complete a PhD looking at the consequences of alternative livestock systems on biodiversity, climate, animal welfare, antibiotic use and pandemic risk. She has worked extensively with livestock industries in the UK, Australia and Brazil, quantifying impacts and pathways to progress. Harriet was selected to take part in the Homeward Bound Programme, a year-long leadership program for women in STEMM culminating in the largest ever expedition of women to Antarctica. She believes vets have the opportunity to play a pivotal role in championing evidence-led progress on the sustainability of livestock and companion animals.

“Where next? The role of farm vets striving to balance multiple needs!”

Jonathan Statham, Chief Executive, RAFT Solutions

Jonathan combines 25 years of experience in veterinary practice with a range of wider industry & academic roles. As chair of Bishopton Veterinary Group, a 40+vet independently owned practice (members of XL Vets) based in Yorkshire, he remains active in practice with an RCVS Diploma in Cattle Health & Production and is an RCVS Recognised Specialist in that field. He is Chief Executive of RAFT Solutions Ltd, an innovation led sustainability company combining applied research with advanced breeding, food futures consultancy and training. Jonathan has also held a range of representative or policy linked roles including past President of the British Cattle Veterinary Association (BCVA) and is currently a non-executive director of Animal Health & Welfare Board of England (AHWBE). In 2020 he also took up a chair at the new veterinary school at Harper and Keele and is now Professor of Sustainable Livestock Health & Welfare. Jonathan has a long-standing commitment to the role of vets at the centre of a farm team striving to balance the multiple needs of food security, animal health & welfare, one health & AMR with mitigating environmental impacts. The Animal Health & Welfare Pathway set to launch in April 2022 represents a massive change for both farming and food that places vets front and centre in delivery.

“Where next? One Health & Sustainability in national, continental and global settings” Simon Doherty, Past-President BVA, Chair FVE Food Safety & Sustainability WG, Chair WVA One Health Education WG

Simon is now based at the Institute of Global Food Security at Queen's University Belfast and, in addition to the roles mentioned above, he is a Director of Vet Sustain and a trustee of the international sustainable development charity, Send a Cow. Sustainability is a current buzzword, but it means different things to different people. In his presentation, Simon will talk about some of his experience in bringing the global veterinary community together around the concept and how he sees One Health as a critical part of the journey towards sustainability.

“Where next? VPHAmbassadors feedback/led discussions”

- **Feedback on & summaries of discussions with high level representatives from various organisation** being interviewed from June until September: *educationalists, government officials, agricultural and industrial bodies, NGOs, industry representatives and others asked on their motivation and ability to provide non-clinical VPH-related EMS opportunities.*
- **Feedback on & summaries of [BVA recommendations on animal welfare at slaughter](#)** including the **outcome of student discussions** on the 67 recommendations (impact on animals, humans and the environment/implementation ideas) **with questions posed to a live panel from the BVA group** (*Collin Wilson, Charlie Mason, Liz Kelly, James Russell and others*).

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