NATIONAL VETERINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

„Parasites at the Wildlife and Domestic Interface – Challenges for Public Health”

Agenda, October 7-8, 2026

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9:00–10:00
Opening Ceremony (Organizers and Honorary Patrons)

10:00–11:10 Session I
Session Chairs: Dr. Ewa Bilska-Zając; Prof. Tomasz Cencek

- **10:00–10:30 – Dr. Adriano Casulli**
  The international public health concern on Echinococcus spp. at the wildlife–domestic–animal–human Interface
- **10:30–10:50 – Dr. Gerald Umhang**
  Echinococcus in Europe facing emerging risks and new control challenges
- **10:50–11:10 – Dr. Selene Rubiola**
  Cyst-forming parasites in livestock and game meat: zoonotic risks and emerging challenges

11:10–12:00 Coffee Break

12:00–13:20 Session II
Session Chairs: Aneta Bełcik, MSc; Dr. Gianluca Marucci

- **12:00–12:20 – Dr. Davor Balić**
  Trichinellosis in Croatia: lessons from the past and challenges of the present
- **12:20–12:40– Dr. Jakub Kubacki**
  Carnivorous animals – a strategic reservoir and vector of trichinellosis in Poland
- **12:40–13:00 – Dr. Ewa Bilska-Zając**
  Trichinella spiralis in Europe – genetic diversity revealed using Trich-tracker
- **13:00–13:20 – Dr. Christine Müller-Graf**
  Introduction to risk assessment with examples from parasitology

13:20–14:30 Lunch (Poster Session)

14:30–15:30 Session III
Session Chairs: Dr. Weronika Korpysa-Dzirba; Dr. Gerald Umhang

- **14:30–14:50 – Dr. Martin Richter**
  Impact of climate change on (foodborne) pathogens or estimating the estimate
- **14:50–15:10 – Prof. Dariusz J. Gwiazdowicz**
  Raccoons – a growing population and associated threats
- **15:10–15:30 – Prof. Paweł Janiszewski**
  Wildlife population dynamics in a changing world: human impact, ecological consequences, and new health risks

15:30–16:20 Coffee Break

16:20–17:00 Session IV - Short Presentations Session – Veterinary Sciences on the Rise (5-min. presentation)
Session Chairs: Aneta Bełcik, MSc; Dr. Selene Rubiola

- **16:20–16:25 – Dr. Julia Dąbrowska**
  Coordinated ultrastructural remodeling of the hepatic microenvironment during the migration of Trichinella spiralis larvae in BALB/c mice
- **16:25–16:30 –Dr. Ewelina Barbara Czyżewska-Dors**
  Occurrence of antibodies against Toxoplasma gondii, Neospora caninum, and Sarcoptes scabiei in wild boars in Poland
- **16:30–16:35 – Dr. Edyta B. Hendiger-Rizo**
  Free-living amoebae as “trojan horses” of pathogens – a link at the environment–animal interface
- **16:35–16:40 – Justyna Lewtak, MSc**
  Transfer of perfluoroalkyl substances from contaminated water to chicken meat during cooking
- **16:40–16:45 – Dr. Joanna Sajewicz-Krukowska**
  Avian Malaria during an HPAIV H5N1 outbreak in african penguins: differential diagnosis of the causes of death
- **16:45–16:50 – Prof. Kinga Wieczorek**
  Does the sale of antimicrobials in Poland influence the antimicrobial resistance of Campylobacter jejuni? Analysis of data from 2014-2023
- **16:50–16:55 –Dr. Magdalena Chmielewska-Jeznach**
  Free-living amoebae as animal pathogens – an underestimated problem in veterinary medicine

19:00 Gala Dinner – Hotel Trzy Korony

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10:00–11:15 Session V
Session Chairs: Dr. Adriano Casulli; Prof. Jacek Karamon

- **10:00–10:25 – Prof. Anna Moniuszko-Malinowska**
  Tick-borne diseases in clinical practice – diagnosis and treatment
- **10:25–10:40 – Dr. Emily Sel**
  Tick-borne protozoa in wild mammals in Poland: occurrence, molecular characterization, and One Health relevance
- **10:40–11:00 – Prof. Anna Bogucka-Kocka**
  Human Dirofilariasis – a growing problem and a challenge in medical diagnostics
- **11:00–11:15 – Dr. Alqeer Ali**
  Molecular eidemiology and genetic characterization of Dirofilaria immitis and D. repens across diverse hosts and geographic regions

11:15–12:00 Coffee Break

12:00–13:20 Session VI
Session Chairs: Prof. Anna Bogucka-Kocka; Dr. Martin Richter

- **12:00–12:20 – Dr. Marta Demkowska-Kutrzepa**
  Parasites of dogs and cats in Poland – zoonotic aspects from a clinical and environmental perspectives
- **12:20–12:40 – Dr. Petras Prakas**
  Foodborne zoonotic parasites in game animals in Lithuania: research findings and public health implications
- **12:40–13:00– Dr. Jacek Sroka**
  Toxoplasmosis – reservoirs, routes of transmission to humans, and the latest epidemiological and molecular data
- **13:00–13:20– Dr. Gianluca Marucci**
  Parasites of a parasite: Giardiavirus impact on Giardia duodenalis

13:20–14:40 Lunch (Poster Session)

14:40–15:40 Session VII
Session Chairs: Dr. Marta Demkowska-Kutrzepa; Dr. Jacek Sroka

- **14:40–15:00 –Dr. Vasco Menconi**
  Zoonotic parasitic threats from freshwater fish consumption
- **15:00–15:20 – Dr. Katarzyna Nadolna-Altyn**
  From sea to the plate: invisible passengers – Anisakidae
- **15:20–15:40 – Prof. Tomasz Cencek**
  between environment and health – zoonotic helminths in soils

15:50 Closing Ceremony

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