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# State Veterinarians Conference 2024



## ‘One Health, One Welfare 2024 – Shaping the Future’



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**Slieve Russell Conference Centre, Cavan  
April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## Programme Schedule, Friday 12th April 2024

0830	Registration	Tea and Coffee	Cranaghan Suite
Morning Session Chairperson			Cranaghan Suite 1 Micheál Cuddihy, SVI
1000	<b>Opening Address</b>		<b>Philip O'Reilly</b> , President Veterinary Officers Association
1010	<b>Adapting to change: shifting patterns in exotic disease threats to Ireland</b>		<b>Audrey Jenkinson, SVI</b> National Disease Control Centre
1040	<b>Gender inequalities in the world of work today</b>		<b>Dr Lisa Wilson</b> Nevin Economic Research Institute
1120	<b>One Sustainable Health for All... Reassessing the Pandemics We Face</b>		<b>Dr Glen Cousquer</b> BSc(Hons) BVM&S CertZooMed MSc (Outdoor Education) MSc (Education Research) PhD MRCVS IML SFHEA  University of Edinburgh
1150	<b>DAFM Experiences and Research session</b>		<b>Donal O'Mahoney</b> <b>Ricardo Gatica</b> <b>Antonio Romero</b>

1230	Lunch	Cranaghan Suite 2	
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Afternoon Session Chairperson:			Cranaghan Suite 1 Maire McElroy SSRO
1345	<b>The welfare of Working Equids – EU and beyond – including the global trade in donkey skins.</b>		<b>Dr Joe Collins</b> MVB PhD CBiol CSci FRSB MRCVS CertEP CertVR The Donkey Sanctuary
1405	<b>Evolution of farm animal welfare policy and science in Ireland over the past 30 years</b>		<b>Dr Laura Boyle</b> M.Agr.Sc., Ph.D. Teagasc
1445	<b>Donkeys are Different – not small horses with big ears!</b>		<b>Dr Joe Collins</b> MVB PhD CBiol CSci FRSB MRCVS CertEP CertVR The Donkey Sanctuary
1505	<b>One Health-The Power of Working Together</b>		<b>Dr Liam Burke,</b> BSc, PhD Centre for One Health, University of Galway
1545	Closing remarks		
1555	Conference End Tea and Coffee		

1615-1845	VOA AGM Cranaghan Suite	<b>VOA members only</b>
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1945	Drinks reception	
2000	Gala Dinner at the Cranaghan Suite, Slieve Russell Hotel Raffle all proceeds to IVBF <b>(cash only)</b>	

## Programme Schedule, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024

0900	Registration Tea and Coffee	Cranaghan Suite 1
Morning Session	Chairperson	Fiona MacDermott, SVI Kieran Crowley, VI
1000 Workshop 1	Workshop on Investigative interview technique (Part 1)	Dan Donachie Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery <b>WOAH</b>
1115	Tea/coffee	
1130 Workshop 2	Workshop on Investigative interview technique (Part 2)	Dan Donachie Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery <b>WOAH</b>

1245	Lunch	Cranaghan Suite 2
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## 13.30 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April Social Events

**Please note: Booking on Eventbrite is an Expression of Interest, to secure your place you must contact those named below to secure a booking. Cut off for booking is 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.**

1. Golf on the Slieve Russell course at the hotel- tee off times from 1:50. Contact [Michael.Smith@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:Michael.Smith@agriculture.gov.ie) directly to arrange booking.  
[Golf Course Overview](#) | [Golf Breaks In Ireland](#) | [Slieve Russell](#)
2. Kayaking on Lough Oughter @ 14:30, to Clough Oughter Castle and Crannog Island  
Bring a towel, swimwear, old runners and a change of clothes.  
[Kayaking - Cavan Adventure Centre](#)  
Contact [Emer.Butler@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:Emer.Butler@agriculture.gov.ie) directly to arrange booking
3. 14:30 Guided boat tour to 13<sup>th</sup> Century Clough Oughter Castle and Island - Max 12 people  
Bring warm clothing and a waterproof jacket.  
[Guided Boat Tour - Cavan Adventure Centre](#)

Contact [Emer.Butler@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:Emer.Butler@agriculture.gov.ie) directly to arrange booking

### HOW TO BOOK MY BEDROOM:

1. Visit [www.slieverussell.ie](http://www.slieverussell.ie)
  - Click gold "STAY" button on top right of screen
  - Type Promo Code: **VOA** Click Book Now button
2. Under "Check in", "Check Out" and "Occupancy" at top of screen, select dates required and 1 adult, 2 adults etc
3. Select Bedroom Type (if you require a twin room ie: 2 beds, ensure you select a twin room) and click green "BOOK NOW" button

Please note: bedroom types are subject to what is available at the time of your booking. We cannot accommodate any requests for particular bedroom types: please select from what is available at the time of booking

5. Choose 2 adults or 1 adult (**THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP TO ENSURE THE CORRECT RATE IS CHARGED**)
6. If you have any special requirements eg: additional people/children in your bedroom (additional charges will apply) - please note this in the 'Personalise your stay' box and we will contact you to discuss
7. Book the bedroom in the name of the guest staying (or lead guest if booking a twin or double room) – you may enter the second person's name in the 'Personalise your stay' box
8. Click green box "Continue" button to complete your reservation
9. The only package available to book is Bed & Breakfast
10. If you need to book more than one bedroom, please make each reservation separately
11. Credit card details are required to secure the booking: please note in the event of a cancellation within 7 days of the arrival date this is the card that will be used for cancellation costs
12. Confirmation of the reservation will be sent via email – please check Spam/Junk folders if you do not receive into your inbox