

2013 BVCS CONFERENCE

- Venue

Donnington Valley Hotel, Newbury

- Format

Two day weekend session for vets

- Principal Guest Speaker

Patrik Zanolari from Switzerland gave presentations on:

Interpretation of haematology and biochemistry

Dental diseases

Caesarian sections

Castration

Exploratory laparotomy

Infectious disease concerns in Europe

- Other presentations

Reproductive emergencies/pregnancy ultrasound

Claire Whitehead

Case Studies: 1) Leg amputation

2) Intravenous regional perfusion of antibiotics

Rebecca Edwards

Selected topics from the 2013 International Camelid Conference

David Thurston, Claire Whitehead, Rebecca Edwards

Interactive session on anaemia, weight loss/ill thrift

Karin Mueller

Plant Poisoning

Graham Duncanson

UK TB testing, current situation and aspirations for the future

Alastair Hayton

- Report

We were so impressed with the friendliness, food and facilities last year that we returned to the Donnington Valley Hotel near Newbury for the 2013 conference in mid November.

Easy transport links from Heathrow were an added bonus as main speaker Patrik Zanolari flew in from Switzerland and we also had members of the BVCS arriving from Sweden and the Netherlands.

There was a pretty wide age range this year with president Claire Whitehead's 3 weeks old baby being the youngest.



Delegates outside the hotel with guest speaker Patrik Zanolari 2nd left

We covered a lot of ground over the weekend, with a variety of interesting and practical topics delivered by some excellent speakers. There was also a convivial conference dinner on the Saturday evening.

Once again we were very grateful for sponsorship from British Camelids Ltd and GWF nutrition.

Next year is the 20th anniversary of the founding of the BVCS - any suggestions for ways to celebrate would be welcomed.