

PROGRAM FOR ECAR and ESDAR CONFERENCE 2026

16-17.09.2026 – Summer School for ECAR residents

15.09.2026 (TUESDAY)

9.00 – 13.00 – practical classes concerning biotechnics in cattle and horses (for example: embryo transfer, OPU) – Clinic of Department of Animal Reproduction, Invivet, Polish Academy of Science

13.00 – 14.00 – Lunch

14.00 – 18.00 practical classes concerning biotechnics in small animals – Clinic of Department of Animal Reproduction, Wojciech Nizański with his team

16.09.2026 (WEDNESDAY)

9.00 – 13.00 – Lectures: Comparative anatomy and Puberty

13.00 – 14.00 – Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 – Lectures: Sylvie Chastant - Oestrus cycle – comparative aspects and detection methods

16.00 – 18.00 – Mock Exam

17.09.2025 (THURSDAY)

09:00–13:00 – Lectures:

Jan Govaere – Manipulation of the oestrus cycle

Manuel Hidalgo – Steroidogenesis

13:00–14:00 – Lunch

14:00–17:00 – Workshops (case discussions in groups)

Satellite courses for Polish practitioners

17.09.2026 (Thursday)

15.00 – 18.00 Ultrasound and doppler examination of cows – Heiner Bollwein,
Switzerland

Katarzyna Żarczyńska – ultrasound examination of the abdominal cavity

15.00 – 18.00 Stefan Björkman – Pigs reproduction or health management of pigs — I
already have a sponsor interested in such a session – willing to sponsor the whole pigs
course

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17.09.2026 (Thursday)

19.00-22.00 – Welcome reception

18.09.2026 (Friday)

08.00 – 08.30 **Opening session**

Welcome by ESDAR and ECAR President

Welcome by LOC / Polish Universities

08.30-10.00 - **Plenary session 1**

Keynote lecture 1 - David Noakes memorial Lecture - Michael Morris – A
Review of parturition and the puerperium in the modern dairy cow

Key-note lecture 2: Thomas Hildebrand: New conservation approach for
critically endangered mammalian species

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 11.45 **Young scientist communication, Oral presentations ECAR residents**

11.45 - 12.45 **Oral communications I (4x4 OC's)**

OC1 Spermatology

OC2 Gynecology

OC3 Behaviour & reproduction

OC4 Endocrinology

12.45-13.45 **Lunch Break**

12.45-13.45 **Meeting of the ESDAR Country Representatives (+ lunch)**

13.45-15.15 **Poster session I**

15.00-15.30 **Coffee Break**

15.30-16.00 ECAR AGM

16.00 – 17.30 **Parallel Workshops 1-3 , How to do session I**

WS1 – How to improve maternal behavior and reduce piglet mortality in free farrowing systems – Alexander Grahofer

WS 2 – Manuel Hidalgo Spain : Similarities and differences in donkey and horse male and female reproduction

WS 3 - Osvaldo Bogado Pascottini – Novel aspects of endometritis in dairy cows: from molecular to practical approaches

ECAR How-to-do session 1 – Updates on the most common procedures in reproductive biotechnology – Pawel Kordowitzki & Jane Morrell

20.00 – **Gala dinner**

19.09.2026 (Saturday)

08.30-10.00 - **Plenary session 2**

Keynote lecture 3: Sandra Goericke-Pesch – Uterine disfunctions in companion animals.

Keynote lecture 4: Pat Lonergan - Pregnancy outcomes following artificial insemination and embryo transfer in dairy cows - expectations vs. reality

10.00 – 10.30 **Coffee Break**

10.30 - 11.30 **Oral communications II (4x4 OC's)**

OC5 Obstetrics

OC6 Andrology

OC7 Embryo transfer

OC8 Other

11.30 – 12.15 **ESDAR Annual business meeting**

12.15 – 13.15 **Lunch**

13.15 – 14.45 **Poster session II**

14.30 -15.00 **Coffee Break**

15.00 – 16.30 **Workshops 4-6, How to do session II**

WS4 – Sebastian Arlt – Small animals – Castration consultation between practitioners and pet owners

WS 5 – Roman Dąbrowski and his team, Poland: Artificial intelligence and virtual reality in reproduction and education

WS 6 - Anna Rapacz-Leonard, Poland – From placental attachment to placental release: retained fetal membranes as a model of postpartum placental dysfunction

ECAR How-do-to session 2 – ECAR residency/supervision – ECAR board

16.30 – 17.00 **Closure of the meeting, prizes**