

29TH ANNUAL ESDAR CONFERENCE & 4TH ECAR SYMPOSIUM

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 Presidents

Welcome by LOC / Polish Universities

08.30 – 09.50 - **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

09.50 – 10.40 - **Oral presentations ECAR residents**

10.40 – 11.10 - Coffee break

11.10 – 12.00 - **Young scientist communication**

12.00 – 13.00 - **Oral communications I (4x4 OC's)**

OC1 Spermatology

OC2 Gynecology

OC3 Gynecology/Mammary gland/other

OC4 Other

13.00-14.00 - **Lunch Break**

13.00-14.00 - **Meeting of the ESDAR Country Representatives (+ lunch)**

14.00-15.30 - **Poster session I**

15.15-15.45 - **Coffee Break**

15.45 – 16.15 - ECAR AGM

16.15 – 17.45 - **Parallel Workshops 1-3 , How to do session I**

WS1 – **Alexander Grahofer** - Philipp Egli

How to improve maternal behavior and reduce piglet mortality in free farrowing systems

WS 2 – **Manuel Hidalgo** - Isabel Ortiz - Pilar Valejo-Soto

Similarities and differences in donkey and horse male and female reproduction

WS 3 – **Oswaldo Bogado Pascottini** - Uxia Yanez - Dawid Tobolski - Milena Krupa

Novel aspects of endometritis in dairy cows: from molecular to practical approaches

ECAR How-to-do session 1 – **Pawel Kordowitzki** - Jane Morrell

Updates on the most common procedures in reproductive biotechnology

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 Andrology

OC6 Obstetrics

OC7 Endocrinology / Embryo transfer

OC8 Nutrition / 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** - Sabine Schäfer-Somi

Castration consultation – between practitioners and pet owners

WS 5 – **Roman Dąbrowski** - Marco Wochnik - Marta Kankofer

Artificial intelligence and virtual reality in reproduction and education

WS 6 – **Anna Rapacz-Leonard** - Davis Laundon

From placental attachment to placental release: retained fetal membranes as a model of postpartum placental dysfunction

ECAR How-do-to session 2 – **Stefan Björkmann**

ECAR Exam 2025: Feedback and Future Training Implications

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