



Press Release

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Toxocara under the spotlight

With less than six weeks to go until ESCCAP **Toxocara2012** in **Budapest, Hungary**, interest continues to grow among the scientific community. Taking place from 3rd–5th October 2012, **Toxocara2012** presents the research and clinical communities with a great opportunity to come together and share their knowledge.

Excitement is building among a wide range of groups, from parasitologists and immunologists to health care officials and veterinarians, at the prospect of a meeting that gives unique opportunities to link with different disciplines to better understand the challenge of controlling this important parasitic disease.

Increasingly people are taking their pets or working dogs with them when travelling in Europe with all the associated risks to their own health and the health of their animals. Research into new technologies which explore the fundamental biology of *Toxocara* to develop improved diagnostic tools and investigations into the interactions between host and parasite populations are presenting crucial opportunities to address many of the issues surrounding *Toxocara* in both animals and humans.

Professor Rick Maizels, Chair of the Biological Session of **Toxocara2012**, was clear on the benefits of attendance. "I would encourage all those with a professional interest in *Toxocara* to attend this meeting. By sharing our understanding across disciplines, I am hopeful that together we will be able to open up new frontiers in the management of what can be a life-changing disease."

Further information about the event and details for **online registration** can be found on ESCCAP's dedicated events website at www.esccapevents.org.

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Notes for Editors

1. The European Scientific Counsel for Companion Animal Parasites (ESCCAP) was formed in 2005. It is an independent, not for profit organisation, comprising a group of eminent veterinarians across Europe all with recognised expertise in the field of parasitology. Further details about ESCCAP can be found at www.esccap.org.
The main aim of the organisation is to have a Europe where parasites are no longer an issue for pets or humans. ESCCAP is dedicated to providing access to clear and constructive information for veterinarians and pet owners with the aim of strengthening the animal human bond and working to provide the knowledge essential to help eradicate parasites in pets.
2. The meeting will be held at the Kempinski Hotel Corvinus, Budapest, Hungary from Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th October 2012.
3. Promotional images for the conference and the **Toxocara2012** logo can be provided.
4. ESCCAP **Toxocara2012** is sponsored by Gold Sponsors: Bayer and Novartis and Silver Sponsors: Merck Animal Health.

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