One-Day Pre-Congress Practical Course on Equine Ophthalmology

WEVA will offer a one-day practical course on equine ophthalmology on Oct. 2 prior to the beginning of the 2013 Congress, in Budapest, Hungary. The instructors will be Ann Dwyer, DVM, a practitioner with a special interest in equine ocular disease from the Genesee Valley Equine Clinic, in Scottsville, N.Y., and Bernhard M. Spiess, DVM, Dipl. ACVO, ECVO, a professor of ophthalmology at Zurich University, in Switzerland.

The course will consist of practical sessions on both live horses and cadaver heads.

During his sessions, Spiess will cover:
- Advanced examination of the equine eye with slit lamps and direct and indirect ophthalmoscopes;
- Vision assessment;
- Tonometry (measuring interocular pressure);
- Ocular ultrasound technique and interpretations;
- Auriculopalpebral, frontal, and retrobulbar nerve blocks; and
- Tapping ocular chambers.

During her sessions, Dwyer will cover:
- Patient restraint;
- Ocular imaging with a digital camera;
- Placement of subpalpebral (underneath the eyelid) lavage catheters and tips for managing them in the field;
- Nasolacrimal duct flushing;
- Subconjunctival injection; and
- Ocular cytology techniques and interpretations.

The course is limited to 25 participants and requires a separate registration fee of 250 euros. Find more information about the 2013 WEVA Congress and the ophthalmology course at weva2013Budapest.com.

—Gary L. Norwood, DVM, WEVA past president

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