

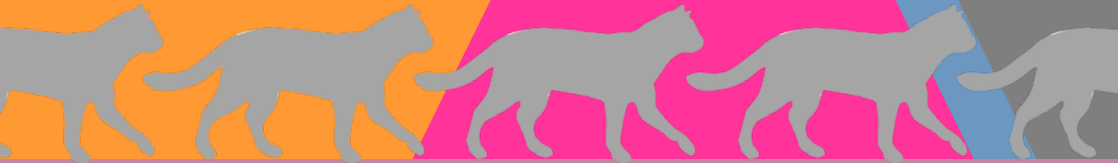


IVNA ANNUAL CPD CONGRESS 2024

CLAYTON HOTEL SILVER SPRINGS CORK

25 & 26 MAY

FEATURING NEW STUDENT STREAM



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Welcome note



Dear Veterinary Nurses & Student VNs,

We're thrilled to announce the return of our 14th Annual IVNA CPD Congress, hosted at the Clayton Hotel Silver Springs in Cork.

This year, we've curated an exceptional program that caters to both seasoned nursing professionals and recent graduates. An exciting addition to our line-up is our first-ever student-focused stream. For a comprehensive overview of the event, please refer to the central pages of this guide.

A key highlight of the weekend is the Annual IVNA Veterinary Nursing Awards, at our Gala Dinner, where we honour individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in their roles. Join us for a social event that offers the perfect opportunity to network with colleagues, reconnect with old college friends, and build new connections.

We extend our appreciation to our sponsors, Royal Canin® and Allianz, whose unwavering support makes this event possible. Their commitment to the advancement of veterinary nursing is truly invaluable.

We sincerely hope you can join us for what is undoubtedly our most significant event of the year. Mark your calendars, spread the word, and prepare for a memorable experience in the heart of Cork.



Kellie Fagan

IVNA Chairperson

Essential Information

Registration

Delegates are encouraged to pre-register for the Congress in order to avail of the Early Bird Rates which run till April 15th 2024. You can either complete the Registration Form on the next page or online at www.ivna.ie. It is not possible to register on the day. **Discounts are available for IVNA members – non-members are welcome to join to avail of these discounts and save money!**

Accommodation



Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork City

You can book directly with the hotel by phoning (021) 450 7533 or email reservations.silversprings@claytonhotels.com. **Don't forget to mention that you are attending Congress to avail of the discounted rates. Rooms are limited so book early**

B&B	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY NIGHT
Single Occupancy	€185	€185
Double Occupancy	€100.50 pps	€100.50 pps

Gala Dinner & Veterinary Nursing Awards Ceremony

This year we will be hosting our Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony on the evening of Saturday 25th May. Tickets are priced at €35 per person but cost less if purchased as part of a bundle with your Congress booking. Guests and partners are welcome and additional tickets can be booked when registering.

Commercial Exhibition

The commercial exhibition takes place on Saturday 25th May and will provide delegates with information on the latest veterinary products, offers and competitions.

Postal Registration Form

Name			
Practice name			
Postal address			
Phone		Mobile	
Email			
IVNA Membership No.		VCI Reg. No.	

Please circle corresponding box to confirm attendance choice

Registration costs	IVNA Members		Non-members**		TOTAL
Early Bird Rate DEADLINE 15 th APRIL	Early Bird	After 15/04/24	Early Bird	After 15/04/24	
Saturday only	€70	€85	€140	€170	
Sunday only	€75	€95	€150	€180	
Saturday & Sunday	€125	€160	€250	€300	
Saturday & Social	€95	€110	€170	€200	
Sunday & Social	€100	€115	€180	€210	
Saturday, Sunday & Social ticket	€150	€160	€280	€330	
Social ticket only	€35	€35	€35	€35	
Congress Registration Total					€

****JOIN THE IVNA TO AVAIL OF DISCOUNTED RATES AND SAVE MONEY****

SATURDAY STREAM: Medical OR Surgical SUNDAY STREAM: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Post to: IVNA, 13 The Courtyard, Kilcarbery Park, Nangor Road, Dublin 22

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS CAN BE MADE AT WWW.IVNA.IE

For full T's & C's please visit our website or email administrator@ivna.ie

Postal IVNA Membership Form

Name	
Address	
Mobile	
*Email	

*Please include email address as all correspondence is forwarded electronically

Qualified RVN (existing IVNA member) – Fee €50.00
(VCI registered nurses and QVN's with proof of qualification)

VCI Reg. No.	
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Qualified RVN (NEW IVNA member) – Fee €55.00
(VCI registered nurses and QVN's with proof of qualification)

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NewGrad VN (Graduated in 2023) – Fee €40.00
(includes annual subscription to Veterinary Ireland Journal)

VCI Reg. No.		College	
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Student VN - FREE

Student No.		College	
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I enclose € _____ membership fee

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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ONLINE SUBSCRIPTIONS can be made at www.ivna.ie/membership

IVNA Veterinary Nurse of the Year 2023



L-R Jon Harries (Royal Canin), Emma Power (Viking Vets), Kellie Fagan (IVNA Chair)

IVNA Student Vet Nurse of the Year 2023



L-R Shannon Caffrey (Allianz), Ellen Ni Chonchuir (ATU Letterkenny)

NOMINATE ONLINE NOW FOR IVNA AWARDS 2024

www.ivnaawards.ie

Submit your online nomination to give your special veterinary staff member a chance to win this prestigious award!

There are 2 categories...

Irish Veterinary Nurse of the Year - Award trophy and €750 voucher

Irish Student Veterinary Nurse of the Year - Award trophy and €500 voucher


The winning nominator for each category will also receive a €100 gift voucher!

Closing date for entries is April 15th 2024

For full T's & C's please visit our website



Congress Saturday Schedule

Saturday 25th May 2024 – MEDICAL STREAM (5 CPE credits pending)	
0830-0900	REGISTRATION
0900-1000	Neuro doesn't always mean the Brain! LORRAINE MCDONNELL
1000-1030	TEA BREAK sponsored by ROYAL CANIN® & Allianz
1030-1130	Nurses time is money! MELANIE O'DONOGHUE 
1130-1230	IVNA AGM
1230-1330	LUNCH
1330-1430	Complex? This is ECGs made easy COURTNEY SCALES
1430-1530	The Key Role of the Vet Nurse in Managing Allergies JOHN REDBOND 
1530-1600	TEA BREAK sponsored by ROYAL CANIN® & Allianz
1600-1700	Bandaging Blunders - Why do bandaging injuries happen and how can we help stop them? SHELLY JEFFERIES
Saturday 25th May 2024 – SURGICAL STREAM (5 CPE credits pending)	
0830-0900	REGISTRATION
0900-1000	Nurses time is money! MELANIE O'DONOGHUE
1000-1030	TEA BREAK sponsored by ROYAL CANIN® & Allianz
1030-1130	Wake me up, before you go-go: Anaesthesia Recovery COURTNEY SCALES 
1130-1230	IVNA AGM
1230-1330	LUNCH
1330-1430	Nursing the Surgical Spine - my tips and tricks MAIREAD DEASY
1430-1530	Surgical Nursing of the Trauma Patient GRAINNE KELLY 
1530-1600	TEA BREAK sponsored by ROYAL CANIN® & Allianz
1600-1700	The Peri-Operative Care of Exotic Patients SARAH KENNEDY

Congress Sunday Schedule

Sunday 26th May—BANDAGING ANGELS STREAM	
1000-1030	REGISTRATION
1030-1130	Wound Management: How to achieve best results in practice
1130-1200	TEA BREAK
1200-1300	Take the pressure off! PRACTICAL SESSION
1300-1400	LUNCH
1400-1500	Debride, Drain, Dress! PRACTICAL SESSION
1500	CONGRESS CLOSE
WELLNESS STREAM with Aoife Smith	
1000-1030	REGISTRATION
1030-1130	Self-Nurturing to Nurture your Patients
1130-1200	TEA BREAK
1200-1300	Whiskers & Whispers: Mastering Human Connection PRACTICAL
1300-1400	LUNCH
1400-1500	Bounce Back: Building Resilience & Pawsitive Persistence PRACTICAL
1500	CONGRESS CLOSE
PHYSIO STREAM with Jane Tyrrell	
1000-1030	REGISTRATION
1030-1130	Rehabilitation of the stroke patient: Increasing quality of life
1130-1200	TEA BREAK
1200-1300	Simple Massage techniques to improve patient care PRACTICAL
1300-1400	LUNCH
1400-1500	Prevention is better than cure: Exercises prescription PRACTICAL
1500	CONGRESS CLOSE



Please note that you can only attend one stream per day and that it is not possible to switch streams on the day. The Sunday streams have a limited number of places so book early to avoid disappointment.

5 CVE credits pending for each Sunday stream

Saturday Student Stream

Saturday 25th May 2023	
0830-0900	REGISTRATION
0900-1000	Paws and Progress: From Classroom Curiosity to Clinic Confidence AOIFE SMITH
1000-1030	TEA BREAK sponsored by ROYAL CANIN® & Allianz
1030-1130	Practice Makes Perfect: Tips for getting the most out of Clinical Placement—PANEL DISCUSSION
1130-1230	IVNA AGM
1230-1330	LUNCH
1330-1430	Ask Us Anything! A panel of experienced RVNs field questions from the students—PANEL DISCUSSION
1430-1530	The World of Work: Tips and tricks for getting a job you love! PANEL DISCUSSION
1530-1600	TEA BREAK sponsored by ROYAL CANIN® & Allianz
1600-1700	Clinical Skills Practical session - IV catheter placement, paw bandage application and more—PANEL DISCUSSION

We are excited to welcome students to the IVNA Congress at our inaugural student-focused stream. This stream is for all levels of study from first to final year and will allow students from all institutions to meet in a friendly and relaxed setting. Our discussion panels will have a range of registered veterinary nurses who are more than happy to pass on their vast experience. The stream will focus on helping students to get the most from placements, find the right job during your studies & post-graduation and get the right balance between study, work and life. We will also have a dedicated practical clinical skills session focused on essential everyday nursing skills using a range of simulation models. **Please submit any questions you would like our panel to discuss by emailing Lauren at student-liason@ivna.ie**

Lunch and refreshments will be included and you will have access to the exhibition hall where you can mingle with nurses from the rest of the congress during scheduled breaks - the perfect opportunity to find that ideal placement or job!!

EARLY BIRD RATE (before 15th April) is €40 / POST-EARLY BIRD RATE €50

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS CAN BE MADE AT WWW.IVNA.IE

Congress Speakers

COURTNEY SCALES

DipVN, NCert (Anaesth),
PgCertVAA, RVN



Courtney is originally from New Zealand where she trained and qualified. She began her career in veterinary nursing in 2007 and worked in multiple clinics in New Zealand before moving to Australia in 2015 to pursue her passion for anaesthesia. In 2016, she moved to the United Kingdom where she most recently worked as an Anaesthesia Registered Veterinary Nurse at the Royal Veterinary College and also as a Clinical Educator in anaesthesia.

Courtney started Veterinary *Anursethesis* on various social media platforms throughout her studies and career to share anaesthesia tips with the veterinary community. She has written several journal articles and textbook chapters and enjoys face-to-face speaking, about the practical side of anaesthesia monitoring in practice, at CPD events and National Congresses.

LORRAINE
MCDONNELL
DipVN, RVN, NUI



Lorraine graduated with a Diploma in Veterinary Nursing from UCD in 2007 and has held various jobs within the veterinary sector for the last 25 years. Upon graduating she worked in a mixed practice in

Mayo until 2012 when she moved to Dublin and began working in UCD Veterinary Hospital as a rotating nurse. For the last 8 years she has been one of the core nurses in the Small Animal Internal Medicine Department. Within that time she has published several journal articles. Lorraine enjoys all aspects of medical nursing but has a particular interest in endocrine procedures and endoscopy.

MELANIE
O'DONOGHUE
RVN, DipDM, DipLM,
DipHRM



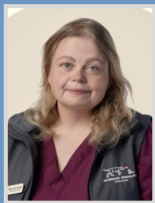
Melanie is an RVN and her career spans 3 decades, where she has worked in practice and industry and now works in VetAssist, her Practice development consultancy business.

She is passionate about animal health and well-being and this is what drives her. Improving patient and practice teams' facilities through practice design and layout, team training and by performing business triage to help practices identify problems, offer solutions, find opportunities, and help them develop their services to their patients and clients.

While also working one day a week in practice as a consulting Vet Nurse, she has gained qualifications in Digital marketing, Leadership and Management, HR Management and has also obtained her Fear Free Practitioner Cert.

MAIREAD DEASY

Dip AVN Dip HE CVN RVN



Mairead graduated with a Diploma in Veterinary Nursing from UCD in 2007. She attained a Diploma in Higher Education Clinical Veterinary Nursing from Myercough College in 2012, followed by the RCVS Advanced Diploma in Veterinary Nursing in 2013. Mairead has worked in referral practice for over twenty years and was delighted to join the Veterinary Specialists Ireland nursing team in May 2023. Mairead enjoys all aspects of surgical nursing and has a particular interest in anaesthesia and advanced care of spinal and orthopaedic patients. Mairead is the head nurse in Veterinary Specialists Cork in their new state of the art referral hospital.

SHELLY JEFFERIES

RVN NcertPT



Shelly has worked as an RVN for more than 20 years, having working in various settings with both companion animals and equines. She is currently Head Nurse at a mixed animal practice in Devon. Shelly's main nursing interests are medical nursing with an emphasis on wound management and patient rehabilitation, she also enjoys training and teaching other veterinary

nurses and has been involved in college lecturing and article publication. Her keen interest in all things wound management led her to become heavily involved in the Bandaging Angels – a group of professionals who provide training, research and education to other veterinary professionals on wound management and bandaging.

Outside of work Shelly is the proud owner of a mad Boston Terrier and a tribe of Ginger Cats all taken home to nurse back to health from sick kittens, who never left!!!

SARAH KENNEDY

RVN

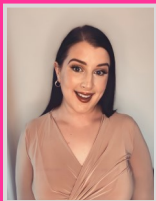


In 2015 Sarah completed an Animal Care and Animal Science degree in Bray Institute of Further Education, and in 2019 graduated from UCD with a degree in Veterinary Nursing.

She has been working in Palmerstown Veterinary Hospital for the past 4 years, the last 2 of these years being head nurse. Over the years Sarah has worked with many animals, with a special interest in surgical nursing and post-operative care. While in Palmerstown Veterinary Hospital she has worked with reptiles, small mammals, birds and even fish.

AOIFE M. SMITH

BSc. Vet. Nursing, BA
(H.Dip) Psychology, MA
Psychotherapy



Aoife is an ex-RVN (BSc. Veterinary Nursing, 2014) with a passion for improving and preserving the mental wellbeing of Veterinary professionals. With a BA (H.Dip) Psychology and an MA Counselling & Psychotherapy, she hosts lectures and workshops for Veterinary teams and students across the country, in addition to running a successful private Psychotherapy practice. She prides herself on being well-equipped to assist Veterinary professionals with improving their mental wellbeing and sustaining positive practices that maintain their mental health.

In addition to holding space for 1:1 clients both in person and online, Aoife has the pleasure of interacting with students from some of our acclaimed Veterinary courses here in Ireland throughout the academic year. She has lectured for both St. John's College Cork, and the School of Veterinary Medicine in UCD.

Aoife is also enthusiastic about reaching a wider audience with her cause, so she has lots of fun hosting The Vetglow Podcast, which is available on all major podcast platforms. She is also very active on her Instagram account @athenasmindtherapy.

Aoife is so excited about being with you at this year's IVNA Congress, and looks forward to seeing all of the positive change that you will manifest with her in her lectures and workshops.

JANE TYRRELL

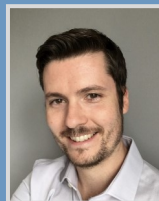
RVN AdvCert VPhys



Jane has been working in small animal practice exclusively since qualifying as a veterinary nurse in 2010 and has a keen interest in surgical nursing and wound management. Jane graduated from St. John's Central College and in 2013 she returned to education to complete a post grad in Veterinary Physiotherapy. She works part-time as an RVN and as a small and large animal veterinary physiotherapist. In her spare time Jane serves on the IVNA committee as Treasurer.

JOHN REDBOND

RVN



John Redbond RVN started working as a trainee nurse in 2001, qualified in 2004 and went on to run a dermatology clinic for 8 years from 2011. He was also Head Nurse and Practice Coordinator at the same practice and is now Group Manager of the Veterinary Nursing Dermatology Group which he set up to get more nurses involved in dermatology; as well as working for the past 4 years with NextmuneUK who specialise in veterinary dermatological products. John has lectured and written numerous articles about dermatology and hosts the Skin Flint veterinary dermatology podcast.

Grainne Kelly RVN: Biography and photo unavailable at time of printing

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