



## European Society of Feline Medicine

**WSAVA Preconference Day  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

UCD Veterinary Sciences Centre  
University College Dublin  
Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland



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For many years, there has been a growing interest and enthusiasm for feline medicine within the veterinary profession. Many of the unique challenges of working with cats are now well understood, as is the need to treat them as a separate species in their own right!

In recognition of this, the European Society of Feline Medicine was established by fab in 1996 as an organisation to provide a focus for veterinarians with a special interest in feline medicine throughout Europe.

ESFM produces an internationally peer-reviewed journal and runs the largest feline medicine congress in Europe, as well as other feline medicine study days, such as this one at WSAVA 2008.

ESFM takes an active role in the promotion of feline medicine by keeping its members informed of the latest developments in this field through the publication of the bi-monthly Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery.

The JFMS is an internationally peer-reviewed journal published in association with Elsevier Science. It contains quality original papers and reviews, including basic research, short communications, letters, plus international news of relevant advances and issues from other publications and meetings.

ESFM runs several highly successful feline conferences for veterinary surgeons each year. The conferences, including the WSAVA Preconference Meeting, are GP-orientated, offering plenty of practical tips as well as giving you something new to think about.

### Speakers



#### **Mark W. Jackson BSc, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, MRCVS**

Received his DVM from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 87. After 2 years in general practice he returned to the UW where he completed an Internal Medicine residency, a residency in Clinical Nutrition and a PhD in human clinical nutrition. He taught Internal Medicine and Clinical Nutrition at UW, the University of Bristol in England for two years and then joined the faculty at North Carolina State University for 7 years. During that time he pursued his research and clinical interests in the areas of metabolic and endocrine disorders. He spent 5 years working in collaboration with investigators at Duke University developing and refining methods for neonatal intensive care and gene therapy for inherited disorders of metabolism. He then spent two years in the corporate setting as an Internal Medicine specialist before joining the Internal Medicine team at the University of Glasgow as the FAB Hill's Lecturer in Feline Health and Welfare in 2006. He is also currently Deputy Associate Dean for Clinics at Glasgow.

### Kit Sturgess



Dr Kit Sturgess graduated from Cambridge University in 1986 and then spent 6 years in general practice. He obtained his Royal College Certificate of Veterinary Radiology in 1990 whilst working in equine / small animal practice. Kit became the Duphar Feline Fellow at Bristol in 1992 and was awarded his PhD looking at the mucosal immune response to feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) in 1997. Kit spent 6 years as a lecturer in small animal internal medicine at Bristol University and the Royal Veterinary College during which time he gained his Diploma in Small Animal Medicine and Certificate in Cardiology. Kit's latest adventure is to set up a private, specialist led, multidiscipline referral centre near Winchester. Kit maintains a keen interest in feline internal medicine, particularly infectious diseases, immunology, gastrointestinal disease and nutrition. He has authored numerous articles and a textbook on feline internal medicine. Kit is a RCVS recognised specialist in small animal internal medicine.



### Margie Scherk

Dr. Margie Scherk is a private practitioner and founder of Cats Only Veterinary Clinic, in Vancouver, BC. She graduated from the University of Guelph in 1982 with a DVM from the Ontario Veterinary College. In 1995 she became board certified in the specialty of Feline Practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP). One of the things she is most proud of is her pioneering the use of the Transdermal Fentanyl Patch for the alleviation of pain in companion animals. She has collaborated and co-authored several other papers; she has written a chapter for the 2005 edition of Ettinger and Feldman's Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine as well as several other chapters in other texts. She is honoured to serve the American Association of Feline Practitioners as President during 2007. She has the privilege of being on the AAFP/AFM Feline Vaccine Recommendations Panel. She has volunteered on the ABVP exam committee and the CE committee and has served on the scientific advisory committee for the World Small Animal Veterinary Congress and been the editor of the WSAVA Proceedings for the Vancouver 2001 meeting. As a participant on the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam Committee (NAVLE), she interacts with top teachers and practitioners to create a fair way of assessing the competence of new graduates. She founded and co-edits of the Feline Internal Medicine folder on Veterinary Information Network (VIN), and through many opportunities on the online medium, has grown to love teaching veterinarians, vet students and veterinary care providers both online and around the world. She has a lot of fun co-ordinating the feline intensive week at the NAVC Institute every summer. She is the North American editor for the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery.

### Michael Schaer



Dr. Michael Schaer received his D.V.M. degree from the University of Illinois in 1970. He then went to the Animal Medical Center (AMC) in New York City where he served as an intern and then as a medicine resident between 1970-73. After the residency, he remained at the AMC as a staff member in the Department of Medicine until 1977. He then joined a private small animal practice in New Jersey until late 1978 at which time he joined the faculty at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine where he has remained until the present time. He has published several papers and book chapters and he has lectured nationally and internationally. Dr Schaer is also the author of the textbook, Clinical Medicine of the Dog and Cat and has just submitted his second textbook Clinical Signs in Small Animal Medicine. At the U of F, Dr. Schaer functions as a clinician, teacher, and administrator. His present professional duties include: Professor and Associate Chairman-Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, Associate Chief of Staff-Small Animal Hospital, and Service Chief-Small Animal Medicine. Dr. Schaer is board certified in internal medicine and emergency and critical care.



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## **PROGRAMME**

<b>08.30-09.00</b>	Registration
<b>09.00-10.00</b>	Diagnosis and management of pleural effusions in cats, Kit Sturgess
<b>10.00-11.00</b>	Cushings disease and acromegaly in cats, Michael Schaer
<b>11.00-11.30</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>11.30-12.30</b>	Diagnosis and client advice for the FIP household, Margie Scherk
<b>12.30-13.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.30-14.30</b>	New developments in liver disease in cats, Mark Jackson
<b>14.30-15.30</b>	Practical management of chronic renal failure, Margie Scherk
<b>15.30-16.00</b>	<b>Coffee and break</b>
<b>16.00-16.45</b>	Round table – all speakers
<b>16.45</b>	Conclusion