Veterinary Ireland

Annual General Meeting & Conference 2026

5 CVE Credits (tbc)

Friday 20th November 2026

g Hotel & Spa, Galway, H91 V0HR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE 2026

Dear Member

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the Veterinary Ireland Annual General Meeting & Conference 2026, which takes place on Friday 20th November in the G Hotel & Spa, Galway.

We are particularly pleased to welcome you to the West of Ireland for this year's AGM & Conference.

On reading the programme, we hope you can agree this will be a very interesting and informative day, where you will have an opportunity throughout to pose questions and challenge perceived wisdoms. This is your organisation, and this is your day. Please come, participate and make a difference in the future of your profession.

We have a range of topics on offer this year with a particular focus on veterinary involvement at a European level to coincide with the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. We have a fantastic line up of speakers including representatives of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the European Commission and the European Parliament.

Our morning scientific session will be followed by the formal AGM with addresses by the outgoing and incoming Presidents and the Chief Executive of Veterinary Ireland, and the presentation of the organisation's accounts for 2025.

Attendance at the Veterinary Ireland Annual General Meeting & Conference 2026 is open to **all Veterinary Ireland Members** and is offered **free of charge**.

Most importantly, full registered attendance at the Veterinary Ireland Annual General Meeting & Conference 2026 will qualify for **5 CVE Credits (pending VCI approval).**

Rounding off the day will be the Veterinary Ireland Presidents' Dinner, tickets for which are available to members for €60 per person.

We very much look forward to meeting you in Galway.

Yours sincerely,

Finbarr Murphy
Chief Executive

Eoin Glynn
President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE 2026 PROGRAMME

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8.30 am - 9.30 am **Registration**

9.30 am - 10.00 am **Opening Address**

Minister Niall Collins, T.D.
Minister of State, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

10.00 am - 1.00 pm **Scientific Session 1**

Prevention is better than cure - a FVE Perspective
Jane Clark BVM&S MRCVS
FVE Vice-President

Veterinary Priorities of the Irish Presidency of the EU
Dr June Fanning MVB
Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

European Commission Perspective - Irish Presidency
Dr Patricia (Trish) Reilly, MVB
Advisor on Agriculture, Health and Food Safety, Animal Welfare, Equality, Financial Services
President Ursula von der Leyen's Cabinet, European Commission

European Parliament Perspective – Irish Presidency
Fearghas Ó Béara
Head of Office, European Parliament Liaison Office in Ireland

Animal Health and Welfare, the European State Veterinarian Perspective
Mark McCarthy BVMS MSc PgCert
President of the European Association of State Veterinary Officers
(EASVO)

Questions & Answers Session

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm **Lunch (Cost Not Included)**

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm **Veterinary Ireland Annual General Meeting**

Chief Executive's Address
Finbarr Murphy BA MA

Outgoing President's Address
Eoin Glynn MVB

Handover of Chain of Office

Incoming President's Address
Allen Dunne MVB

AGM Business

3.30 pm - 5.30 pm **Scientific Session 2**

VDS Update - Complaints / Artificial Intelligence / VetSafe
Dr Maeve Moorcroft MVB MRCVS
Membership Liaison Advisor
The Veterinary Defence Society

Financial Tips and Tricks
Cliodhna Hughes QFA CSP & Declan Gahan QFA CSP
Veterinary Ireland Financial Services Ltd

Questions & Answers Session

5.30 pm **Closing Remarks.**

Allen Dunne MVB
President, Veterinary Ireland

7.00 pm **Drinks Reception & Presidents' Dinner (Black Tie)**

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REGISTRATION FORM

N.B. It is a requirement for any Veterinary Ireland Member who wishes to attend the Conference to pre-register using the form below.

Name: …… Vet Reg No: …… / ……

Address: ……

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Tel: …… Email: ……

Please tick the box of the event (s) you wish to attend.

AGM Day Event | 8.30am - 5.30pm | **Free:** [ ]

Presidents' Dinner | 7.00pm - late | **€60 per person** [ ]

Number of tickets required for Presidents' Dinner: [ ]

(Please advise of any dietary requirements……)

Hotel Accommodation
Rooms are limited, please contact the G Hotel & Spa directly for bookings -

Tel. No. (091) 865 200 **| ghotel_stay@leonardohotels.com | www.theghotel.ie**

NB: Veterinary Ireland HQ cannot take hotel bookings.

Payment Details (Please Tick Method of Payment):

Total Amount Payable: € …… **Card*:** [ ] **Cheque**:** [ ]

*Type of Card: ……

Name on Card: ……

Card Number: ……

Expiry Date: …… / 20….. Security Code: ….

Please make **cheques payable to **Veterinary Ireland.**

Please send Registration Form, with any accompanying cheque, to:

Veterinary Ireland,
13 The Courtyard, Kilcarbery Park,
Nangor Road, Dublin 22, D22 XH05.

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