

39th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS



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On behalf of the South African Veterinary Association, the World Veterinary Association, and the global veterinary community, we are delighted to invite you to the 39th World Veterinary Association Congress (WVAC2024) that will take place in Cape Town, South Africa from 16 to 19 April 2024. The award-winning Cape Town International Convention Center will host local and international delegates at the backdrop of the iconic Table mountain.

The 2024 World Veterinary Association congress is being convened under the theme of:

RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

We hope that you will take this opportunity to fulfil your continuing education needs in veterinary science, meet colleagues from all over the world, and visit the wonderful city of Cape Town.

The WVAC2024 will provide a unique and informative experience for veterinarians across all disciplines of the profession to come together to explore the challenges that veterinarians face not only regarding the health and welfare of animals, but also our environment.

The congress will host leading speakers from around the world to present and discuss the latest knowledge and innovations in veterinary medicine, demonstrating the value of the profession for the public good in our rapidly changing world.



It is time that you plan to be in Cape Town, the Mother City, to experience extraordinary, meet with friends and colleagues, and where we will celebrate the veterinary profession, expand our knowledge and enjoy the magic of the region.

The organizing committee of WVAC 2024 promises you that this will be an event to remember, and we cordially invite you to attend – you will not regret it.

We look forward to receiving your contribution(s) and welcome you to WVAC2024!

May this be a very successful and enjoyable congress and may your time with us be enthralled with **Mzansi* Magic!**

Dr Paul van der Merwe

WVAC2024 Local Organising Committee Chairperson

**Mzansi is a colloquial name for South Africa and is derived from the Xhosa word umzantsi meaning “south”.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Opens (download call for abstracts)	10 July 2023
Registration Opens < register >	09 September 2023
Abstract Submission Closes	31 October 2023
Abstract Acceptance Notices	22 November 2023
Super Early Registration Closes	31 October 2023
Early Registration Closes	31 January 2024
Regular Registration Closes	31 March 2024

SUBMISSION LINKS



PROGRAMME

The Congress programme will be structured as follows:

Monday, 15 April 2024

- 09:00- WVA Councillors Meeting
- 16:00- All Delegates Registration Desk Open – badge pickup

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

- 07:00- Registration Opens
- 08:30- Opening Plenary
- 10:10- Parallel Congress Sessions | WVA General Assembly (full day)
- 18:00- Official Welcome Reception in Exhibition Hall (*included in full attendance registration fees*)

Wednesday, 17 April 2024

- 07:00- Registration Opens
- 08:30- Full Day Congress | WVA One Health Summit (full day)
- 18:00- SAVA AGM
- 18:00- Free Evening | Industry Hosted Events

Thursday, 18 April 2024

- 07:00- Registration Opens
- 08:30- Full Day Congress
- 18:30- Congress Gala Dinner @ GOLD (*limited space available - RSVP essential*)
- 19:00- SAVA Annual Awards

Friday, 19 April 2024

- 07:00- Registration Opens
- 08:30- Half-day Congress (ending around 15h00pm)
- 11:00- Closing Plenary & Hand-over Ceremony
- 12:30- Parallel Congress Sessions continue
- 16:00- Close of Congress

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Call for Abstracts

You are hereby invited to submit abstracts to be considered for selection for the final program at the 39th World Veterinary Association Congress. All submissions must be made via the online portal, and you have the option to submit an abstract either for oral or poster presentation. Both types of presentation will have equal status, but including a poster session allows us to accommodate more presenters. Depending on the number of abstracts received, the programme committee may have to select some presentations to be done in the poster session. Specifications for the posters will be supplied to those candidates who are allocated a poster presentation.

Sub-themes

Sub-themes within the overall theme of the congress will include Sustainability, Emerging and re-emerging diseases, Pandemics, Anti-microbial resistance, Population control, Rehabilitation and Biosecurity within the following main congress streams: Animal Ethics and Welfare, Epidemiology, Equine, One Health, Porcine, Ruminants, Small Animals, Veterinary Nursing, Veterinary History and Wildlife & Exotics.

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Comprehensive General Information

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Your Accommodation in Cape Town

Seeking a place to stay? Benefit from our exclusive congress rates at 17 conveniently located hotels within walking distance of the Cape Town International Convention Centre. Discover accommodation options [\[Link\]](#).

You are welcome to share this announcement with all interested parties.

We are excited to welcome you to Cape Town in April 2024!



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