

Lecturers



Andrea Münnich

Dr. Münnich completed her veterinary studies at the Humboldt University of Berlin (1988) and an internship in the US at the Veterinary Referral Center Frazer (Philadelphia) in 2000. Her primary professional focus lies in neonatology of dogs and cats, obstetrics, and treatment of complicated parturition. With more than 100 publications (original articles and reviews) and co-authorship of books in the field of reproduction, she brings both strong academic credentials and practical clinical expertise.



Eva Axné

Prof. Axné is Professor of Reproduction in Carnivores at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden. She obtained her DVM in 1991 and PhD in Obstetrics & Gynaecology in 2000. Her research interests include feline reproduction, semen conservation, fertility and infertility in dogs and cats, and reproduction of wild carnivores as models for conservation. She leads the small animal reproduction clinic at SLU, and has extensive teaching experience.

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Kathrine Thejll Kirchoff

Based in Denmark, she has extensive experience in clinical theriogenology, with a particular focus on canine and feline reproduction, sperm quality assessment, and assisted reproductive techniques. Her research has addressed the effects of nutritional and environmental factors on semen parameters and fertility, including co-authorship of studies such as the investigation of vitamin E and selenium supplementation on semen quality in Cairn Terriers.



Maria da Graça Cunha Antunes Lopes

Her research has been dedicated to gamete biology in small animals, including sperm quality assessment, oocyte maturation and fertilisation dynamics. Her educational work also includes developing simulation-based teaching tools for reproductive cytology and vaginal sampling in bitches.

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George Mantziaras

Since 2003 he has worked as a private practitioner focusing on small-animal ultrasonography and reproduction. His research interests include the application of ultrasound in small animal reproduction (including exotic and laboratory animals) and the integration of imaging into breeding soundness evaluation. In 2016 he was elected to the Board of EVSSAR and from July 2017 he has served as President of EVSSAR.



Marco Russo

Dr. Russo is Full Professor of Veterinary Reproduction & Diagnostic Reproductive Imaging in Animals at the University of Naples Federico II (Italy). He holds more than 70 peer-reviewed publications and his recent work includes advanced ultrasound imaging of canine testes and prostate. His expertise is very relevant for the course's focus on semen collection/evaluation (andrology) and diagnostic imaging in reproduction.

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Guillaume Domain

Dr. Domain is an academic staff member at Ghent University and practices at a private clinic in Brussels, where he specializes in andrology and semen evaluation in animals. With a professional and meticulous approach, he combines academic expertise with clinical experience to provide high-quality reproductive care and contribute to advancing veterinary reproductive science.



Konrad Blendinger

Dr. Blendinger is a recognized authority in canine and feline reproduction, with decades of clinical, teaching and research experience. He will strengthen the course by conveying both foundational and less-common procedural skills in reproduction — especially important for participants wanting a deep dive into semen handling in companion animals.

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Xavier Lévy

Dr. Lévy has been a board member of EVSSAR and is widely recognized for his expertise in small animal reproduction, seamlessly integrating research and clinical practice. He was part of the prestigious CERCA team at Maison Alfort, contributing to cutting-edge developments in andrology, neonatology, and advanced reproductive surgery. His extensive experience in both academic and clinical settings makes him a leading authority in veterinary reproductive medicine.



Przemysław Prządka

Dr. Hab. Prządka is a specialist in veterinary surgery and minimally invasive techniques, based at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences. He leads in the field of laparoscopic surgery for companion animals

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