CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

17th Annual Veterinary Forensic Sciences Conference
Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy
May 15-17, 2024

The International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association invites abstracts to be presented at the 17th Annual Veterinary Forensic Sciences Conference in Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy, May 15-17, 2024. Abstracts may be submitted for podium (oral) OR poster presentations.

We encourage professionals in any field of domestic animal or wildlife forensics to submit proposals in the following topics (additional topics accepted):

➢ Scene Investigations
➢ Animals as Evidence
➢ Veterinary Forensic Sciences
➢ Human Psychology in Animal Crimes

Podium presentations should be 10, 25, or 50 minutes in length (5 additional minutes for each length will be allotted for questions), however, presentation time will be determined based on the agenda. Members, students, interns, and residents who submit abstracts for oral presentation may choose to enter the 2024 travel scholarship competition.

Submit your abstracts by October 15, 2023.

Criteria for oral and poster presentation proposals:

- Include a short, specific title; a brief overview of the content or methods used in the study; a summary of results obtained; a general statement of conclusion; and a brief synopsis of the impact the findings will have on the domestic animal or wildlife forensic community.
- Include your name, corresponding authors’ names, institution, phone, fax, e-mail address, abstract title.
- Content should be original, timely, relevant, and contribute to the advancement of domestic animal or wildlife forensics.

International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association
4800 SW 35th Drive
Gainesville, FL 32608
Abstracts should be single-spaced, clear, logical, organized and use grammatically correct English; abstracts should not be written in the first person.

Abstracts should be limited to 250 words, not including spaces, authors, or affiliations.

Specify whether the submission is for podium or poster presentation.

Specify the duration of podium presentation (15 or 30 minutes).

A current copy of the presenting author’s curriculum vitae should accompany the abstract.

Students, interns, and residents must indicate if they wish to be entered into the 2024 travel scholarship competition.

Authors should not submit an abstract covering data currently in press or case information pertaining to legal cases currently under litigation (unless written authorization of law enforcement is obtained).

**Please indicate on your abstract if you will be applying for a scholarship**

(See scholarship information below)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** October 15, 2023

Authors will be notified of their acceptance by November 15, 2024

**PLEASE NOTE:** Submission of abstracts reflects a commitment by the author to attend and present their abstract to program attendees.

We do not accept abstracts from vendors.

Abstracts and any questions regarding presentations should be submitted via e-mail to the **IVFSA Secretary, Dr. Kris Otteman, at kotteman@gmail.com**, or via the link posted on **www.ivfsa.org**.
IVFSA Travel Scholarship

The International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association is proud to offer travel scholarships for individuals to provide a 30-60 minute podium presentation at the 17th Annual Veterinary Forensic Sciences Conference in Sardinia, Italy.

The scholarships are available to members of the International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association. The scholarship applicant must be a member of the IVFSA prior to submission of the scholarship application.

The objective of the scholarship is to support the professional development of students, veterinarians, legal, law enforcement, and animal welfare professionals engaged in animal cruelty and forensic investigations, education, or service.

Application Process

Application materials:

- Resume or curriculum vitae
- A letter of intent (limited to 500 words) describing your previous experience and reasons for pursuing advanced training in veterinary forensics.
- An abstract of the proposed podium presentation. Abstract guidelines can be found in the Conference Call for Abstracts.

Application Deadline

October 1, 2023

Award Categories

A total of four scholarships will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Student scholarship – awarded to a student member of the IVFSA
2. Law/legal scholarship – awarded to an individual presenting on the law enforcement and/or legal aspects of veterinary forensics
3. Welfare scholarship – awarded to an individual presenting on the animal welfare aspects of veterinary forensics
4. Veterinary scholarship – awarded to an individual presenting on the veterinary clinical or pathology aspects of veterinary forensics

Notification of Awards
All applicants will be notified of the selection decision by November 1, 2023

Criteria for Selection of Scholarship Recipients
Criteria for selection of individuals who will receive travel scholarships are as follows (in order of priority):

- The applicant must be a current member of the IVFSA to be considered for the scholarship
- Abstracts should contain original research, comprehensive review material, or case studies
- Acceptance of the scholarship indicates the good faith intent of the applicant to attend the 17th Annual VFS Conference in person.

Scholarship remuneration
The scholarship will include 50% off registration fee plus reimbursement for travel costs up to $2000 USD. Travel costs include overland or air transport and do not include meals or hotel stays. Scholarship recipients will submit receipts to the IVFSA treasurer. Reimbursement for travel costs and 50% of the registration fee will occur after the awardee gives their presentation.

Submission of Application Materials
Please submit application materials via email to IVFSA Secretary, Kris Otteman (email): Kotteman@gmail.com

Acknowledgment
This scholarship opportunity is made possible by the IVFSA.