



EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HORMONE AND VETERINARY DRUG RESIDUE ANALYSIS

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS



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Ghent, Belgium, 22-25 May 2018

CALENDAR

November 2017: Second announcement and call for papers 15 January 2018: Deadline for abstract submission 28 February 2018: Notification of abstract acceptance 15 April 2018: Deadline for reduced registration fee

22 May 2018: Registration and welcome reception
23 May 2018: Start of the scientific program
24 May 2018: Scientific program and symposium dinner
25 May 2018: Scientific program

by ca. 1 p.m.: End of the symposium

DATES and LOCATION

The Eighth International Symposium on Hormone and Veterinary Drug Residue Analysis will be held at **hotel NH Ghent Belfort** from Tuesday 22 May to Friday 25 May 2018. Registration and get-together party will take place on Tuesday 22 May 2018. The scientific program starts on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at Hotel NH Ghent Belfort, Hoogpoort 63, 9000 Ghent.

From Brussels Airport, Ghent can easily be reached by train directly from the airport or with a connection in Brussels. Trains run very frequently with an interval of about 20 minutes and travel time to Ghent Sint- Pieters railway station is 50 to 85 minutes.

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During the symposium a registration and information desk will be at the disposal of the delegates in the entrance hall of the Hotel NH Ghent Belfort.

The organizing committee cannot accept any liability; participants must take their own arrangements with respect to health, travel and other insurances. The organizers cannot assume liability for changes in the program due to unforeseen circumstances.

TOPICS

The contributed papers (20 min. communications or posters) will cover all aspects of drug residue analysis in **FOOD, FEED, BIOLOGICAL** and **ENVIRONMENTAL** matrices, with special emphasis on the following topics:

Antimicrobial resistance;

Alternatives for antibiotics:

Biosensors and rapid methods: towards on-site testing;

Advanced analytical strategies;

Untargeted approaches in screening and confirmatory analyses;

Drug residues in food, feed and the environment;

Regulatory aspects.

ABSTRACTS

Scientists wishing to present a paper are invited to submit a 1-page abstract of no more than 200 words <u>before 15 January 2018</u> to <u>abstract.vdra@ugent.be</u>. The authors should follow the style guidelines described in the "VDRA abstract.doc" file available at <u>www.vdra.be</u>.

The authors should indicate their preference as to the presentation mode (oral or poster) and will be notified as to the acceptance of their paper not later than 28 February 2018. All papers must be presented in English.

The time allotted for <u>oral presentation</u> will be 20 min, discussion included. Facilities for PowerPoint® multimedia presentations will be available. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

The surface available for poster presentation will be 200 cm (height) x 85 cm (width).

REGISTRATION

A registration form is available on the website www.vdra.be for online registration.

Full registration	Before 15 April 2018	After 15 April 2018
Regular	€ 500	€ 600
Students ^a	€ 300	€ 380

^a In order to qualify for the student fee you must be a full-time postgraduate student. Please send us a copy of a valid student proof from your University.

This <u>full registration</u> entitles the participant to take part in the welcome reception on 22 May, the scientific sessions and lunches on 23 and 24 May, the scientific sessions on 25 May, symposium dinner on 24 May, refreshments during the breaks and a copy of the Book of Abstracts.

Once registered following cancellation conditions are valid: in case of cancellation of registration you will be obliged to pay half of the amount. If your registration is cancelled after 1 May 2018, the total amount will be charged.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are asked to make their own hotel reservations. As Ghent is an important tourist destination all year round and the month of May is especially busy for conferences and seminars, we recommend making your reservations as early as possible and at the latest before 1 March 2018. As the congress takes place in hotel NH Ghent Belfort (Hoogpoort 63, in the center of Ghent) some rooms are kept available for participants. Many other hotels in different price ranges can be found within walking distance.