

**Sheep Veterinary Society, Spring meeting
Templepatrick, Ballyclare, Northern Ireland.
Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th May 2020**

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Time	Title	Speaker(s)	Affiliation
10.00 am - 10.30 am	Differential diagnoses of upper and lower respiratory disease in sheep	Dr Delia Lacasta ECSRHM	Department of Pathology Faculty of Veterinary Medicine University of Zaragoza
10.30 am - 11.00 am	Recent work and progress following repeated scanning for OPA in Scottish flocks	Dr Chris Cousens	Moredun Research Institute
11.00 am - 11.30 am	Prevalence of OPA in adult sheep at slaughter in Ireland	Alison Lee	Nationwide Laboratories

11.30 am – 11.50 am Tea/Coffee break

11.50 am - 12.20 pm	OPA diagnosis – a pathologist experience	Dr Katie Waine	University of Nottingham
12.20 am - 13.00 pm	Vets and farmer experiences OPA scanning in practice Discussion on need for accreditation control scheme	Patrick Grant Ed Hill Davinia Hinde	Independent sheep vet, NI Thrums Veterinary Group Bainbridge Vets

13.00 pm – 14.00 pm Lunch and registration

14.00 pm - 14.15 pm	President's welcome	Nick Hart	President, SVS
14.15 pm - 14.30 pm	Intro to NI local farming and sheep industry	Crosby Cleland	Ulster Farmers Union
14.30 pm - 15.20 pm	More efficient livestock systems and their contribution to methane emissions and nitrogen excretion	Keynote Speaker Professor Tommy Boland	School of Agriculture and Food Science, University College Dublin
15.20 pm – 15.50 pm	Sheep pitfalls and post Brexit certification issues	Nick Perkins VDS	Veterinary Defense Society
15.50 pm – 16.20 pm	Ovine respiratory complex/ gangrenous pneumonia	Dr Delia Lacasta ECSRHM	Department of Pathology Faculty of Veterinary Medicine University of Zaragoza

16.20 pm – 16.45 pm Tea/Coffee break

16.45 pm - 17.25 pm	Effective control of sheep scab through the use of the new ELISA test	Rebecca Mearns and Dr Stewart Burgess	Biobest Moredun Research Institute
17.15 pm - 17.45 pm	NI sheep scab control and eradication programme	Paul Crawford	AVSPNI
17.45 pm – 18.15 pm	OGM	Nick Hart	President, SVS

19.00 pm Dinner at the Hotel, after dinner speaker – Julian Earl

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Tuesday 12th May 2020

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9.00 am - 9.30 am	Liver fluke – “Back to the future” Historic perspective on liver fluke control	Dr Philip Skuce	Moredun Research Institute
9.30 am - 10.00 am	Liver and rumen fluke – prevalence, co infection and management	Professor Grace Mulcahy	School of Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin
10.00 am - 10.30 am	Liver fluke – the future New ways to detect infection and vaccine development	SFI research Professor John Dalton	NUI Galway
10.30 am - 10.50 am	Rumen fluke – an increasing issue	TBC	Queens University Belfast

10.50 am - 11.20 am Tea/Coffee break

11.20 am - 11.40 am	APHA Surveillance Update	Amanda Carson	APHA
11.40 am - 12.10 pm	The BUG consortium and climate change	Professor Eric Morgan	Queens University Belfast
12.10 pm - 12.40 pm	Analysis of ovine mortality in sentinel flocks in Ireland	Gerard Murray	Sligo Regional Veterinary Laboratory
12.40 pm - 13.00 pm	Introduction to upland sheep farming in NI	Fraser Tweed	Oldstone Veterinary Clinic, Ballymena

13.00 pm – 14.00 pm Lunch

14.00 pm - 16.45 pm	Farm Visit	Organised by: Campbell Tweed, Ballycoose, Co, Antrim	
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18.00 pm Optional pre-dinner Goal Tour £8 per person (Limited to a maximum of 40 people)

18.45 pm Transport from Hotel to Gaol Circle and C Wing for Conference dinner

19.00 pm Prosecco on arrival

19.30 pm Conference Dinner (Dress code: smart/casual)

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9.00 am - 9.20 am	Vetonthemoove - Using social media in large animal practice	Hazell Mullins	Abbeyville Veterinary Clinic, Cork
9.20 am - 9.50 am	Positive initiatives for mental well-being within the veterinary profession	Simon Doherty	Senior Vice President, British Veterinary Association
9.50 am - 10.20 am	The link between human and animal abuse	Freda Scott Park	The LINKS group
10.20 am - 10.40 am	Recovering from rock bottom	Peter Hynes	Tackle your feelings Ambassador, Dairy farmer
10.40 am - 11.00 am	Open discussion on mental health	Everyone	

11.00 am – 11.30 am Tea/Coffee break

11.30 am - 11.50 am	NOAH update RUMA MAR – 2020 vision and beyond Code of Practice – how it works?	Fiona Lovatt	Flock Health Ltd
11.50 am - 12.10 am	Tapeworm infections in sheep	Dr Heinz Strobel	Schafpraxis, Germany
12.10 am - 12.30 pm	A case of Louping ill	Chris McGrath	
12.30 pm - 12.50 pm	Interesting case	TBC	
12.50 pm - 13.00 pm	President's closing remarks	Nick Hart	President, SVS

13.00 pm – 14.00 pm Lunch and depart