

Sheep Veterinary Society, 2026 Autumn meeting
Kilkenny River Court Hotel, Kilkenny in Ireland - Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th September 2026

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Chair person			
Time	Title	Speaker(s)	Affiliation
09.30am – 11.00am	Sheep parasitology CPD	Grace Boardman	DAGI - Drench And Grazing Integration
	Are we giving the correct advice?	Phillipa Page	Flock Health Ltd
	Using optimum worm control to boost productivity and profitability	Natascha Meunier	Animal Health Ireland

11.00 am – 11.30 am Tea/Coffee break

11.30am - 13.00pm	Sheep parasitology CPD	Orla Keane	Teagasc
	Are we giving the correct advice?	Cormac White	Future Farming Consultancy
	Using optimum worm control to boost productivity and profitability	Sarah O Dwyer	OvaCyte

13.00 pm – 14.00 pm Lunch and registration

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14.00pm - 14.05pm	President's welcome	Phillipa Page	President, SVS
14:05pm - 14.25pm	Irish sheep systems and the Sheep Roadmap to 2030	Philip Creighton	Teagasc
14.25pm - 14.45pm	Biological insights from the rumen fluke genome	Dr Mark Robinson	School of Biological Sciences, Queen's University Belfast
14.45pm – 15.30pm	Panel session Rumen Fluke – cases, pathology, clinical signs and control!	Ben Strugnell Lucy Sullivan Seamus Fagan	Farm Post Mortems Ltd APHA Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

15.30 pm – 16.00 pm Tea/Coffee break

16.00pm – 16.25pm	Haematophagous parasites! Using mapping to deal with control	Prof Eric Morgan	Queens University Belfast
16.25pm – 16.50pm	Liver fluke and rumen fluke interactions plus TBZ resistance – new developments	Prof Grace Mulcahy	School of Veterinary Medicine University College Dublin UCD
16.50pm – 17.15pm	A Review of <i>Bibersteinia trehalosi</i> Septicaemia cases recorded in 2024-2025	Rudolf Reichel	APHA
17.15pm – 17.45pm	Postmortems findings in growing lambs!	Ben Strugnell	Farm Post Mortems Ltd

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17.45pm – 18.00pm	SVS AGM	Phillipa Page	SVS, President
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19.00 pm – 19.30 pm

Drinks reception – Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim



19.30 pm

Conference Dinner (Dress code: smart/casual)

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09.00am – 09.30am	BTV and disease surveillance update UK	Rudolf Reichal	APHA
09.30am – 10.00am	Update on BTV situation in Ireland from National Disease Control Centre	Avril Hobson	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
10.00am – 11.00am	Keynote Speaker 1 Emergence of Orbiviruses in France and Europe over the last 30 years	Stephan Zientara  Meaningful solutions for animal health	Director of the Animal Health Laboratory of ANSES, French National Health Safety Agency

11.20 am - 11.40 am

Tea/Coffee break

11.30am – 12.30pm	Keynote Speaker 2 Pathogenesis of blue tongue	Julio Benavides  Meaningful solutions for animal health	Scientist. Instituto de Ganadería de Montaña (Spanish Research Council-University of León)
12.30pm - 12.55pm	Tick-borne pathogens in sheep in Ireland	Annetta Zintl	School of Veterinary Medicine University College Dublin UCD
12.55pm – 13.10pm	Ticks & Tick-Borne Diseases: A Rising Challenge	Ann Van Eveelt	Lurgan Sheep Vet

13.10 pm – 14.10 pm

Lunch

Farm Visit - Sponsored by Ceva and Teagasc

William Hutchinson and family – Co Kilkenny.



A progressive commercial sheep breeder producing terminal sires and finished lambs off grass. He runs pedigree Texels, Suffolks, Ile De France and a flock of Easycare.

This will be an interesting visit, covering flock health, nutrition and genetics!

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Dinner

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Short Papers: Chair person			
09.00am – 09.30am	Agnes Winter Memorial	Ruth Grant Phillipa Page	
09.30am – 09.45am	Parasite survey results from Irish sheep flocks	Natascha Meunier	Animal Health Ireland
09.45am – 10.00am	Sheep farmer survey into farm management with reference to vaginal prolapse	Sharminda Lockwood	Vet Partners Farm Animal Clinical Board
10.00am – 10.15am	Use of clinical audit to inform Quality Improvement in Practice decisions in Ovine Lambing and Caesarean Sections	Rachel Forster	IVC Evidensia Sheep Clinical Working Group
10.15am – 10.30am	Factors influencing antibiotic prophylaxis for surgical procedures in sheep	Amelia Sidwell	Mentera

10.30am – 10.50m

Tea/Coffee break

10.50am – 11.05am	Iceberg diseases – the Irish situation	Seamus Fagan	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
11.05am – 11.25am	What's the position of the UK sheep flock with respect to genetic resistance to MV	Scott Jones	Nottingham University
11.25am – 11.40am	MV situation in NI	Paul Crawford	One Ear Consulting Ltd
11.40am – 11.55am	How does TMEM154 interact with MV?	Susanna Ó Raghallaigh	Moredun Research Institute
11.55am – 12.15pm	MV diagnostics and control challenges	Catriona Ritchie	Axiom Veterinary Laboratory
12.15pm – 12.40pm	Ewe are what ewe eat!: how modifying forage type impacts a range of sheep performance parameters	Prof Tommy Boland	School of Agriculture and Food Science University College Dublin UCD
12.40pm – 12.55 pm	Lambing Survey results and Ruminant Roadmap	Fiona Lovatt	Flock Health Ltd
12.55pm – 13.00pm	Closing remarks	Jonathan Hobbs	President, SVS

13.00 pm – 14.00 pm

Lunch and depart

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