



## Veterinary profession assembles for UK's only ECC Congress

More than 800 visitors from across the globe will assemble at the [Royal Armouries](#) in Leeds next week (7 & 8 November 2019), for a sell-out conference on emergency and critical care.

This year, delegates can look forward to not only a brand new venue but also a brand new programme of innovative emergency CPD from organisers, [Vets Now](#).

Taking feedback on board from previous delegates, ECC specialist at Vets Now, Dan Lewis has led the programme committee to create an even more inclusive agenda for vets and vet nurses totaling 70 CPD hours.

World-renowned consultant anaesthetist in human medicine Professor Kevin Fong is the keynote speaker and will deliver a welcome plenary session – a first at Congress – about *risk management: life, death and mistakes*.

Professor Fong, who wrote the acclaimed book *Extreme Medicine*, speaks to medical professionals all over the world and whilst he's a medically-trained doctor, author, and TV presenter, he also studied astrophysics and space medicine, therefore his specialism lies in working in extreme environments.

ECC specialist and Congress programme lead, Dan Lewis, said: "Our mission is to bring the world's leading ECC experts together in one room to share our knowledge with vets and vet nurses and I'm delighted to welcome record numbers of attendees to Congress this year. We're excited to open Congress 2019 and deliver fresh and inspiring content for our delegates."

Joining a stellar line-up within the leading veterinary conference programme is leading emergency vet Ken Drobotz, Professor of Critical Care at the University of Pennsylvania. Ken will cover a year in review of the professions and he'll also drill into detail around altered mentation and dealing with respiratory distress.

The winner of the Louise O'Dwyer bursary will be announced at the Congress Gala Dinner on the Thursday night. Vets Now launched the bursary this summer in memory of the highly-respected and inspirational veterinary nurse who sadly passed away in May this year. Her employer created the award to not only celebrate the life of Miss O' Dwyer but to ensure her passion for education continues to positively impact across the profession. The bursary winner will receive a £2000 CPD allowance to spend within a 24 month period.

With state-of-the-art conference facilities, spacious exhibition area and impressive Gala dinner space at New Dock Hall, The Royal Armouries in Leeds provides the ideal base to grow what is already the largest event dedicated to emergency veterinary medicine within the UK.



The new venue in Leeds has allowed organisers to evolve to a more expansive and inclusive event format.

Dan is most excited about introducing brand new wellness, business and culture streams.

He added: “We’ve expanded the Congress programme extensively this year. And no matter what stage you’re at with your career, whether you’re a new graduate through to a certificate holder, and regardless of your experience in ECC – there will be a relevant CPD stream to suit you.”

“We’re looking forward to welcoming record numbers of new graduates to Congress this year and we have a lecture stream with content specifically tailored to recent graduates.”

Vets Now’s Amanda Boag, who is currently RCVS Past-President, will introduce an honest, frank conversational stream around ‘*The first time I...*’. These will be delivered by the ECC specialist/referral teams who will take delegates back to the first time they dealt with some of the most challenging cases you could see in emergency medicine.

Selling out in record time last year, the ECC Congress was established by Vets Now in 2004 to provide innovative training to the veterinary profession. It has since grown into one of the biggest events of its kind in Europe— offering delegates more than 70 hours of CPD under one roof, delivered across a stimulating and diverse range of lectures, discussion forums, debate and interactive workshops.

Event sponsors include Woodley Equipment, Boehringer Ingelheim, TMV UK and IMV Imaging.

The ECC UK Congress 2019 will be held on 7 and 8 November and is now sold out. For more information visit [www.vets-now.com/professionals/](http://www.vets-now.com/professionals/)

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**Vets Now notes to editor:**

- Vets Now was established in 2001 and is the leading provider of emergency veterinary care for companion animals in the UK.
- With 24/7 Pet Emergency Hospitals in Glasgow, Manchester and Swindon, and 59 out-of-hours clinics nationwide, Vets Now is committed to delivering a responsive emergency and critical care service for cats, dogs and other small animals.
- Vets Now also partners with more than 1,400 veterinary practices across the UK to provide their clients with a seamless out-of-hours emergency care service.
- Vets Now employs over 1000 staff.
- Vets Now remains at the forefront of emergency veterinary care through its commitment to clinical excellence and training, employing many of the country’s top Emergency & Critical Care