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(once determined, location address and parking information will be sent via email to registered attendees)

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QUESTIONS?

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HOTELS

Below is a partial list of local downtown hotels. Local hotels will be busy this time of year, so if you do plan to stay overnight, please book your stay soon!

- Cumberland House (by Hilton) - 1109 White Ave, Knoxville, TN 37916
- Marriott Downtown - 525 Henley St, Knoxville, TN 37902
- Crowne Plaza - 401 W Summit Hill Dr, Knoxville, TN 37902
- Knoxville Hilton - 501 W Church Ave, Knoxville TN 37902
- Embassy Suites - 507 South Gay St, Knoxville, TN 37902
- Hyatt Place - 530 South Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37902
- Courtyard Marriott - 210 W Church Ave, Knoxville, TN 37902

REGISTRATION FEES Paid online only

Veterinarian Full Conference.....\$500
 Veterinarian Half Day.....\$100
 Veterinarian Full Day.....\$200
 Veterinary Nurse Half Day.....\$50
 Veterinary Nurse Full Day.....\$100

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Electronic conference proceedings, coffee & snack breaks, and lunch on full conference days.

REFUNDS

Refunds for registration fees will be available if requested 10 or more days prior to the conference. No refunds will be available if registering 10 days or less prior to the conference.

THURSDAY

February 22, 2024

7:00am CHECK-IN / MINGLE WITH EXHIBITORS

VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS

8:00am **Hyperthyroidism: Renal Considerations**
— Dr. Bethany Myerow

8:55am **Updates in Cushings Disease**
— Dr. Bethany Myerow

9:45am BREAK & MINGLE WITH EXHIBITORS

10:15am **Neuro-ophtho Review**
— Dr. Braidee Foote

11:10am **Neuro-ophtho Cases**
— Dr. Braidee Foote

NOON LUNCH & MINGLE WITH EXHIBITORS

1:00pm **Diet decisions for the complicated feline patient**
— Dr. Maryanne Murphy

1:55pm **Diet decisions for lower urinary tract disease**
— Dr. Maryanne Murphy

2:45pm BREAK & MINGLE WITH EXHIBITORS

3:15pm **Low Stress Handling that Works**
— Dr. Zenny Ng

4:10pm **Successful Sedation in Practice**
— Dr. Zenny Ng

5:00pm CONCLUDE

7:00am CHECK-IN

VETERINARY NURSES

8:00am **Recognizing Heart Failure in Dogs and Cats**
— Jena West, BS, MPH, LVMT (VTS-Cardiology)

8:55am **Emergency Triage**
— Rachel Feuerstein, BS, LVMT, VTS (ECC)

9:45am BREAK

10:15am **Nursing Care of the Post-operative Patient**
— Derek Vanderhoff, LVMT

11:10am **Collaboration with Positive Reinforcement Animal Trainers to Help Veterinary Patients with Behavior Challenges**
— Nelle Wyatt, LVMT, KPA CTP, CPDT-KA, FFCP

NOON LUNCH

1:00pm **Regional Limb Perfusions** — Arielle Wolff, LVT, LVMT, VTS-EVN

1:55pm **Anesthetizing the Airway Challenged: Brachycephalic Anesthesia**
— Bonnylee Kennedy, LVMT, VTS (anesthesia and analgesia)

2:45pm BREAK

3:15pm **Sick and Tired: Nursing Management of the Geriatric Patient**
— Leslie Wereszczak, MS, LVMT, VTS (ECC)

4:10pm **Rabies Update** — Marcy Souza, DVM, MPH, MPPA, DACVPM

5:00pm CONCLUDE

FRIDAY

February 23, 2024

7:00am CHECK-IN / MINGLE WITH EXHIBITORS

VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS

8:00am **Oral Tumors**
— Dr. Bonnie Lee

8:55am **Soft Tissue Flaps for Oral Conditions**
— Dr. Chad Lothamer

9:45am BREAK & MINGLE WITH EXHIBITORS

10:15am **Feline Stomatitis & Canine Chronic Ulcerative Stomatitis**
— Dr. Bonnie Lee

11:10am **Leptospirosis**
— Dr. Sree Rajeev

NOON LUNCH, COUGHLIN AWARD & MINGLE WITH EXHIBITORS

1:00pm **Fungal Diagnostics**
— Dr. Sree Rajeev

2:45pm BREAK & MINGLE WITH EXHIBITORS

3:15pm **Endocrine biomarkers of reproductive function**
— Dr. Alex Esteller-Vico

4:10pm **Decoding Diversity: Navigating Biological Variation in Laboratory Test Results**
— Dr. Luca Giori

5:00pm CONCLUDE

7:00am CHECK-IN

VETERINARY NURSES

8:00am **It's not what you said, it's how you said it: Tips and techniques for better team communication**
— Bethanie Poe, PhD, LMSW
Session provided by the
Center for Veterinary
Social Work



8:55am **Effective communication with older adults**
— Bethanie Poe, PhD, LMSW

9:30am BREAK

10:00am **Hard conversations: Telling people what they don't want to hear**
— Bethanie Poe, PhD, LMSW

11:00am **De-escalation techniques and resources**
— Bethanie Poe, PhD, LMSW

NOON CONCLUDE

“ I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence. ”

7:00am CHECK-IN

VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS

8:00am **Resistance is (hopefully not) Futile: Updates on Hookworm and Heartworm Management**
— Dr. Nicole Szafranski

8:55am **Ectoparasite Prevention & Tick-borne Disease Trends: A Southeastern U.S. Perspective**
— Dr. Nicole Szafranski

9:45am BREAK

10:15am **SIRS, MODS, Sepsis: An Alphabet Soup of Disaster**
— Dr. Philip Krawec

11:10am **The Blocked Cat: Evidence-Based Updates for an Age-Old Problem**
— Dr. Philip Krawec

NOON CONCLUDE

Featured Speaker

DISTINGUISHED COUGHLIN PROFESSOR

Dr. Sree Rajeev

BVSc & AH, PhD, DACVM, DACVP
Professor of Infectious Diseases and
Director of Bacteriology and Mycology
Laboratory, University of Tennessee College
of Veterinary Medicine
KNOXVILLE, TN



Dr. Sreekumari (Sree) Rajeev is a veterinarian from India, graduated from College of Veterinary Medicine, Kerala, India in 1986. After serving Kerala Animal husbandry Department for 10 years, she moved to the United States for Doctoral studies. She received her PhD in Comparative and Experimental Medicine from University of Tennessee in 2002. She held a number of academic positions at various universities, University of Georgia, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, and University of Florida. She came back to her alma mater in 2020, and is a professor of infectious diseases and the director of the Veterinary Bacteriology and Mycology Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. She is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists in the areas of Bacteriology and Mycology, Virology, and Immunology as well as the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (Anatomic Pathology). Dr. Rajeev is also an experienced teacher in veterinary curricula. Dr. Rajeev's research focuses on advancing the field of infectious diseases, specifically leptospirosis, a widespread zoonotic disease impacting humans and animals. Her laboratory focuses on antigen discovery for developing vaccines and diagnostics for *Leptospira* infection. Dr. Rajeev maintains an integrated approach focusing on microbiology, molecular biology, pathology, host-pathogen interaction, and epidemiology to develop improved vaccines and diagnostics by applying traditional and advanced molecular techniques.

OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE

Coughlin Endowment

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the late Dr. Dennis Coughlin, Jr., an orthopedic surgeon in Knoxville, Tennessee, and his family for their continued financial support, namely, "The Coughlin Endowment," in memory of Dr. Dennis Coughlin, Sr. (1890-1954).

The Coughlin Endowment provides funding for the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine Continuing Education Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians. UTCVM is extremely grateful for the support Dr. Coughlin, Jr.'s family provides to honor his father, Dr. Dennis Coughlin, Sr.

Dr. Coughlin, Sr.'s illustrious career included practicing as a veterinarian with the United States Department of Agriculture and serving as president of the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association from 1940-1940. A native of South Dakota, Dr. Coughlin, Sr. completed his veterinary degree in 1916 at Kansas City Veterinary College in Kansas City, MO. During his career in the Tennessee area, he met and married Esther Brackin, who was a member of the University of Tennessee faculty.

UTCVM is grateful for the support of the Coughlin Endowment.



ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Alumni Class Receptions

Class of 1984	Class of 1999
Class of 1989	Class of 2004
Class of 1994	Class of 2014

Further details and reservation information will be sent from the UTCVM Office of Alumni Relations (lzimbrick@utfi.org)

