

## PRESS RELEASE

# FECAVA EuroCongress 2013 to be held in Dublin, Ireland



Veterinary Ireland and the British Small Animal Veterinary Association are pleased to announce that they will be jointly hosting the Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Association's annual EuroCongress in Dublin in 2013.

The new Convention Centre Dublin will be the venue for the congress in October 2013, with 1,500 participants expected from all parts of Europe and from North America.

This is the first time that Veterinary Ireland and BSAVA have joined forces to co-host an event, and it is this combined experience that will ensure an impressive and successful event. A wide-ranging programme of lectures and practical sessions are being organized for veterinary surgeons and nurses working in small animal practice.

"FECAVA is pleased to award this prestigious event to Ireland to further develop the veterinary profession there. We are delighted that BSAVA-NI is co-hosting the congress and we anticipate an exciting and successful event" said Mr Andrew Byrne, Board Member of FECAVA.

"Veterinary Ireland looks forward to cooperating with our counterparts in Northern Ireland and the UK to host this important congress, and to provide such a great educational opportunity for our local vets and other European colleagues", according to Mr. Finbarr Murphy, Chief Executive of Veterinary Ireland.

Andrew Ash, President of BSAVA, sees this as an opportunity to share the Association's experience in offering the profession first class CPD; "BSAVA Congress is our flagship and we continue to work very hard to make sure that our own annual event evolves year-on-year. The opportunity to extend that even further and to work with our colleagues in Veterinary Ireland and FECAVA is a real privilege. Dublin is a great city and the venue is stunning – so along with the first-class science on offer – everyone is going to have a great time".

Keynote PCO has worked with the Irish committees to secure this important international congress. "We're delighted that FECAVA has recognised both the efforts of the local committee and the attractiveness of Dublin as a destination in awarding this very high-profile congress to Ireland", said Noel Mitchell, Managing Director of Keynote PCO.

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#### Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations (FECAVA)

FECAVA is the organisation that unifies and represents the national companion animal veterinary associations of Europe and provides a conduit through which the common objectives of its members are pursued. FECAVA works closely with other European veterinary organisations and specialist groups in a focussed and co-coordinated manner to ensure strong representation and inclusion of the relevant topics on the European political agenda. Visit [www.fecava.org](http://www.fecava.org)



#### Veterinary Ireland

Veterinary Ireland is the representative body for the Veterinary profession in Ireland, representing Veterinarians in Private Practice, Education, Research, Industry, and in Central and Local Government. Veterinary Ireland's Companion Animal Society (VICAS) is an active member of FECAVA, and the organisation is committed to developing the Irish Veterinary Profession through the promotion and provision of excellent and relevant Continuing Veterinary Education to all sectors of the profession, so that Irish Veterinarians will aspire to, and achieve, the highest levels of veterinary practice. Please see [www.veterinaryireland.ie](http://www.veterinaryireland.ie).



The British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) exists to promote excellence in small animal practice through education and science. The Association was founded in 1957 as a professional body to serve veterinary surgeons who treat companion animals and now has over 7000 vet and nurse members. The majority of our members work in practice, the rest in academia and industry. The Association hosts the largest companion animal event in the world each April in Birmingham, and has an international reputation for providing the small animal veterinary profession with relevant, practical resources through its publications and courses. Visit [www.bsasva.com](http://www.bsasva.com) for more information.