



AGENDA

AI VETS 2026	
Tuesday, 20th October 2026	
8:00 – 8:30	REGISTRATION
8.30 – 10.30	QUALIVETS PARALLEL SESSION 1 Bovine session [Moyne Suite Room]: - ICAR bull proficiency tests – <i>International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR)</i> - Straw ID standardisation – <i>Stephane Alkabes, Synetics</i> - Bull management and handling – <i>Kasia Kupisiewicz, Viking Genetics; Simon Reisvaag, Geno; Marleen Broekhuijse, CRV</i> - Applied research to industry – <i>Sean Fair, Bullnet project</i> Chairperson: <i>Marleen Broekhuijse, CRV</i> Porcine session [Links Suite Room]: - Round table discussions on boar stud case studies - Poster sessions Chairperson: <i>Dimitri De Meyer, Vedanko</i>
10.30 – 11:00	POSTER SESSION & Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	PLENARY SESSION 1 [Moyne Suite Room] - From Cow to Cloud... and Back– <i>Donagh Berry, Teagasc</i> - Overview of Pig Production in Ireland – <i>Ciaran Carroll, Teagasc</i> - Antimicrobial Resistance in pig production: Human shift in thinking – <i>Alison Burell, Animal Health Ireland (AHI)</i> - Role of the uterine microbiome in reproductive health in dairy cows – <i>Osvaldo Bogado Pascottini, University College Dublin (UCD)</i> Chairperson: <i>Doreen Corridan, National Cattle Breeding Centre of Ireland (NCBC)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

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14:00 – 15:00	PARALLEL SESSION 1 Bovine session [Moyne Suite Room]: ○ The role of genetics in sustainable beef production into the future – <i>Rosalish Goulding, National Cattle Breeding Centre of Ireland (NCBC)</i> ○ Genetics—Nature's Original Preventative Medicine – <i>Donagh Berry, Teagasc</i> Chairperson: <i>Sarah Felstead, Cogent Breeding</i> Porcine session [Links Suite Room]: ○ AI Stud Management: Perspectives on Managing vs. Firefighting – <i>Kyla Ripley, Topigs Norsvin</i> ○ Sperm cell number per dose: How low can we go? – <i>Michael Kleve Feld, Pig Improvement Company (PIC)</i> Chairperson: <i>Jane Rasmussen, Danish Agriculture & Food Council (DAFC)</i>
15:00 – 15.40	Coffee break & Poster session
15:40 – 16:00	SPONSORS' SESSIONS ○ Redefining sex-sorted semen: Latest advances in technology, efficiency and fertility – <i>Clara González-Marín, Research & Innovation Europe, Sexing Technologies.</i>
16:00 – 17:00	PARALLEL SESSION 2 Bovine session [Moyne Suite Room]: ○ Recent trends in sex-sorted semen usage and performance in Irish dairy herds – <i>Stephen Butler, Teagasc</i> ○ Packaging Fertility – <i>Ciara O'Meara, National Cattle Breeding Center (NCBC)</i> Chairperson: <i>Kasia Kupisiewicz, Viking Genetics</i> Porcine session [Links Suite Room]: ○ Ice, Ice, Boary: Cryopreservation of Boar Semen from the Perspective of an AI Center in Switzerland – <i>Christin Selige, SUISAG</i> ○ Detection of PRRS Virus in boar oral fluid samples: Diagnostic performance and practical implications for surveillance – <i>Jane Rasmussen, Danish Agriculture & Food Council (FMBA)</i> Chairperson: <i>Martin Schulze, IFN Schönow</i>
17:00 – 17:30	REPVET FEEDBACK [Moyne Suite Room] – Anja de Bont, CRV
18:00 – 19:00	*Drinks Reception [Seaview Restaurant]
19:00 –	**Gala Dinner [Moyne Suite Room]

*Only for Gala Dinner attendees

**Pre-registration required

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Wednesday, 21st October, 2026	
8:30	Registration
9:00 – 10:30	PARALLEL SESSION 3 Bovine session [Moyne Suite Room]: ○ Introduction – <i>Dr. Daniel Riordan, MTU (Munster Technological University)</i> ○ Mathematical modelling of gestational length in dairy animal – <i>Samson Ithagu, Teagasc</i> ○ Differences in milk composition between pasture and concentrate-based diets – <i>Jonathan Magan, Teagasc</i> ○ Robotic Systems – <i>Dr. Daniel Riordan, MTU (Munster Technological University)</i> ○ Automated Teat Health Assessment & Measurement System – <i>Dr. Daniel Riordan representing Teagasc</i> ○ Milk yield predictive modelling in pasture-based Dairy systems – <i>Pratiksha Nagar, University College Dublin (UCD)</i> ○ Vision systems – <i>Amin Kargar & Matteo Menolotto, Tyndall</i> ○ Green House Gas Hub – <i>Ben Lahart, Teagasc</i> ○ Q&A Chairperson: <i>Dr. Daniel Riordan, MTU (Munster Technological University)</i> Porcine session [Links Suite Room]: ○ Balanced on paper: why intense selection in pigs remains a welfare — and sustainability — failure – <i>Laura Boyle, Teagasc</i> ○ Large-Scale Swine Production: Experiences, Efficiency and Future Opportunities – <i>Rodrigo Moreira, Pilgrims Europe</i> ○ AgriTech in Porcine – <i>Dr. Pat Kirwan, IPVS</i> Chairperson: <i>Anne Staadegaard-Huijbers, Topigs Norsvin</i>
10:30 – 12:30	Transfer to Teagasc Grange*
12:30 – 13.30	AGRITECH SESSIONS ○ Overview of the Teagasc Grange Research Programme – <i>Paul Crosson, Teagasc</i> ○ Dynamic phenotyping of bovine semen: validating the Dynescan Analyser for early fertility prediction in a national breeding program – <i>Claudia Biagiotti</i> ○ Beyond the Upright Dewar: Orientation-Independent Cryogenic Containers for Reproductive Animal Logistics – <i>Vittorio Palmieri, Cria Technologies</i> ○ Livestock Precision technologies - experience of using the FarmFit bolus in a Stud environment – <i>Sarah Felstead, Cogent Breeding</i>
13.30 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 15:15	FARM WALK - TEAGASC RESEARCH CENTRE ○ The effect of nutrition on the sexual development, fertility and health of young bulls – <i>David Kenny, Teagasc</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Return to Portmarnock Hotel

*Only for people previously registered for the visit!

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