

Dear EVPC community,

We are pleased to announce the joined event organised by ESDA and EVPC in Thessaloniki, for the 8th ESDA Days and the 2025 Annual EVPC Scientific Meeting.

The European Society of Dirofilariosis and Angiostrongylosis (ESDA) is dedicated to educating the scientific community on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and public health risks associated with *Dirofilaria immitis, Dirofilaria repens* and *Angiostrongylus vasorum* in both animals and humans. ESDA holds a tri-annual scientific meeting, the "ESDA Days", where the latest advancements in the field are shared. The objectives of ESDA days are closely aligned with the European Veterinary Parasitology College (EVPC) mission which is to advance the field of Veterinary Parasitology and to promote a high standard of education.

For 2025, we are pleased to announce that **ESDA** will join forces with the **EVPC**, organising a common event namely the **8**th **ESDA Days** - **2025 Annual EVPC Scientific Meeting**, 22-24 of May, in Thessaloniki, Greece.

This joint event represents a unique opportunity for students, veterinary practitioners, researchers, and academics to share state-of-the-art advancements in epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of parasites relevant to the veterinary and medical communities. Our aim is that this year's event will become a meeting point for the scientific community, including young scientists, who will be the future members of ESDA and EVPC.

The venue for this meeting will be in Thessaloniki at the Aristotle University's Research Dissemination Center, strategically located close to the city centre. Thessaloniki is the second biggest city in Greece, build around Thermaikos Gulf with high touristic activity. In close proximity to the meeting venue, there are various possibilities for accommodation, restaurants, bars and other facilities.

We are confident that this meeting, organised with great enthusiasm, will serve as an engaging forum, fostering improvement and advancement in the health of both pets and humans.

Best Regards,

On behalf of the Organizing Committees

Anastasia Diakou Smaragda Sotiraki

ESDA EVPC

Preliminary Programme

Thursday 22 May 2024

9:00-11:00

Invited Speakers

Coffee break 30 min

11.30-13.30

Keynote presentation (30 min)

Residents' presentations (8 x 10 min)

Lunch break 1.5h

15:00-17:00

EVPC Annual General Meeting

18.00-20.00 Opening ceremony and welcome

Friday 23 May 2024

9:00-11:00

Keynote presentation (30 min)

Invited presentation (20 min)

Oral Communications: (6x10 min)

Coffee break 30 min

11.30-13.30

Invited presentation: (20 min)

Oral Communications: (6x10 min)

Invited presentation (20 min)

Lunch break 1.5h

<u>15:00 -17:00</u>

Tutoring the veterinarians: (20 min)

Oral Communications: (6x10 min)

Invited presentation (20 min)

Coffee break 30 min

17:30-19:30

Tutoring the veterinarians: (30 min)

Poster session: 1.5h

Conference Diner

Saturday 24 May 2024

9:00-11:00

Keynote presentation (30 min)

Invited presentation (20 min)

Oral Communications: (6x10 min)

Coffee break 30 min

11.30-13.30

Invited presentation: (20 min)

Oral Communications: (6x10 min)

Invited presentation (20 min)

Lunch break 1.5h

15:00 -17:00

Tutoring the veterinarians: (20 min)

Oral Communications: (6x10 min)

Invited presentation (20 min)

Coffee break 30 min

<u>17:00-18:30</u>

ESDA General Assembly

Closing 18:30-19:00