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CONGRESS GUIDE

BVNA CONGRESS 2015
Friday 9th – Sunday 11th October
Telford International Centre, Shropshire
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From the moment that green eyed pussy cat looked out at me from the first mock-up of the BVNA Congress Programme for this year I could tell it was looking fantastic. I hope you agree.

Our Congress Committee, Council, Office Team and our team of Stewards work flat out to create a Congress to remember, this is our 42nd Congress, the 4th here at The International Centre in Telford and on behalf of all of the team I extend to you the warmest of welcomes to this year’s event.

This year we have increased our Scientific Programme on Friday to six streams, with a further six streams on Saturday and five on Sunday. Combine this with our friendly social programme and this year looks like it will be the best Congress yet. No wonder then, at the time of writing, registrations are up by nearly 100% on last year! I hope many of you were able to take advantage of the special £50 members early bird rate, part of our 50th Birthday celebration gifts to our members.

From anaesthetics through to zoo and wildlife, we have something to excite and inspire everyone, whether you want to enhance your everyday practice or inspire the next stage on your career path.

We have introduced our ‘Equine Symposium’ this year, covering all aspects of equine nursing, it promises a jam packed programme for those of you working with or interested in horses.

Back by popular demand since its introduction last year we have our ‘Day in the Life of...’ stream on Sunday morning which gives us an insight in to the roles that different vet nurses take on.

Now in its third year, our Research stream, which has been renamed the ‘Science Café’ and has been kindly sponsored by our journal publishers Taylor and Francis, is a fantastic opportunity to see how real life dissertation and research projects have been put together to build upon the evidence base that we have for our day to day practice. If you can’t make it to the presentations at 3.45pm on Friday, the posters will be situated just outside the commercial exhibition throughout the event. I hope you agree they make stimulating and thought provoking reading. Watching the presenters last year was one of the highlights of my Congress.

One of the other highlights of last years Congress for me was the opportunity to allow Veterinary Nurses to take their Declaration in public, a great opportunity for those of us who were unable to do so at the time we qualified. This year we extend that invitation to join Liz Cox, Chair of RCVS VN Council to take your declaration, which will then be followed by an opportunity to take part in RCVS Question Time.

Our annual awards ceremony is on Friday 9th of October at 10.45am in the Pattingham Suite and all delegates are welcome to watch our very deserving Award and Bursary Winners receive their prizes. I am delighted to be able to welcome Vice Chairman of our Charity of the Year, Allen Parton from Hounds for Heroes as our keynote speaker. Allen will highlight the change that having an assistance dog has made to his life and will outline the work of this very worthwhile charity.

On Friday night we will be hosting our Charity Quiz Challenge for Hounds for Heroes. Don't be shy if you are at Congress on your own or with a small group, our charity night is a friendly and relaxed event where you are sure to be welcomed to join in.

Our infamous Saturday night Dinner Dance gives you the opportunity to dance the night away with friends old and new. This year’s theme is a ‘Sci-Fi Convention’; everything from Dr Who to Deep Space Nine and from Star Wars to Stargate! I can’t wait to see your interpretation of this year’s theme; I would imagine one of the hardest tasks of my weekend will be judging the fancy dress competition.

All that remains is for me to wish you a fantastic Congress, filled with inspiring and informative CPD, a chance to catch up with friends and colleagues and most of all a chance to celebrate 50 years with us, your representative body.

Fiona Andrew
BVNA President
The Registration Desk is located in the foyer area of Hall 3 in Telford International Centre.

Delegates are encouraged to pre-register to make the most of the discounts available. You may register on the day however there will be a £10.00 administration charge per delegate. Payment for registration must be made by cash (sterling), cheque or by credit/debit card.

If you require any information or advice during the Congress, stewards and Congress Committee Members will be available at the Registration Desk, Bag Pickup Point and BVNA stand to provide assistance.

Registration desk opening times

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DELEGATE BAGS

Each delegate is issued with a DELEGATE BAG VOUCHER; this is contained in your registration pack.

Please exchange this voucher at the Bag Pickup Point located in foyer area outside the exhibition hall.

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It is imperative that you are scanned by one of the stewards on the door to each lecture. This will then be printed onto your CPD certificate and e-mailed to you within two weeks of Congress. Workshop certificates will be given out at the end of each session.

DON'T FORGET

- Enter our ‘Guess the Instrument’ competition and help us raise money for our charity of the year ‘Hounds for Heroes’

- Information on our courses

- Renew your membership and receive 10% off!

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Telford International Centre, St Quentin Gate, Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH

Tel: 01952 281 500

The venue has FREE car parking spaces for 1500 vehicles, all within easy walking distance.

From the M6 Toll Northbound
Leave M6 Toll at junction T8. This equates to M6/J11. Go straight ahead on to A460 (Wolverhampton Road) towards Wolverhampton. After 2.4 miles access M54/J1. Take the third exit off the roundabout onto M54 direction Telford. Travel west on M54 to J4. Take the second exit and follow signs to The International Centre. The venue is situated just over 2 miles from Junction 4.

From the M6 Northbound
Join M54 at M6/J10A. Travel west to M54/J4. Take the second exit and follow signs to The International Centre. The venue is situated just over 2 miles from Junction 4.

From the M6 Southbound
Leave M6 at junction 12. Take A5 west for 1 mile to Gailey Island. Take first left on to A449. Travel 3 miles to M54/J2. Travel west on M54 to J4. Take the second exit and follow signs to The International Centre.

By train
There are regular services from Birmingham New Street, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury. The International Centre is situated just over a mile from Telford Central Station and is only two minutes drive by taxi. Alternatively, there is a regular bus service. Visit www.nationalrail.co.uk for train times and fares.

By air
The International Centre is less than an hour by road from Birmingham International airport. There are also rail connections from Birmingham International Station via Birmingham New Street.

Approximate drive times
- Birmingham: 45 minutes
- Manchester: 1 hour 30 minutes
- Bristol: 1 hour 45 minutes
- Leeds: 2 hours 15 minutes
- London (M25): 2 hours 15 minutes
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These times are a guide. Please be aware they may change slightly due to peak traffic times. Please note there is limited space (14 seats). Taxis can be booked at the centre or hotel receptions. **Diamond Taxis:** 01952 222222 **Central Taxis:** 01952 501050
ACCOMMODATION

If you want convenience, the Telford International Centre (TIC) features three hotels:

The International Hotel, the Holiday Inn, which are both on-site and within easy walking distance of the conference centre there is also the Ramada Hotel located just five minutes drive away.

Also within a 5 minutes walking distance there is a Premier Inn which opened in 2014. To make a direct booking please visit www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/TELSOU/telford-international-centre

For a wider network of accommodation to match your requirements from stunning period properties to spas, as well as hotels that can cater for limited budgets, please visit the BVNA website for more details and special rates www.bvna.org.uk/cpd/accommodation.

New Southwater Convention Centre

Following the continual redevelopment of the town centre the Convention Quarter boasts an onsite hotel, leisure and restaurants alongside an urban lake which connects seamlessly to the existing Telford Shopping Centre plus one of the largest town parks in the UK.

The Convention Quarter is in walking distance of the conference centre and will offer delegates a vast choice of restaurants including, Hungry Horse, Wildwood Restaurant, Zizzi, Chimichanga, Wagamama, Nandos, Bella Italia, Pizza Express, Mimosa and a Harvester to name but a few!

Please remember to quote 'BVNA Congress' to ensure that you receive the special room rates.
ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Drinking water
There are water coolers provided around the venue.

Tea and coffee
Complimentary tea and coffee for delegates will be provided during the following times:

**Friday 9 October**
Foyer Ground Floor
8.30am – 12.00pm
Catering area, commercial exhibition
12.00pm – 5.00pm

**Saturday 10 October**
Catering area, commercial exhibition
8.30am – 4.30pm

**Sunday 11 October**
Catering area, commercial exhibition
9.00am – 2.00pm

Lunch bags
Complimentary lunch bags for delegates will be available throughout BVNA Congress. These will be distributed from the refreshment area in the commercial exhibition hall.

Collection times are as follows:

**Friday 9 October** 12.00pm – 2.00pm
**Saturday 10 October** 12.00pm – 2.00pm
**Sunday 11 October** 12.00pm – 2.00pm

Complimentary lunch vouchers are issued with your registration badge. Please note that lost vouchers cannot be replaced.

Bar, hot meals and snacks
Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages will be available to purchase from the cafeteria area within the commercial exhibition hall:

**Friday 9 October** 12.00pm – 5.00pm
**Saturday 10 October** 11.00am – 4.30pm
**Sunday 11 October** 11.00am – 2.00pm

Hot food will also be available between 12.00pm and 2.00pm daily.
**Cash point machine**

An ATM/cash machine is available on site. Please note that cash withdrawals will incur a fee of £1.75 per transaction. This fee is not governed by Telford International Centre or the BVNA.

**Car parking**

The on-site parking is free of charge for all BVNA delegates and exhibitors.

**Lost property**

Lost property should be handed into or reported to the Bag Pickup Point which is located in the foyer area outside the exhibition hall.

**Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted inside the building in accordance with current UK legislation. There are designated smoking areas outside the building, please ask for the location of these.

**First aid**

A designated first aider is on-site throughout the event. Please contact BVNA Staff or stewards if you require medical assistance.

**Filming & photography**

Filming and photography is not permitted whatsoever without the prior consent of the organisers.

**Disclaimer**

All products and services promoted during the event have not been endorsed by the BVNA.
FRIDAY

Keynote Speaker & Awards Ceremony
10.45AM

Please come and listen to our keynote speaker Allen Parton from our chosen charity of the year ‘Hounds for Heroes’

Hounds for Heroes is a British charity launched in February 2010. The charity started out as the dream of one man, Allen Parton a Royal Navy Veteran of the first Gulf War, who suffered severe physical and mental trauma whilst on duty. The arrival of an assistance dog by the name of Endal transformed his life and that of his family.

The charity’s purpose is to provide specially trained assistance dogs to injured and disabled men and women of both the UK Armed Forces and Civilian Emergency Services. Through this provision the charity hopes to give its clients an enhanced quality of life in line with their expectations. The charity will also be able to provide help and practical support to help them achieve this.

Allen will be speaking about his work with Hounds for Heroes as well as presenting the prestigious awards to our deserving winners. Please come along and show your support.

FRIDAY

Friday 9 October

10.45am  Keynote Speaker & Awards Ceremony (Pattingham Suite)
12.00pm  Commercial Exhibition Opens
3.45pm  Science Café (Pattingham Suite)
5.00pm  Happy Hour (Exhibition Hall)
7.30pm  Charity Quiz Challenge (Holiday Inn Hotel)

Saturday 10 October

10.00am  Open Forum – The Raw Food Debate (Pattingham Suite)
11.45am  Declaration Ceremony followed by RCVS Question Time
4.30pm  Happy Hour (Exhibition Hall)
7.30pm  BVNA Sci-Fi Convention (Ironbridge Suite)

Sunday 11 October

10.15am  BVNA Annual General Meeting (Pattingham Suite)
2.15pm  Commercial Exhibition Closes
**Science Café | 3.45PM**
Enjoy afternoon tea & cake whilst listening to poster presentations

Pop along and support your peers whilst you enjoy complimentary tea & cake and get up-to-date with the latest research in veterinary nursing.

The presentations will take place in the Pattingham Suite and will cover a broad range of topics. In addition to the presentations you can view the posts and have an informal chat with the researchers about their projects.

After the presentations the posters will be available to view throughout congress in the foyer area.

This session has kindly been sponsored by VNJ publisher Taylor & Francis

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**Awards**

Come and help us celebrate the winners at the Awards Ceremony, which takes place on **Friday 9 October at 10.45am** in the Pattingham Suite. The awards will be announced and presented by Fiona Andrew, BVNA President and Keynote Speaker, Allen Parton.

**BVNA Honorary Members**
Awarded in recognition of hard work and their contribution to the British Veterinary Nursing Association’s history

**The Blue Cross Veterinary Nurse of the Year Award**
Awarded to the Veterinary Nurse who has made a significant contribution in the field of educating the public in responsible pet ownership and the welfare of pets in the community

**College of Animal Welfare Award for Continuing Professional Development**
Awarded to the person who has given outstanding service to the Veterinary Nursing profession over the past year

**Bayer Animal Health Best Regional Co-ordinator Award**
Awarded to the BVNA Regional Co-ordinator voted as the best of the year by members in their region

**Bursary Awards**
A number of bursaries, which have been sponsored by The Kennel Club and BVNA, will be awarded to individuals to assist with funding training and furthering their veterinary nursing education

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**FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR**

Join us in celebrating our Golden Jubilee!
BVNA was founded in 1965 by a voluntary group of nurses and would like to celebrate this important milestone with delegates and exhibitors so invite everyone along for a glass of bubbly and cake during Friday Happy Hour.
SPECIAL CONGRESS EVENTS

SATURDAY

RCVS looks to the future at BVNA Congress

The main focus of our stand (number B7) will be Vet Futures, the joint RCVS and BVA project which seeks to help the veterinary professions prepare for and shape their future, with games, competitions and literature based around this theme. Please feel free to stop by – members of our Veterinary Nursing Department will be there to answer queries.

On the Saturday, between 11.45am and 12.45pm, we will be holding a ceremony for those veterinary nurses who want to make their professional declarations. This will be followed by a joint BVNA and RCVS question and answer session featuring VN Council Chair Liz Cox and our Head of Veterinary Nursing Julie Dugmore.

We’re also holding three focus group sessions on the functionality of our Nursing Progress Log, the online platform that allows student veterinary nurses to keep a record of their learning and development. These sessions take place between 12.30pm and 1.30pm on Friday; 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Saturday; and 11.30am and 12.30pm on Sunday. The sessions on Friday and Saturday are aimed at students and clinical coaches, while the Sunday session is aimed at external/internal quality assurers. Contact Julie Dugmore, our Head of Veterinary Nursing, on j.dugmore@rcvs.org.uk to participate.

SUNDAY

Annual General Meeting & Presidential Handover

All BVNA members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the British Veterinary Nursing Association.

During the AGM, BVNA Officers will make short presentations outlining the BVNA activities and performance over the last twelve months.

If you are a BVNA Member, why not let BVNA thank you for your support and listen to the past twelve month’s activities and meet the new BVNA Council and Officers?

The AGM will take place on Sunday 11 October at 10.15am Pattingham Suite.

Come along to a free taster yoga session

Offered by Lindsey Raven Emrich, BVNA Essex & Suffolk Regional Co-ordinator

- Learn a few relaxation techniques that you can use at home
- Improve your posture, flexibility, strength and muscle tone
- Reduce stress and tension

Saturday & Sunday sessions available between 10-11am

All registered delegates are welcome. Due to limited spaces please arrive early as sessions will be available on a first come first served basis.

Please don’t worry about bringing anything with you.... just bring yourself, relax & unwind for an hour of tranquillity!
**Competition Board**
Want to know if you’ve won anything? Exhibitors will post notices on this board located in the exhibition hall to notify winners of prize draws or competitions you enter whilst visiting the stands.

**Vacancy Board**
If you have a vacancy in your practice or company, why not advertise on our FREE vacancy notice board, located within the exhibition hall.

**Science Café**
This year we have seen a welcome increase in the submission of research abstracts. The Pattingham Suite on Friday afternoon (3.45pm) welcomes the primary researchers who will be giving brief presentations, discussing the purpose of the project, method of data collection, results and conclusion and future implications for the profession.

The abstracts cover a broad range of topics and in addition to the presentations you can come along to view the posters and, if desired have an informal chat with the researchers about their research projects. After the presentation the posters will be displayed throughout the whole congress weekend in the Foyer.

**Drop in advice**
**Friday 9 - Saturday 10 October**
The BVNA Advisory Service team will be on hand to answer any questions and offer FREE advice regarding any legal matter whether professional or personal. You can find them in the exhibition hall on the BVNA Stand.

**WIN A Kindle Fire**
The BVNA stand will be running a fun competition throughout Congress, where there will be some weird and wonderful instruments to try and name with a chance of winning a fantastic prize!

**Entry costs just £1 with all proceeds to the BVNA Charity of the Year ‘Hounds for Heroes’**

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Happy Hour
All delegates are invited to join the exhibitors in the exhibition hall during Happy Hour on both Friday & Saturday afternoon. Happy hour will commence at 5.00pm on Friday and 4.30pm on Saturday.
Complimentary drinks and canapés will be served throughout Happy Hour giving you a chance to socialise with colleagues whilst enjoying a browse around the exhibition before heading off to the great social events on offer.

Refunds for social events cannot be made unless the ticket can be re-sold by BVNA. Tickets may be available for purchase during congress due to cancellations, please enquire at the BVNA stand in the commercial exhibition.

‘CHARITY QUIZ CHALLENGE’
Friday 9 October
Doors open 7.00pm
Holiday Inn, Telford International Centre
Fancy putting your general knowledge to the test? Come along and join in with other delegates and exhibitors for an evening of fun, along with a few challenges!
Members of the winning team will receive a prize each and all proceeds from the evening will go to our chosen charity of the year ‘Hounds for Heroes’. This evening is kindly sponsored by VN Times.

BVNA SCI-FI CONVENTION
Escape Earth’s gravity with an out of this world experience
Saturday 10 October 7.30pm
Ironbridge Suite, Telford International Centre
Do you know your Dr Who from your Deep Space Nine? Your Star Wars from Stargate or indeed Star Trek! Trekkies and Tribbles all welcome!
Escape to the future and join in the fun! You can eat like a Klingon, drink with a fellow Trekkie and boogie with a Storm Trooper before being teleported back to the hotel.
You will be served a fabulous three course meal with a glass of wine, before the music starts and you dance the night away with our resident DJ, kindly sponsored by Protexin Veterinary
The best fancy dress will also be in with a chance of winning a prize, kindly sponsored by Protexin Veterinary
##BVNA CONGRESS 2015 - SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

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2015 has been an amazing year for both veterinary nursing and The British Veterinary Nursing Association (BVNA). I have had the enormous privilege of being President in this incredibly exciting time. Who thought we would celebrate 50 years of BVNA in the same year as we welcome the new Royal Charter and the first attempt to protect the title of veterinary nurse through Lord Trees private members Bill to the House of Lords.

This past year has been the quickest of my life, it only seems like yesterday that I was passed the President’s Chain of Office by Senior Vice President Kirstie Shield, and in a few short days they will be passed on to their new home with our current Junior Vice President Sam Morgan in Wales.

The role of the President is the figurehead of our organisation, I am incredibly fortunate to have an incredible team of Council Members, Officers, Advisory Executive and not least our great team of Regional Co-ordinators behind me, promoting the work of BVNA and working on the projects that we get involved with on your behalf.

This year has seen BVNA involved in various projects, working with other veterinary associations and ensuring that the voice of the veterinary nurse is heard at every level. One such project we have been working on is the Vet Futures initiative with BVA and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). For the first time RCVS VN Council will meet away from their usual home at Belgravia House in London and join members of BVNA Council at our congress in Telford to work on the veterinary nurse’s view of what the veterinary profession will look like in 2030 and where we want veterinary nurses to fit into that picture. We have developed a strong working relationship with RCVS VN Council over the last couple of years collaborating on projects where both regulatory and representative voices bring balance and differing experience to any discussion. As part of this relationship, several council members and RCO’s attended the RCVS in February, the first time a group of RVN’s has been invited to such an event.

The Mind Matters initiative is another project we are working on with the RCVS to ensure that all the resources that are being funnelled into dealing with mental health issues in the veterinary profession, are appropriate and available for nurses too. Hopefully you will have spotted the subtle changes to the Vet Life advertisements in VN and Vet Times and other publications.

Many of you who are attending congress this year will have been able to take advantage of the special £50 early bird member’s rate. When debating what we should do to celebrate 50 years of BVNA, Council thought it appropriate for most of the budget to be set aside to give something back to our members. We put together this special price for congress as our membership survey has shown that many of you have limited CPD budgets and some veterinary
nurses are sadly still having to supplement or pay for their own CPD. We have also put together a programme of monthly winners picked at random from our member’s database; these prizes will continue to be awarded until the end of 2015. Also I hope that you all wear your 50th anniversary pin with pride. I have worn mine to work and various meetings and am surprised how many people ask what it means and the interesting conversations that it sparks, especially with those pet owning members of the public who still believe that anyone calling themselves a veterinary nurse must be qualified and registered!

As 2015 is our 50th anniversary it was an incredibly happy coincidence that the work that the RCVS has been doing to underpin the status of the veterinary nurse came to fruition this year with the production of the new Royal Charter that welcomes Registered Veterinary Nurses as Associates of the Royal College. I was incredibly honoured to be invited to take part in the celebrations at the House of Commons in February. It would be naive to think that this would make noticeable changes in practice on day one, however it is the foundation that we can build on together as a profession. I have been constantly and pleasantly surprised by all our interactions with the main veterinary associations as to how much support there is for protection of the title and for raising the status of the veterinary nurse.

Summer time is the time for graduation ceremonies and I was thrilled to be invited to take part in the declaration and graduation ceremonies for graduating RVN’s from Edinburgh’s Napier University. This was a fabulous ceremony and for me, further underlined the professional status of our graduating RVN’s as they accepted their scrolls alongside so many other new professionals.

For those RVN’s who didn’t get the chance to make their declaration publically, I also was pleased to be invited to Glasgow and Royal Dick (Edinburgh) Vet School to allow the nursing teams time to make their declaration and reflect on their professional status. Both ceremonies will be special memories for me as my year as President draws to a close.

In 2015 BVNA continues to go from strength to strength. We have recruited a new Editor for our Journal VNJ, doubled the early bird attendees to our Congress, increased the number of practices and individual RVN’s taking part in National Veterinary Nursing Awareness Month and attended countless meetings and initiatives as a Council. None of this would be possible without the support of our membership which has also grown significantly this year. Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our membership, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President and I hope that the events of this year will make you keep supporting us with your membership and possibly coming to join us on council in years to come.
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