Hundreds of Veterinary Professionals Ride into Calgary to Attend Canada’s Only National Multi-Species Convention

CALGARY, Alta. — The Calgary Stampede may be over, but over 500 veterinary professionals from across Canada, the United States and around the world have another reason to visit Calgary as they attend the nation’s only multi-species event, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Convention, to address educational questions related to anesthesia and pain management, ophthalmology, endocrine and metabolic diseases, nutrition, clinical pharmacology, biosecurity and disease control, bovine lameness, infectious diseases and more.

“CVMA is the national and international voice for the veterinary profession across Canada,” says Dr. Jean Gauvin, 2014-15 CVMA president. “Our annual convention has been going strong for 67 years and provides an opportunity for veterinary professionals from around the world to connect with colleagues and attend three full days of continuing education focusing on companion animals, large animals, ruminants, animal welfare and more.”

The national veterinary convention, from July 16 to 19, offers more than 100 hours of continuing education for veterinary professionals. For the first time, its scientific program received RACE (Registry of Approved Continuing Education) approval from the American Association of Veterinary States Boards (AAVSB) RACE program. The 2015 program includes over 40 highly rated speakers from Canada, the United States and overseas to discuss topics ranging from shelter medicine, to clinical pathology, to social media, as well as small animal, equine and bovine clinical practice.

The 2015 CVMA Convention kicks off with the Summit of Veterinary Leaders where Canadian and international veterinary leaders share information on key issues in veterinary medicine. This year the theme deals with veterinary school accreditation. An annual awards ceremony is also held to recognize individuals and groups for their outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine.

CVMA is the national and international voice for approximately 13,340 veterinarians in Canada, with 1,780 in Alberta. The convention is held in partnership with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, and in collaboration with the Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada.

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