



BVRsMA SPRING NEWSLETTER

Journal Club

Over the winter we have successfully introduced regular online journal clubs. A diverse range of topics have been covered including Understanding Pain, Laser therapy and Hydrotherapy. Presenters have challenged the participants with a broad range of papers and each session has been lively and interactive. Not only have participants improved their knowledge in these specific fields but hopefully we all have improved our ability to critically appraise and evaluate scientific information across the board and to determine what is good clinical evidence and what is not.

A big thank you to Rhona for all her hard work in facilitating the discussion through the website and an equally big thank you to Abby for sourcing the papers for those of us that do not have university access.

The next session will focus on the topical subject of regenerative medicine. Is there is enough evidence to support its use in practice or is it just encouraging us to be bad scientists? Please join us on the 12th of April for what is likely to be another lively and informative discussion.

Focus on the sporting dog



The autumn will see BVRsMA involved with two day meetings focussing on the sporting dog. Lowri Davies, chair of BVRsMA is co-chairing a ESVOT symposium focussing on the sporting dog. World leaders in orthopaedic surgery and rehabilitation are coming together to present their views on how to manage commonly encountered injuries in our canine athletes. The mix of topics and views is likely to result in a lively debate. The meeting will be in London on the **8th of September**. It is a major step forward for rehabilitation to be showcased in this way by ESVOT.

On the **7th of October**, BVRsMA's Autumn meeting will also focus on the sporting dog. The programme will look at what's required to get an athlete to the top including nutrition, training and what are the risk factors for injury. Speakers include two Diplomates of the American College of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, an Olympic Physiotherapist, a veterinary surgeon and top class handler and a chiropractor working in the field of human sports medicine.

Specialisation

Over the last few weeks there has been another attempt by a group of European Specialists in Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine to set up a European College of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. The group is led by Barbara Bocksthaler from Vienna who has worked extremely hard on the submission. The proposal was turned down two years ago due to the erroneous view that the field was adequately covered by specialists in the fields of Orthopaedics and Neurology.

JOIN BVRsMA

Subscriptions are now due from a number of our members. Joining is easy through the membership section of the website.

IT'S YOUR SOCIETY

Remember that we are here for you. If you have any topics that you would like covered either in our Journal Club or Autumn Meeting then please let us know.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

8th - 12th August - 9th international IAVRPT symposium Upsala, Sweden
17th 19th August - ICEL Symposium, London