

3rd International Equine Welfare and Wellbeing Conference

1-2 Nov 2019, Barcelona, Spain

Call for abstracts

International renowned experts and scientist have confirmed their assistance to the conference as speakers, but we would like to hear from anyone working within the area of this year's theme. Time allocated to talks at the conference will be 10-15 minutes, which includes time for questions.

Conference theme:

"A dimension to discover"

The idea behind the conference is to talk in positive terms of what we can do to improve wellbeing and motivation in horses.

If we focus on equine welfare from the perspective of the quality of life that the individual perceives, it is necessary to understand and explore the level of sentience, cognition, intrinsic motivation and autonomy that equines have or are capable of developing in optimal conditions.

At the last conference held at the Autonomous University of Barcelona in December 2018, foundations for the future of equine welfare were presented, based on a transversal theoretical framework. The academics that participated, of recognized prestige in veterinary science, philosophy, ethology, zoology, anthro-zoology, neuroscience, law and animal ethics, agreed on the key points to take into account in welfare issues.

The consensus was found in the following topics:

- Physical, social, emotional and cognitive needs.
- The horse as an individual: Dignity, sentience and autonomy
- Quality of life according to needs and restrictions
- Responsible ownership and ethical obligations.

Based on this, we organize the following congress where the exhibition of research, study and practice works will be held, focused on sentience, cognition, intrinsic motivation and autonomy in equines.

The conference welcomes proposals from a variety of scholars and disciplines – including critical academics, independent researchers, students and professionals from the equestrian sector

Other themes:

The conference also welcomes papers focused on any topic addressing horse human relationship, including but not limited to the following themes:

- ✓ Proposals for the future
- ✓ Reciprocal relationships human-horse
- ✓ Solutions for the over population of equines

- ✓ Educational programs for equine welfare
- ✓ How to create awareness
- ✓ Motivation for change
- ✓ Proposals for future legislation
- ✓ Sentience as a legal concept

Submission guidelines:

All abstracts must be written in English and/or Spanish.

Abstracts should include:

Abstract Title of 30 words maximum

Abstract Text of 500 words maximum

A brief biography of the author (150 words maximum) including name, affiliation and contact details

The number of submitted abstracts per author is limited to two.

Abstracts must be submitted to: info@proyectocaballo.org

IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Abstract Submission: 30 March 2019

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15 August 2019

Decisions on abstracts will be notified by: 15 September 2019

Online registration opens (compulsory): 15 January 2019

Conference opens: 1 Nov 2019

Conference closes: 2 Nov 2019