First notice

Dear colleagues and friends,

The Mediterranean Federation of Health and Production of Ruminants (FeMeSPRum) is an international association that brings together different professionals (veterinarians, agronomists, livestock, etc) dedicated to the care of animals (ruminants), to study and prevent appearance of diseases in this animals, to increase and improve their productions (meat, milk, wool, etc), and above all to improve the quality of their products and make them healthier for the consumer.

It aims to bring together all those professionals who are dedicated to research and practical activity of the problems arising from the health and production of ruminants in the Mediterranean area, favoring the holding of training meetings, and discussions on these aspects, seminars and conventions, with a defined periodicity, promoting all those developments that help to improve this sector and cooperation among member countries.

As its name indicates its scope of influence extends several countries of Mediterranean environment, among which we can highlight Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey Slovenia, Croatia, Syria, Afghanistan, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, etc, and periodically organizes a meeting or Congress in some of these countries. Specifically in recent years it has been held in Murcia, Sardinia, Egypt, Turkey and Bologna.

In my case, who signs this document, was named President of this Federation in 2015, and last October, during the 50th National Congress Società Italiana di Buiatria (SIB) / Mediterranean Federation of Health and Production of Ruminants (FeMeSPRum), held in Bologna (Italy) I was in charge of organizing the next Congress. Our intention is to carry out this event during the next 26 to 28 September in our city, León.

León is a small Spanish city located in the northwest of the Iberian Peninsula, capital of the homonymous province, in the autonomous community of Castilla y León. It is located about 300 km north of Madrid, about 200 east of La Coruña and about 200 from Salamanca, and a little further away, about 800 km from Barcelona. León has a developed network of roads and railways, as well as a small airport with flights to Barcelona. It was born as a Roman military camp around 29 a. C, although its partial depopulation on the Arab conquest of the Iberian Peninsula, received a new impulse to become the seat of the Kingdom of León, participating actively in the Reconquest and being a fundamental germ in the configuration of the Kingdom of Spain. The city housed the first Cortes of the history of Europe in 1188, under the reign of Alfonso IX, thanks to which in 2011 it was proclaimed by UNESCO as the ‘Cradle of Parliamentarism’.
Its historical and monumental heritage, as well as various celebrations taking place throughout the year, including the Holy Week, and its situation as an obligatory step on the Way of St. James, make it a city that receives national and international tourism. Among its most representative architectural gems are the Cathedral, an example of classical Gothic, the Basilica of San Isidoro, the tomb-church of the medieval kings of León and considered the Sistine Chapel of Romanesque Art, the Monastery of San Marcos, an example of architecture Spanish Renaissance, the palace of Los Guzmanes, the palace of the Counts of Luna and the Casa Botines. We must also highlight the Museum of Contemporary Art of Castilla y León (MUSAC) and the Auditorium, as outstanding examples of modern architecture.

An eminently agricultural and livestock province such as León has the indispensable components for a quality gastronomy. Therefore, it is not surprising that is 2018 it was declared the Spanish Capital of Gastronomy in 2018, under the theme "León, manjar de reyes", and that more than 160 activities have been scheduled so that residents and visitors, coming from anywhere can find an unparalleled gastronomic offer.

The seat of the Congress, strategically located in the center of the city, and in a building with a wonderful architectural and historical heritage, will allow a greater knowledge of our wonderful city to all those who visit us, and will contribute to enhance the planned activities.

For all this, for your interest in ruminants, for the characteristics of our city, and because the Organizing Committee is working to offer you an attractive program, we are waiting for you in León next September.

Be all welcome,

The Organizing Committee.
1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of the Congress: September 26, 27 and 28, 2019
Place: León, Spain
Antiguo Ayuntamiento o Consistorio, Plaza de San Marcelo, León o bien Palacio del Conde Luna, León
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6. RULES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND SUBMISSION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTERS

The presentation of works supposes an active participation of the same ones, which will be able to present their lines of research and results, at the same time as providing novel data related to any field related to ruminants. The submitted works, to be admitted, must comply with the following regulations:

1. The works must belong to any of the areas related to ruminant animals.
2. The title must clearly identify the content of the summary and should be limited to a maximum of 150 characters.
3. Abstracts: limited to 3000 characters, approximately 400 words, title and affiliations included in a single page.

4. The text of the summary and the presentation may be made in any of the official languages of the FeMeSPRum (Italian, Spanish, French) or even in English. To facilitate its international dissemination, at least the translation of the title and summary into English is recommended.

5. Once accepted the oral communications / posters, the authors will receive instructions about the presentation and the size of the poster.

6. In order to present a communication / poster, it is essential that at least one of the authors is registered in the Congress.

7. The Scientific Committee may reject communications that do not adapt to the structure suggested above, or to the objectives and level of the Congress.

8. The summaries of the Congress will be published in the magazine *Large Animals*. Also those publications that the Scientific Committee considers of exceptional quality will also be published.

7. TYPE OF PRESENTATION

Possible options: Oral Communication, Poster or Clinical Cases, all grouped by thematic area.

8. AWARDS FOR THE BEST CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CONGRESS

In order to encourage the quality of the Congress and stimulate the participation of different groups within the thematic areas of the Congress, we intend to reward those contributions of higher quality, through any of the following awards:

- Award for the most innovative work.
- Award for the most applicative work, at the field level.
- Award for the highest quality work in the area of ruminant health.
- Award for the highest quality work in the area of ruminant production.
- Award for the highest quality work in the area of ruminant medicine.
- Award for the highest quality works, presented by a novel.
- Award for the highest quality scientific work.

1. All the papers admitted as Oral Communication, Clinical Cases or Posters will be able to participate in the competition. The articles will be classified in some of the indicated sections.

2. The Scientific Committee, together with the votes of the participants in the Congress, will be responsible for categorizing the communications presented in each of the sections in accordance with the objective of the article.

3. Initially, a Finalist will be obtained for each Section, who will be chosen by the Scientific Committee and who will receive the corresponding accrediting diploma. The Prize to the highest quality papers presented by a novel and the Prize for the highest quality scientific work will come from the evaluation of these works by voting of the Congressmen attending the presentations.

4. At the beginning of the Congress the attendees will be informed about the list of finalists and the presentation times of their communications, to contribute to the dissemination of the studies presented.

5. Those publications creditor of some of the awards indicated above may be published in *Large Animal*.

6. The awards ceremony will take place at the Closing of the FeMeSPRum 2019 Congress.

7. Participation in these Awards implies the total acceptance of these rules. Awards may be deserted if considered by the Scientific Committee.
8.1. SECTION FOR STUDENTS AND NOVELES

Students of recent years of some degree of interest to FeMeSPRum, or those newly graduated researchers may submit their papers, which must be adapted to the general rules of communications (previously mentioned) as well as deadlines for submission and correction, to apply for the Award higher quality work, presented by a novel.

Between this type of communication, and after the evaluation of the scientific committee, 2 scholarships will be awarded to the author of the two best communications, which must be presented orally, and which will consist of the registration to the congress and the corresponding diploma.

9. CONGRESS CALENDAR AND SUBMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS

9.1. Dates

26- September (Thursday)
   16.00: Inauguration
   16.30 – 17.30: Inaugural Conference
   17.30 – 19.00: Free communications (6 x 15 ’ each)
   19.30: Reception by local authorities

27- September (Friday)
   9.00 – 11.00: Free communications (8 x 15 ’ each)
   11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break
   11.30 – 14.00: Roundtable; Milk quality and human health in the Mediterranean area
   14.00 – 16.00: Lunch
   16.00 – 17.30: Conferences
   17.30 – 18.00: Coffee break
   18.00 – 19.00: Free communications (4 x 15 ’ each)
   19.30: Playful activity

28- September (Saturday)
   9.00 – 11.00: Free communications (8 x 15 ’)
   11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break
   14.00 – 16.00: Lunch
   16.00: Organized visit and farewell dinner.

9.2. Sending communications

Communications, in their different options, will be sent to the Headquarters of the Scientific Organizer at the following email address: femesprum.leon.2019@gmail.com

The deadline for sending scientific communications is May 30, 2019.

The Scientific Committee may reject or propose modifications in the communications submitted, sending them for correction to the authors before June 30, 2019.

The final sending of the papers corrected by the authors, ends on July 15, 2019.

The authors will receive the definitive acceptance of communications from the Scientific Committee before July 31, 2019.
## 10. REGISTRATION AND PRICES

Prices are as follows:

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<td><strong>Congressmen</strong></td>
<td>Includes Registration, Congress, Meals, Coffee, Scheduled visits and Dinner Closing</td>
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Registration will be made by payment in the C/C ES97 2103 4257 11 0033008338 clearly indicating the name of the Congressman. It is necessary to send a copy of the bank transfer to the Organizing Committee at the following email address: femeprum-leon-2019@gmail.com

## 11. Accommodation information.

The Organizing Committee has contacted the following accommodations, which will make our facilities available to us at special prices for the Congress:

**Hotel Paris.** Calle Ancha, 18, 24003 León. Phone: 987 23 86 00. [https://www.hotelparisleon.com/](https://www.hotelparisleon.com/)

**Hotel Real Colegiata San Isidoro.** Plaza Santo Martino, 5, 24003 León. Phone: 987 87 50 88; [http://www.hotelrealcolegiata.com/](http://www.hotelrealcolegiata.com/)

**Hotel Sercotel Alfonso V.** Padre Isla Avenue, 1, 24002 León. Phone: 987 22 09 00; [https://www.hotelalfonsov.com/](https://www.hotelalfonsov.com/)

**Hospedería Monástica Pax (Las Carbajalas).** Plaza de Santa María del Camino, 11 - Plaza del Grano, 24003 León. Phone: 987 34 44 93; [http://www.hospederiapax.com/](http://www.hospederiapax.com/)