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Céad Míle Fáilte – One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

Ireland is known for its rich cultural heritage, warm hospitality, and breath taking landscapes. Delegates will have the opportunity to experience this first hand with our programme, designed to capture Ireland’s charm and provide an unforgettable experience.

All those who meet at ISER, from world renowned leaders in the field to young and budding scientists, do so due to their innate love of horses and their commitment to further unravelling equine reproductive biology and improving breeding performance. No country is better suited to host such a group than Ireland, the Emerald Isle, where equestrianism is not just a sport and horse breeding is not just a business but instead national passions, ingrained in all walks of our history, culture, recreation and future.

Furthermore, University College Dublin, established in 1854 is one of Europe’s leading research-intensive universities. Situated in the vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Dublin, UCD is renowned for its academic excellence, innovative research, and global impact. Equine reproduction research is gaining pace at UCD and it will be exciting to showcase the progress made in 2027 to such a prestigious international audience.

We believe Ireland provides the ideal setting for ISER XIV, allowing industry leaders and experts to come together to draw inspiration, exchange knowledge and foster meaningful collaborations for future innovation and research.

We hope you agree and we look forward to welcoming you all in 2027.

Sincerely,

Niamh Lewis
(Chairperson)

On behalf of the local organising committee



Lough Gur, County Limerick

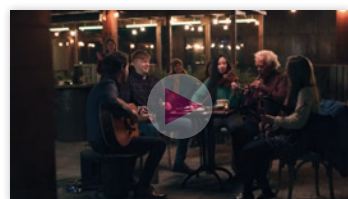


Cliffs of Moher, Liscannor, County Clare

Why Ireland?

Ireland is home to a famously warm welcome, world-class facilities and extensive supports making it the ideal venue for ISER XIV in 2027. Located on the very edge of Europe, Ireland is the only English-speaking country in the Eurozone. It's easy to get to and easy to get around, presenting a unique opportunity to nurture relationships, build partnerships and experience the culture. Ireland strikes a balance by offering a place to make meaningful professional connections alongside charming hospitality and friendliness.

Home to seven universities, 45 Centres of Excellence, numerous research centres and 16 university hospitals, it is a historic country of saints and scholars with a vibrant contemporary spirit.

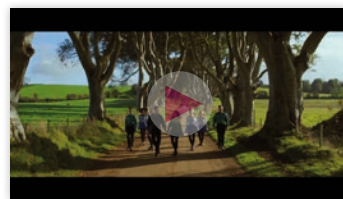


VIDEO: Why Ireland?

Why Dublin?

Dublin, Ireland's capital serves as a vibrant, lively hub for some of the world's leading companies and thinkers. A compact city that punches above its weight, it offers all you need to connect, host, and build connections at ISER XIV.

Dublin immediately makes delegates feel at home, offering a comfortable and safe setting, against a backdrop of state-of-the-art infrastructure, dedicated venues and conference facilities. The city is a lively mix of traditional and modern. It excites and inspires while the famous Irish hospitality adds a unique dimension to any event. From majestic museums to tiny galleries, modern attractions or heritage trails, Dublin has it all in abundance.



VIDEO: Riverdance



Kilbryan Statue, Boyle, County Roscommon



The Galway Races

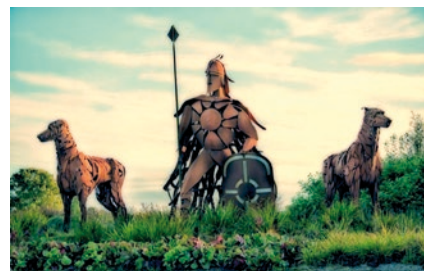


Main Arena, Dublin Horse Show

Land of the Horse

Horses have been an integral part of Ireland's cultural heritage for the last 2,000 years. They are at the heart of the Irish story, from mythical figures to modern day thoroughbred champions.

Legends tell of mythical warriors like Fionn Mac Cumhaill racing their horses across the Curragh plains while ancient manuscripts relate that chariot races took place on the Curragh in the third century AD. Horses feature prominently in traditional Irish music, literature, and art and are depicted in ancient Celtic designs, celebrated as an emblem of Irish heritage.



Fionn Mac Cumhaill

The Irish breeding industry is a global leader with thoroughbred vendors alone making public and private sales of €658m in 2022. There are over 6,500 thoroughbred breeders currently active in Ireland and over 14,800 thoroughbred broodmares.

When it comes to sport and leisure horses, Ireland leads the rest of Europe with numbers of animals per capita, with more than 130,000 sport horses populating the island and approximately 15,000 active breeders.

Although the Irish Thoroughbred and Irish Sport Horse are deservedly world renowned and sought after, Ireland is also well known for its distinctive native breeds, such as the Connemara pony and the Irish Draught horse. These breeds are highly valued for their versatility, strength and endurance and their particular importance to Irish history, especially in farming. They also command a vast international market when it comes to exports of progeny globally.



Connemara Pony at Dublin Horse Show

Did you know?

- 50,000 Irish people take part in weekly equestrian activities and 1 in 3 people watch racing weekly.
- Ireland has the second largest value by territory of global public bloodstock sales with only the US ahead.
- The Irish racing and breeding industry employs over 30,000 individuals.
- There was an estimated €2.46 billion total direct and stimulated expenditure of the Irish Breeding and Racing industry in 2022 – up 34% from 2016.
- In 2022 the Irish Sport Horse Studbook won the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) eventing rankings, making it 24 wins in 29 years of the rankings.
- Irish-bred horses won in excess of 6 Million in prize money during the 2022 sport horse season. Irish-bred Pacino Amiro, ridden by Ireland's Bertram Allen, was the 2nd highest earning showjumper in the world. The Irish-bred Vanir Kamira, ridden by Piggy March (GBR), claimed the top spot in the eventing earnings.



VIDEO: Ireland, Land of the Horse



Morning Exercise on the Curragh, Running Festival, Co Wicklow, Benbulbin & Classiebawn Castle, Co Sligo, Irish National Stud, Co Kildare



Irish National Stud and Gardens, County Kildare



Newgrange, Co Meath

Local Organising Committee

The enthusiastic and experienced local organising team is led by Dr Niamh Lewis, based in the School of Veterinary Medicine in UCD. Niamh has an excellent track record in organising and hosting national and international events, such as the inaugural Irish Equine Reproduction Symposium in 2019. Others on the local organising committee also based at UCD are Dr Julie Storme and Dr Barbara Murphy, both highly regarded professionals in the field. The committee also has three practising veterinarians: Dr Meta Osborne, Dr Sean Finan and Dr Jennie Henderson. All of the individuals are internationally recognised in their subspeciality.

The local organising committee have spent months working with Fáilte Ireland, the National tourism authority on this bid as part of their conference ambassador programme and are all very excited about the prospect of showcasing this vibrant and cultural island to the world.

Meet the ISER Symposium Team



Niamh Lewis BVM&S DACT DECAR PhD, University College Dublin (Chairperson)

Niamh graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh in 2008 and spent several years in clinical practice focusing on equine reproduction in Ireland, Australia, UK, USA and Saudi Arabia. She then completed a residency programme at the University of Liverpool, subsequently becoming a European and American registered specialist in Equine Reproduction in 2015. Her PhD was focused on developing a metabolic approach towards optimising equine in vitro oocyte maturation and was a collaborative project between the University of Liverpool, University of Manchester and Texas A&M University. Niamh has established an Equine ART laboratory within the School of Veterinary Medicine in UCD to continue her research in equine assisted reproduction, specifically energy metabolism of the equine oocyte and embryo during in vitro maturation and culture and how it relates to developmental competence and health of resulting offspring. Niamh attended ISER XI, New Zealand, in 2014 and gave an oral presentation of her PhD work at ISER XII, Cambridge, UK in 2018.



Julie Storme BSc(hons) BVM&S MSc DACT MRCVS, University College Dublin

Julie achieved her veterinary degree from the University of Edinburgh in 2015. She then spent several thoroughbred breeding seasons working between New Zealand and the UK. In 2019 she completed a residency in Equine Reproduction from Colorado State University. Julie is a diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists and is currently Assistant Lecturer in Equine Reproduction at the University College Dublin. Her main interests lie in all aspects of advanced reproductive techniques as well as problem mare management.



Barbara Murphy BScEq PhD GDipUTL, University College Dublin

Associate Professor Barbara Anne Murphy is Head of Equine Science and Programme Director for the BAgrSc Animal Science-Equine degree at University College Dublin. Following a BSc in Equine Science from the University of Limerick, she spent a year working within the Thoroughbred industry before pursuing a PhD in Veterinary Science at the Gluck Equine Research Centre, University of Kentucky. Her scientific research investigates how circadian and circannual rhythms are involved in important reproductive phenomena and how disruption of these rhythms impacts growth, health and performance in the horse. Founder of Equilume Ltd., headquartered in Co Kildare, Barbara’s research led to the development of the Equilume Light Mask, a significant innovation that has globally impacted photoperiod manipulation for horses. Barbara attended and presented at ISER XI, New Zealand, in 2014 and ISER XII, Cambridge, UK in 2018.



Meta Osborne MBV Cert ESM MRCVS, Tinnakill Stud

Meta is an equine vet with a lifetime’s experience in clinical equine reproduction and is co-owner of Tinnakill House, a leading commercial Irish stud farm. She is a Past-President of the Irish Veterinary Association and the Veterinary Council of Ireland. She was the first female Senior Steward of the Turf Club, a former board member of Horse Racing Ireland and co-founder of WINR (Women’s Irish Network for Racing).



Jennie Henderson BVSc MSc Cert EM(StudMed) Dip ECEIM MRCVS, Ballylinch Stud

Jennie graduated from Liverpool University in 2002 and joined Newcombe and East, “shuttling” between the UK and Australia to complete an internship at Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital and stud seasons in the Hunter Valley, prior to undertaking The Horse Trust Residency in Equine Internal medicine at Edinburgh University. Following the residency, Jennie worked at Godolphin’s Kildangan Stud for three seasons, before moving to the newly built Newmarket Equine Hospital, where she spent 7 years running the neonatal intensive care service. Jennie is currently working as resident veterinarian for Ballylinch Stud.



Sean Finan MVB DACT, Sycamore Lodge Equine Hospital

Sean graduated from University College Dublin in 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in veterinary medicine. He undertook an internship at Fethard Equine Hospital. In 2011 he moved to Australia and completed a residency in Theriogenology at Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital under the mentorship of Dr Angus McKinnon, passing the board certifying exam of the American College of Theriogenologists in 2014. After this he worked as a resident vet for Arrowfield Stud, a large thoroughbred stud in Australia’s Hunter Valley, with the occasional northern hemisphere season in Newmarket, UK and Ireland. In 2023 he moved to Ireland permanently where he works for an equine hospital on the Curragh, Co. Kildare, where the mare population is predominantly Thoroughbred.





O'Brien Science Centre



O'Reilly Hall



O'Reilly Hall

University College Dublin

– The Perfect Venue

2nd – 7th August 2027

University College of Dublin (UCD) is ranked within the top 1% of institutions world-wide. UCD is also Ireland's most globally engaged university with over 30,000 students from over 120 countries. The UCD campus is located in the southern suburbs of Dublin and occupies an extensive parkland estate of more than 130 hectares and offers world leading facilities including the UCD O'Brien Centre for Science.

UCD is located 4km from the heart of Dublin City Centre and is highly accessible by rail, bus and taxi 24 hours a day.

We believe hosting the conference at UCD offers everyone the opportunity to strengthen networks and create exciting new experiences and memories.

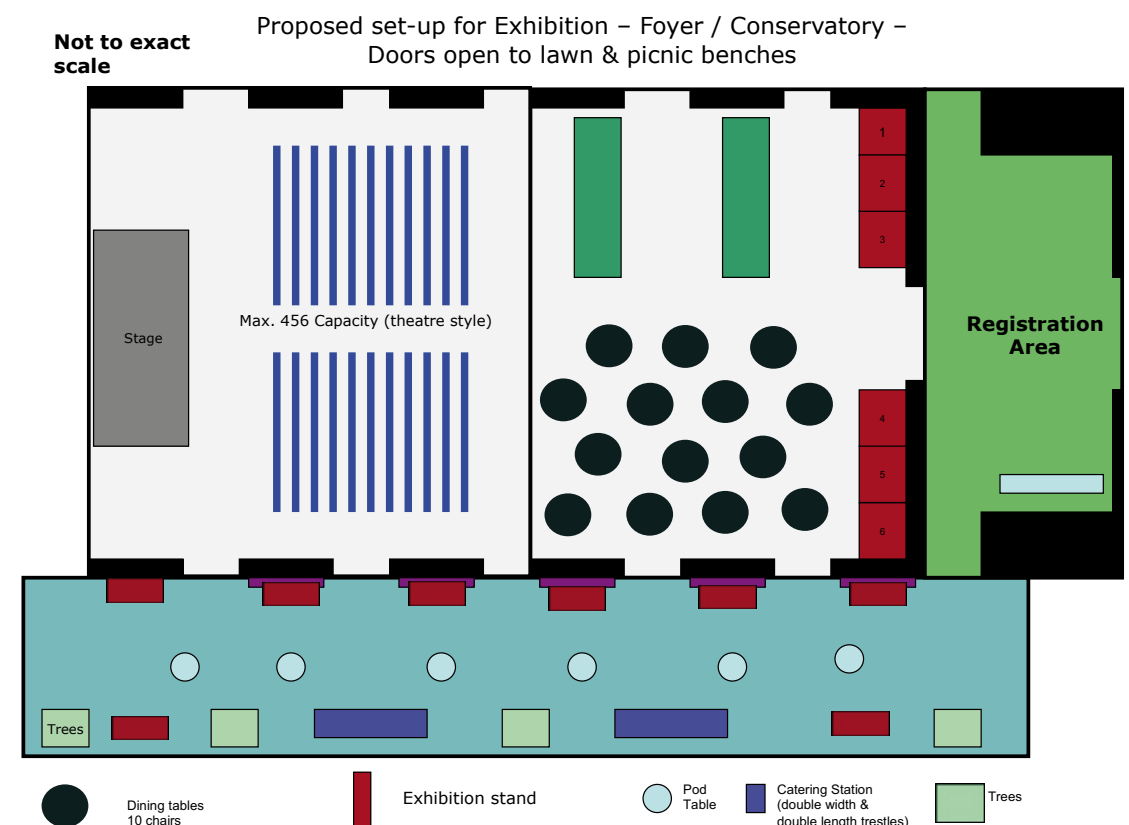
O'Reilly Hall, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4

University College Dublin comprises modern facilities and a range of spaces to suit any event from a Georgian boardroom seating 20, to theatres and classrooms for staff training or conferences with 20-500 attendees.

The O'Reilly Hall offers the best in modern conference facilities. Encompassing an area of 2,632 square metres and offering versatile theatre style seating for over 300 delegates, O'Reilly Hall has space for up to 50 exhibitors all housed in a state-of-the-art building. The venue has ample space for lunch breaks, such as the lawn area outside O'Reilly Hall overlooking the lake which is available for standing receptions.

Situated adjacent to O'Reilly Hall overlooking the lake, the UCD University Club is the ideal place to relax, entertain or conduct a meeting in its bespoke boardrooms. Finally, delegates will get to experience the O'Brien Centre for Science during the symposium, which is at the heart of UCD's vision for high-calibre scientific research, education and partnerships with industry and other universities in Ireland and internationally.

O'Reilly Floor Plan





UCD Campus Accommodation



University College Dublin

Accommodation

Campus Accommodation

Delegates will be staying in the campus accommodation at UCD where they will enjoy the fantastic experience of residing in a diverse and stimulating community with the most amazing facilities on their doorstep. From teaching and conference buildings to social and sporting amenities, UCD provides for all their requirements, without the need to commute! The rooms are compact and functional and located on the university campus where the conference will take place. All rooms are single bed, with en-suite bathroom with shower.

Alternative Accommodation Options

If alternative accommodation is required, Dublin boasts world-class hotels providing top quality accommodation. The capital offers over 160 hotels with just over 20,000 beds, all approved by Fáilte Ireland – The National Tourism Development Authority. Two hotels which have been sourced near the UCD campus for this conference are the Talbot Hotel and The Radisson St Helens.

The Talbot hotel Stillorgan is one of Dublin's premier 4 stars located 30 minutes' walk from the campus. (€189)

The Radisson Blu St Helens hotel is a 5-star property located 25 minutes' walk from the campus. This Irish National Monument, with its elegant décor and well-preserved architecture, is part of a historic estate, built in 1750. The hotel is close to the city centre and just 18 kilometres from Dublin International Airport. (€339)



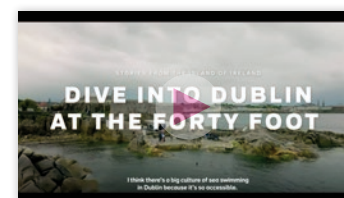
UCD Food Hall



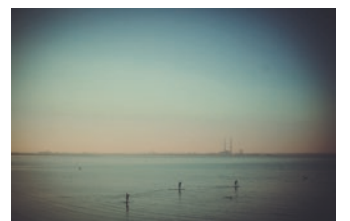
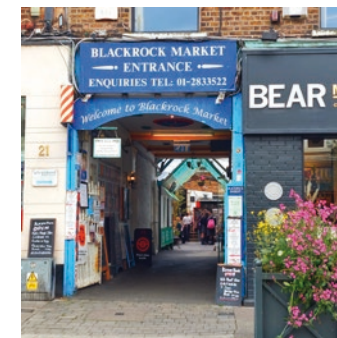
UCD 50M Olympic Standard Pool

Local Area

The campus is located just fifteen minutes from the city centre, fifteen minutes from the coast and thirty minutes to the beautiful Dublin/Wicklow Mountains. The mountains offer a breath of fresh air, thanks to incredible vistas, hiking and walking trails and a variety of wildlife. Charming coastal villages are home to inviting beaches, seafood dining, water sports and spectacular views of Dublin Bay. These local attractions will be encompassed into the conference programme, even including a sunrise swim!



VIDEO: Sea swimming in Ireland



Blackrock Market, Craic agus ceoil, Sea Swimming in Dublin, Killiney Hill, Sandymount Strand



UCD, Dublin



Dublin Horse Show

Delegate Programme

We have developed a well rounded conference programme with social events that will boost delegate engagement while also showcasing Ireland’s top attractions and traditional entertainment.

	Daytime	Evening
Sunday	Delegates arrive	Evening BBQ reception by the lake at UCD
Monday	Lectures	Food trucks and bar in UCD
Tuesday	Lectures	Evening bowl food and seminars
Wednesday	Lectures	Afternoon at Dublin Horse Show and Irish Night at Taylors Three Rock
Thursday	Lectures	Evening bowl food and seminars
Friday	Lectures	Gala dinner and Irish Céilí at Guinness Storehouse



Around UCD campus



Social Programme



Dublin Horse Show
Wednesday Afternoon

Delegates will experience the highlight of Ireland’s equestrian calendar. The first solely Society-run Horse Show was held in 1868 and was one of the earliest “leaping” competitions ever held. Over time it has become a high-profile International show jumping competition, national showing competition and major entertainment event in Ireland. The Dublin Horse Show has over 130 classes and they can be generally categorised into the following types of equestrian competitions: showing classes, performance classes and showjumping classes.



Taylors Three Rock
Wednesday Night

Taylors Three Rock is a rambling farmhouse pub with the largest thatched roof in Ireland. You will be served a delicious three course meal complete with Irish whiskey and Irish coffee. You will then be entertained by world champion Irish Dancers and famous Dublin traditional Irish musicians – this show is full of audience participation and we don’t just mean foot tapping, you will be singing Irish Ballads like On Raglan Road and Danny Boy and Irish Classics like Fields of Athenry and Whiskey in the Jar!



Guinness Storehouse
Friday Night Gala Dinner

Home to the legendary “Black Stuff” for more than 250 years. Delegates will have the opportunity to walk through the award winning museum during the champagne reception followed by a three course evening meal. Everyone will have the chance to pull their own pint followed by an evening of céilí dancing and traditional Irish music.



VIDEO: Trad Music Session



VIDEO: The Dublin horse show



VIDEO: Irish Night at Taylors Three Rock

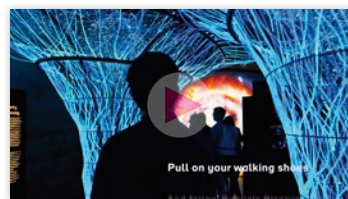


Galway Pub

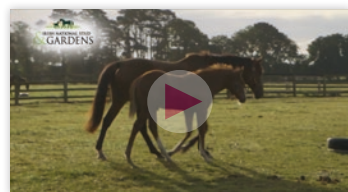
Accompanying Persons Programme

Activities

Sunday	Evening BBQ reception by the lake at UCD
Monday	Half day Dublin City tour and evening food trucks with delegates
Tuesday	Half day Slane Castle tour
Wednesday	Afternoon at Dublin Horse Show and Irish Night at Taylors Three Rock
Thursday	Full day Burren, Galway and Cliffs of Moher
Friday	Half day tour of Curragh and Irish National Stud followed by Gala dinner and Irish Céilí in the Guinness Storehouse



VIDEO: Dublin by foot



VIDEO: Irish National Stud Farm



Doonagore Castle Co. Clare, Famine Statue, Dublin City, and Slane Castle Co. Meath



Winning nations cup team at the Dublin Horse show 2022

Income

Delegate Rates	Cost	Quantity	Total
Presenting	600	150	90,000
Non presenting	800	150	120,000
Accompanying person	750	25	18,750
Accomodation (on campus single occupancy en suite B&B x 6 nights)	690	300	207,000
TOTAL			435,750

Other	Cost	Quantity	Total
Failte Ireland			3,000
Sponsorship/fundraising			150,000
Vet/breeder day delegate rate	200	300	60,000
Total			213,000

Total Income:			648,750
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Expenditure

Accommodation	Cost	Quantity	Total
Accomodation: UCD halls B&B x 6 nights	945	300	283,500

Venue costs	Cost	Quantity	Total
Venue hire (Oreilly hall inc exhibition space and breakout rooms)	27,000		27,500
Co-ordinator	9,000		9,000
Poster boards	40	60	2,400
AV costs :PA & microphones	18,000		18,000
Day food and beverage hospitality	200	300	60,000
Total Venue Costs			116,900

Social Programme	Cost	Quantity	Total
Sunday evening reception and BBQ	45	300	13,500
Monday food village	25	300	7,500
Tuesday Supper – O’Reilly Hall	35	300	10,500
Wednesday Social outing	32,000		32,000
Thursday Supper – O’Reilly Hall	35	300	10,500
Guinness gala dinner	33,960		33,960
Entertainment			1,500
Total social event costs:			109,460

Accompanying persons	Cost	Quantity	Total
All inclusive cost of tours/meals/transport	735	25	18,375

Vet/Breeder Day	Cost	Quantity	Total
All inclusive cost at same venue based on 300 delegates			25,100

Other	Cost	Quantity	Total
ISER secretary accomodation			1,000
Honorary chair and spouse			3,000
Printed Collateral			3,370
Photographer			500
Website			2,400
Proceedings Print			5,979
App Development			2,000
Total misc. costs:			18,249

Total fixed costs:*			571,584
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VAT			33,105.87
Contingency 5%			28,579.20
TOTAL EXPENDITURE inc VAT and Contingency			633,269.07
SURPLUS			15,480.93





Halfpenny Bridge, County Dublin



Dublinia Viking Museum, Co. Dublin



The Long Room, Trinity College Dublin

Dublin at a Glance



A Great Safety Record

Ireland is ranked 3rd in the Global Peace Index (2022) and Dublin has an excellent track record in public safety and security. With a strong, stable economy the city is regularly voted one of the friendliest in Europe and offers a relaxed and welcome atmosphere. Business travellers can feel safe enjoying the city.



A Sustainable City

Dublin is proud of its sustainability achievements to date. The city is home to the world's first purpose-built, carbon-neutral Convention Centre and Dublin Airport has also achieved carbon neutrality. 100% of Dublin's congress and exhibition centres are third-party certified for sustainability and easily accessible by public transport to 95% of the city's hotel room stock. Dublin participates in the Global Destination Sustainability Index to have its efforts reviewed, measured and benchmarked with global destinations on international best practices. Dublin is committed to improving its performance year on year.



UNESCO City of Literature

With writers such as James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, George Bernard Shaw, WB Yeats, John Synge, Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift and Bram Stoker all hailing from Ireland's capital, Dublin was awarded the UNESCO City of literature in 2010 for its ongoing contribution to the literary world. Delegates at the ISER Symposium 2027 can enjoy discovering the historic writers.



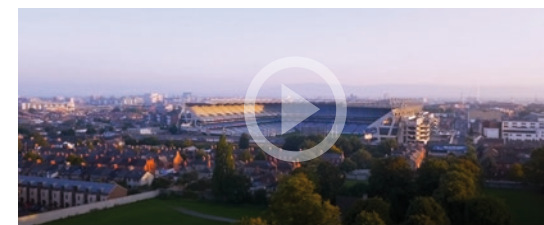
Dublin Weather

Dublin's weather is generally mild, which is due to the influence of the North Atlantic Drift, or Gulf Stream. July and August are typically the warmest months of the year with temperatures ranging from 15° to 20°C. November to February tend to be the coldest months, with temperatures between 4° and 8°C. Major snowfalls are very unusual. As the weather is mild, it is advisable to carry a light jacket or sweater as well as an umbrella. During the summer months, Dublin also enjoys longer days with up to 18 hours of daylight.



People

The population of Dublin City and County is almost 1.4 million. English is the spoken language throughout Ireland. Irish (or Gaelic) is the original native language of Ireland. Place names and signage are usually in both languages.



VIDEO: A city steeped in heritage, the City of Dublin is ready to welcome your delegates.



City of Welcomes

Dublin has been consistently voted in the Top 10 rankings of the "friendliest Cities" by both Condé Nast Traveller and Lonely Planet Guides, so the ISER Symposium 2027 delegates will want to come and experience its C  ad M  ile F  ilte - the 100,000 welcomes we are so famous for.



Currency

Ireland's currency is the euro   , which is divided into 100 cents.



Easy to Get to

Dublin is very easy to get to. The city is less than an hour from London, less than two hours from Paris or Brussels and just six hours from the east coast of the US by air. Dublin International Airport is only 12 km from the city centre and the city itself is small and compact.

- 55 Airlines
- 170 Destinations
- Regular flights from European hubs



VAT

Ireland's standard VAT rate is 23%. There is a special rate of 13.5% for the tourism and hospitality sector and Ireland offers a number of incentives to conference organisers and delegates.



Howth Head, County Dublin

FLIGHT TIMES TO DUBLIN



Access

Dublin Airport

Getting to Ireland is easy for delegates of the ISER Symposium. Dublin Airport is one of Europe's busiest airports, with more than 55 airlines flying to over 170 destinations. Dublin Airport offers services to over 30 airports in the UK and the ever-expanding European network to more than 100 airports.

- Convenient location with direct flights to the UK, Europe, the US and the Middle East
- Dublin is the only EU capital with US Pre-Clearance
- Highly accessible with over 170 routes from Dublin Airport
- Dublin Airport just 12 km north of the city centre and 20 minutes journey
- Services to over 30 airports in the UK and over 100 in Europe
- 328 flights per week serving 11 destinations in the US and 4 in Canada
- Dublin Port Tunnel – cuts journey time from the airport to the city centre to 12-15 minutes
- Private/public bus services that operate from Dublin Airport to Dublin City Centre: Aircoach, Airlink, Dublin Bus
- Taxis are readily available outside the airport (a taxi journey into the city centre from the airport should cost approximately €30)
- Most international car rental companies also have representation in the airport terminal
- Dublin Airport is a carbon-neutral airport.
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Dublin Ferry Ports

Even though Ireland is an island, access is easy by air or sea. Passengers arriving in Dublin have a choice of two disembarkation points, depending on which ferry company they use. Dublin Port is very centrally located, only minutes from Dublin city centre. Dun Laoghaire is situated to the south of the city, about 30 minutes from the city centre. There are excellent ferry connections daily from the UK and mainland Europe.

Visa Information

In general, delegates who are not citizens of Ireland and who are not a national of one of the countries listed [here](#), are required to have a valid Irish visa. Delegates are advised to apply for visas through the [Irish Immigration Service](#) at least three months ahead of travel to Ireland.

An Airline for Everyone

Aer Lingus

www.aerlingus.com

airBaltic

www.airbaltic.lv

AIR CANADA

www.aircanada.ca

AIR FRANCE

www.airfrance.com

Air transat

www.airtransat.com

Alitalia

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Blue Air

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www.britishairways.com

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www.cathaypacific.com

CITYJET

www.cityjet.com

UNITED

www.united.com

Delta

www.delta.com

Emirates

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ETIHAD AIRWAYS

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HAINAN AIRLINES

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Letters of support



Dr Niamh Lewis
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University College Dublin,
Stillorgan Rd,
Belfield,
Dublin

Monday 3rd April 2023

Re: International Symposium on Equine Reproduction - ISER - 2027

Dear Dr Lewis,

It is with considerable interest that I learn Dublin is being considered to host the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction in 2027.

Dublin has hosted many such important international events with great success in the past and I am confident that if secured for Ireland, this prestigious event can be hosted here with results that can satisfy all expectations.

Please be assured that you and your colleagues have the full support available through the Meet in Ireland Team, the Business Tourism Division of Fáilte Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Kelly
Chief Executive

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May 19th, 2023

Re: The International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER)

Dear Members of the ISER,

As Dean and Head of the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine, I am delighted to support the School's application to host the 2027 International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER).

Assistant Professor in Equine Reproduction and Fertility, Dr Niamh Lewis has been appointed Chairperson of the highly talented local organising committee. Niamh is a leading international authority on equine reproduction and ably assisted by committee member Dr Julie Storme, she is currently in the process of establishing an ICSI laboratory within the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine to continue the research in equine assisted reproduction that she began at the University of Liverpool. Niamh also has research interests in using the mare as a model for 'One Health' research synergy to investigate oocyte maturation in humans. With this wealth of knowledge, expertise, and the international scientific contacts that Niamh has made whilst working on equine reproduction in Ireland, Australia, UK, USA, and Saudi Arabia, I believe Niamh and her committee members will be exceptionally well placed to organise the 2027 ISER Conference.

The UCD School of Veterinary Medicine is a flourishing Veterinary School and the only school of Veterinary Medicine on the island of Ireland. Accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE), the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) and the Veterinary Council of Ireland (VCI), our MVB degree programme is one of only seven in Europe fully accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). The Veterinary Sciences Centre is located on campus at UCD and well serviced with transport links to both Dublin City and Dublin Airport. UCD is one of the top ranked universities in Ireland - and is also ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutes worldwide. Located just 6KM from Dublin's city centre the UCD campus boasts a spacious campus with lakes, woodland walks, wildlife a plethora of sporting amenities and teaching facilities.

Both the University and the School of Veterinary Medicine are amply equipped to facilitate and support this prestigious event.

Best wishes,

Professor Michael Doherty, PhD, MVM, BVM&S, Dip. ECBHM, Dip. ECSRH, MRCVS
Dean and Head of School,
UCD School of Veterinary Medicine
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Letters of support



16th June 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you on behalf of the RDS Equestrian Committee, in support of Ireland's bid to host the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER) in Dublin in 2027, which will overlap with the running of the 152nd Dublin Horse Show.

Annually, the Royal Dublin Society hosts one of the world's most historic and unique equestrian events at its showgrounds in the center of Dublin, Ireland's capital city. The first Dublin Horse Show was run with the express purpose of improving the breeding of horses in Ireland. In addition, the Royal Dublin Society, to further improve the care of horses in Ireland, set up Ireland's first veterinary college.

The Equestrian Committee recognizes the importance of Ireland hosting the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction and would be happy to host the delegates on one of the days of the Dublin Horse Show.

The Dublin Horse Show celebrates Ireland's remarkable relationship with the horse and is attended each year by some of the world's top International show jumping riders and horses, over 125,000 spectators, 1,300 national competition and breeding horses, covering all of Ireland's sport horse disciplines, and indigenous breeds. It is a truly unique event in terms of horse show's worldwide, and we hope to welcome the ISER delegates at the 2027 renewal.

For a flavour of our Show see - [2022 RDS Dublin Horse Show Wrap-Up Video](#)

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Hanly,
RDS Deputy CEO, Financial
Director, Dublin Horse Show
Director



Niamh Lewis BVM&S DACT DECAR PhD
School of Veterinary Medicine
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29th May 2023

Dear Niamh,

I am writing on behalf of Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) to express our strong support for the Irish bid to host the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER) in 2027. To host ISER will present a unique opportunity to showcase Irish expertise and innovation in equine reproduction and breeding practice to a global audience.

The research and outcomes presented at the symposium are crucial in keeping the Irish equine industry informed about the latest developments in breeding techniques. As the Head of Breeding at HSI, I find research and discussion arising from this symposium invaluable in enhancing our breeding initiatives and providing Irish breeders with access to novel equine reproductive information and support. This, in turn, contributes to genetic gain by reducing the generation interval and promoting the dissemination of superior and rare breed equine genetics.

Based on the above, and the success of the inaugural Irish equine reproduction symposium held in 2019, HSI firmly believes that Ireland is well-positioned to host ISER 2027. The previous symposium sold out and brought together over 200 veterinarians and breeders over the course of two days. HSI actively participated in this event, with our Head of Breeding delivering the opening address and our support extended through our social channels and wider equine networks. This symposium highlights Ireland's capability to host such an event and demonstrates the strong demand among breeders and veterinarians in Ireland for similar symposiums.

On behalf of Horse Sport Ireland, we extend our best wishes and support to your bid to host the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction in Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

Sonja Egan, PhD
Head of Breeding, Innovation and Development
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Letters of support



Reference: International Symposium on Equine Reproduction

Dear Niamh,

I am writing on behalf of the Irish Equine Veterinary Association (IEVA) to express our strong support for holding the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER) in Ireland. The IEVA is a professional organization representing over 250 Equine Veterinarians in Ireland. Our members are dedicated to providing high-quality veterinary care to our clients and their equine patients.

Providing access to high quality Continuing Professional Development is a particular focus for the IEVA. We are aware that the ISER annual symposium is a meeting that brings together leading researchers, clinicians, and industry professionals from all over the world to share their latest findings on equine reproduction and that it provides a unique opportunity for attendees to share and learn about the latest advances in the field, network with colleagues, and discuss challenges and opportunities in equine reproduction. That makes it exactly the type of event that we wish to support and would like to see here in Ireland.

The long history of horse breeding in Ireland and the quality of Thoroughbred and Sport Horses we produce means that Ireland would seem to us to be the perfect venue. We have full confidence in your ability to organise and host this event given the success of the first Irish Equine Reproduction Symposium in 2019, your ongoing involvement in the IEVA committee and your position as chair of the New Graduate and Student sub-committee. Of particular interest to us is the practitioners event, which would allow our members access to the expertise of the contributors to the symposium. The IEVA CPD Committee would be happy to pledge logistical support to assist you with the planning and execution of the practitioners and breeders day.

If there is anything further we can do to assist in the proposal to have the event here please let us know.

Sincerely,

Marcus Swail BVMS CertEqSportsMed MRCVS

President, Irish Equine Veterinary Association

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Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association ITBA_Official

June 6, 2023

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you in support of Ireland's bid to host the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER) in Dublin in 2027.

Ireland is the largest producer of thoroughbreds in Europe and the third largest in the world behind the United States and Australia. A temperate climate and calcium-rich soil provide ideal conditions for developing young stock. Irish-bred horses consistently enjoy international success at the highest level and Ireland remains at the forefront of bloodstock sales globally with 'sales per capita' exceeding that of any other major racing nation.

There are over 6,500 registered breeders in Ireland, with some of the most successful breeders in the world choosing to base their operations here, all investing significant resources in large stud farms and broodmare bands throughout the country and have reaped the rewards of this investment. The influx and establishment of such high-profile stud farms has resulted in some of the best stallions in the world standing in Ireland and Irish-based stallions consistently dominate the European sire tables in all categories.

Given Ireland's deep history with horses and the success of our breeding industry, we feel it is the ideal venue for such an event. Ireland is well accustomed to welcoming International Equine entities to its shores with the International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation (ITBF) hosting its annual conference here a number of years ago, with close to 100 delegates from 35 thoroughbred horse breeding countries in attendance.

Recently published figures from the Deloitte's *Social and Economic Impact of Irish Thoroughbred Breeding and Racing 2022*, commissioned by Horse Racing Ireland firmly cements Ireland's reputation as a global leader. The report outlines that the total direct and stimulated expenditure of the Irish Breeding and Racing industry in 2022 is estimated to be €2.46bn. From this the Breeding industry contributes €813m gross expenditure through bloodstock sales, nomination fees and keep costs for mares. The core breeding and racing sector supports over 9,400 direct full-time equivalent jobs with over 40% working in breeding operations.

As such the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (ITBA) fully support the committee's bid to host the ISER conference in Dublin in 2027. Hosting the conference will allow Ireland showcase the best that the Irish equine industry has to offer.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Grassick
Chairman
Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association

Letters of support



Horse Racing Ireland,
Ballymany, The Curragh,
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4th May 2023

Ms Meta Osborne
ISER XIV

Via email: metaos@gmail.com

Dear Meta

Ireland has long recognised the potential of horse production as a major agricultural activity. The mild temperate climate in Ireland allows for maximum time outdoors without the threat of sub-zero temperatures, extreme heat and also fits the horse's need for a primarily grass-based diet.

As early as the first decades of the Irish State, successive governments have used policy levers to foster a thriving thoroughbred breeding industry. The fruits of those decisions are evident in Ireland's per-capita world-leading position as a horse producer.

A key element in the requirements for a thriving industry is of course a sophisticated veterinary support system. We have been lucky in Ireland to have had some of the great innovators in veterinary science as drivers of this growth. The equine hospitals and clinics across Ireland are emblems of that success, as well as care centres for our horses.

It would be wonderful to have assembled in Ireland the current international leaders in veterinary innovation and to learn from them while also showcasing the Irish industry to the world.

We in Horse Racing Ireland (a Commercial State Body serving the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine) endorse the bid to host this prestigious event and we lend any help we can to making it a great success.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Eade
Chief Executive

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BALLYLINCH
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11th May 2023

Dear Niamh,

Thank you for bringing us the exciting news of the bid to host the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER) in Dublin in 2027. Members of our veterinary team have attended the ISER Symposium, associated equine practitioners' and stud managers' sessions in New Zealand and Cambridge respectively and can appreciate the wealth of expertise and new developments which will be presented at this conference. Holding the 2027 conference on "home turf" would enable more of our own vets, managers and local colleagues to avail of this valuable continuing professional development opportunity.

Earlier research presented at ISER Symposia, such as photoperiod manipulation, the use of light masks and alternatives to antibiotics in the management of endometritis is now integral to our daily management of the broodmares and stallions. Celebrating over a century of producing top class racehorses, Ballylinch continues to look to the future, and we would wholeheartedly support the local organising committee in welcoming this group of international experts to Ireland.

With kind regards,

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May 8th, 2023

RE: ISER XIV

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to confirm Godolphin Ireland's enthusiastic support for ISER XIV to be held in Dublin in 2027.

By way of introduction, Godolphin is the world's largest and most international thoroughbred breeding and racing entity with facilities in Ireland, Great Britain, France, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Australia and U.S.A. Currently the Irish operation has 8 stud farms with over 750 individual horses. That total includes 280 broodmares (of which we have 1,140 worldwide).

With that scale of activity, and the calibre of horses in our ownership, we are acutely aware of the importance of the interface of equine research and the best practice of veterinary medicine. We operate in a sphere where achieving pregnancy and delivering a live foal can involve values measured in the millions of dollars. Those veterinary interventions translate into horse racing successes for Godolphin which bring rewards that cannot be measured in just monetary terms.

We would be proud to showcase our facilities and our processes to visiting delegates. Our Irish headquarters, Kildangan Stud, is located less than an hour's drive from Dublin. We are confident that visitors will see first-hand how scientific excellence underpins elite racing performance.

As part of the wider infrastructure of the Irish equine sector we at Godolphin Ireland hope to see ISER XIV here in four years' time. Please let me know if there is anything further we can do to assist in promoting Dublin as the host city.

Sincerely,


Joe Osborne
Managing Director

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9th May 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Plusvital to support the bid to host the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER) in Dublin in 2027.

I believe that Ireland would be an excellent location for this Symposium. In addition to Ireland's deep history with horses and a globally recognised horse-breeding industry there are an ever-increasing number of companies in Ireland developing innovative products and services for the equine industry.

Plusvital, as a leader in equine nutrition products and market-leading genomic testing services is one of these and a large percentage of our research is focused on the equine breeding sector. As a company we would be keen to support a symposium like this and any associated commercial elements i.e. trade shows, sponsorship etc.

Regards



Mike Shelly
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HIS HIGHNESS THE AGA KHAN'S STUDS

Ms. Meta Osborne
Tinnakill House
Coolrain
Mountrath
Co. Laois

4th May 2023

Dear Meta,

On behalf of His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs, I would like to add our support to the bid to host the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction in Dublin in 2027.

Horse breeding in Ireland is a very significant part of not only Ireland's economy, but also a huge part of our heritage and culture. It has benefited greatly from equine reproduction research for many years now and while we are a small country, we are the third largest producer of thoroughbreds worldwide as well as a global leader in the production of Sport horses. It would be extremely fitting if this important international symposium were to be held in Ireland.

I would certainly hope we would have an opportunity to welcome delegates to Giltown Stud in the event the bid is successful. I wish the organising committee the very best in its endeavour to have the opportunity to host this event.

Best regards,

Pat Downes
Manager of His Highness the Aga Khan's Irish Studs

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May 10th 2023,

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to wholeheartedly support the bid to bring the International Symposium of Equine Reproduction XIV to Dublin in 2027.

Equilume is the world leader in the research and development of science-based lighting technology for horses. The success of the company is in part thanks to past research collaborations between Equilume Founder, Dr Barbara Murphy, and some of the world's leading equine reproduction veterinarians which began as conversations at past ISER meetings. Many of these collaborations led to the proof-of-concept trials crucial for the development and testing of the multiple practical applications of the Equilume Light Mask. The opportunity for equine biotech and research organisations to network closely with leading equine practitioners provides a unique prospect to transfer knowledge and foster new innovations that will provide the next big advances in this field.

Ireland is an ideal location to host this prestigious conference, given our rich tradition in all things equine and the strength and success of not only our Sport Horse and Thoroughbred breeding industry but also the high number of companies here, who excel in equine biotech and innovation. Hosting ISERXIV and bringing the world's leading equine veterinary theriogenologists to Ireland would be a fitting recognition of the important role that the Irish breeding industry plays on the world stage. It would also present a real opportunity for Ireland's equine businesses that support and depend on this sector.

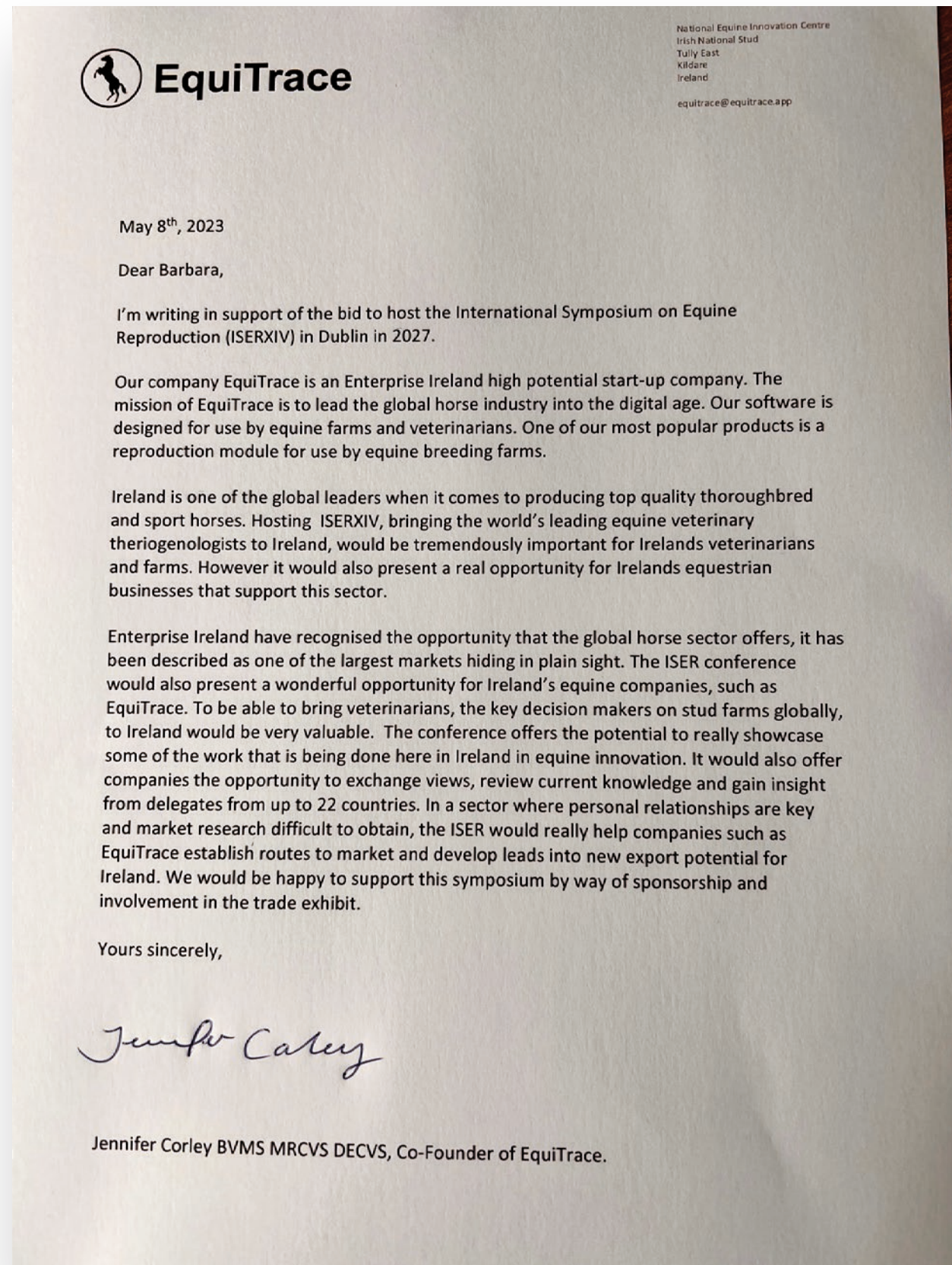
Equilume would look forward to the opportunity to support the hosting of the Symposium in Ireland with a pledge of sponsorship.

Your faithfully,

Ronan Cox
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my support for the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction to be hosted in Dublin in 2027.

The Irish population has always had a strong connection to horses with the first recorded horse race taking place on the island in 1727. This love of horses has continued into the modern era with Ireland having a horse population estimated to be over 130,000, which gives our island one of the largest horse populations per capita in the world. This has led us to have an extremely active breeding sector to support our equine industry that boasts 26 major horse racecourses, medal winning olympic equestrian teams and the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup of Ireland, part of the prestigious Dublin Horse Show.

Dublin has become one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe. From history to sports, literature to lively bars, Dublin has plenty to offer. Dublin has previously been voted the 'friendliest city in Europe.' Not only that, but it has also ranked as high as the 6th friendliest city in the world. No matter where you go, people will greet you and are happy to help if you need assistance.

For the reasons mentioned above I would hope you agree to allow Dublin the privilege of hosting the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction in 2027.

With kind regards,

Pierce Dargan
Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Equine MediRecord

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Barbara Murphy
ISER XIV

9 May 2023

Re: Bid to host the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER) Dublin 2027.

Barbara,

This is a terrific initiative on behalf the Irish Equine industry. We at Sidekick welcome the possibility of attracting this important international symposium to Ireland for the first time.

As you say, Ireland has consistently been the third largest producer of Thoroughbreds worldwide and a global leader in the production of Sport Horses. Hosting the symposium is a true investment in the ongoing success of our industry.

Our part on the global equine stage: At AAEP 2022 in San Antonio, Texas, we launched the Sidekick Foal Immunoglobulin (IgG) test, which is an easy-to-use, rapid diagnostic test developed for the detection of IgG antibody levels in newborn foals to screen for failure of passive transfer of immunity. The IgG test employs lateral flow immunoassay technology with technical specifications tailored for the equine industry, detecting only the relevant ranges that indicate the requirement for medical intervention.

Depending on the details, we would almost certainly be willing to contribute as a sponsor of this event.

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Support from National Tourism Development Authority

This bid is supported by Fáilte Ireland (The National Tourism Development Authority), Fáilte Ireland's Dublin Convention Bureau and Irish Industry Suppliers. Dublin Convention Bureau will work together with the organising committee to ensure that ISER Symposium 2027 is a resounding success for delegates.

Fáilte Ireland's Dublin Convention Bureau will support ISER 2027 through a number of direct services:

- ▶ Fáilte Ireland offers site inspection funding to contribute towards travel costs to Ireland for up to three key decision-makers. Site inspection funding should be applied in advance of the site inspection.
- ▶ Marketing support for the promotion of the conference to maximise your delegate attendance.
- ▶ Visitor maps and information to ensure your delegates can make the most of their time in Dublin when not in conference.
- ▶ Additionally, Fáilte Ireland will provide financial support of €10 per international delegate. This marketing support fund may be used towards activities to help maximise the number of international delegates attending the conference. Activities covered include a welcome reception, gala dinner, social programme and in addition print costs, website costs and other activities related to organising the conference. There is also additional up-weight supports in favour of regionality, seasonality, length of stay and sustainability.



Extend Your Stay



Pre and Post Tour Options

Delegates who wish to either combine attendance at the conference with a short holiday in Ireland, before or after can very easily arrange to extend their visit. Ireland has numerous attractions to offer visitors, all of which are easily accessible from Dublin by car, bus, train or plane.

Visit Dublin

Experience all that Dublin has to offer. Once home to Vikings, Dublin is a vibrant city and Ireland's bustling capital city. Home to fascinating history, a genuine love of the arts and thriving Irish culture, not to mention some of the friendliest people on the planet, Dublin has something for everyone. To find out more and to get sample itineraries, see more on the [Visit Dublin website](#).

Wild Atlantic Way

Embark on a journey of discovery along the wildest, most captivating, longest defined coastal tourism route in the world at 2,500km, Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. Tucked away in little villages and towns that snuggle into the coastline are delightful little nuggets of treasure in the form of food, activities, culture, attractions and so much more. For sample itineraries and details of events visit the [Wild Atlantic Way website](#).

Ireland's Ancient East

Discover Ireland's Ancient East, home to many of the stories of Ireland's sacred past, a real treat for cultural enthusiasts! Ireland's rich history includes many castles, historical sites and other features which are not to be found anywhere else in the world. For sample itineraries and details of events, visit the [Ireland's Ancient East site](#).

Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

Explore the green heartlands of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, where activity and relaxation are centred around rural communities. The water offers leisurely boat trips, water sports and great fishing, while numerous walks, cycle trails and pony trekking trails allow you to take in the views or explore the rural heartlands and small villages in this quiet, relaxing part of the country. For sample itineraries and details of events see the website [Ireland's Hidden Heartlands](#).

We hope to welcome you to Dublin in 2027 for ISER XIV.
Go raibh maith agat as do chuid ama.
Tá muid ag tnúth le fáilte a chur romhat go Baile Átha Cliath i 2027!

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