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Welcome from the EVSSAR President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the EVSSAR Board I am honored to welcome you to the 8th Quadrennial ISCFR and the 19th EVSSAR Congress in Paris, France, June 22nd-25th 2016, organized as a Satellite Meeting to ICAR 2016 which takes place in Tours, France.

I hope you will enjoy all the carefully planned sessions, which are focused on particular areas of interest for people involved in small animal reproduction. I am confident that the program will be interesting not only for veterinary researchers and practitioners, but also for biologists, biotechnologists, geneticists, breeders and all others involved in carnivore veterinary reproduction and science. The scientific program has been prepared with the aim of bringing together those actively engaged in clinical work and in research, and to indicate possible new directions of science in our field. During the present congress, we will specially honor one of the Founders of ISCFR, Prof. Pat Concannon, who sadly passed away earlier this year. He was a great role model, brilliant researcher and teacher who was always encouraging and friendly. He will be greatly missed.

This Symposium is the result of skillful and proficient work, in line with the enthusiasm and scientific experience of the ISCFR International Organizing Committee members Prof. Michelle Kutzler, Prof. Pierre Comizzoli, Prof. Gary England and Prof. John Verstegen, in collaboration with the Scientific Program Committee, and the Local Organizing Committee chaired by Prof. Alain Fontbonne and Associate Prof. Karine Reynaud. We are honored that EVSSAR is a co-organizer of this great event! The arrangements have also involved much effort by experts in the Abstract Review and Editorial Committees, whom the EVSSAR Board would like to gratefully acknowledge for their huge commitment in this event.

Certainly, this Symposium could not have been achieved without the generous support of our sponsors. We are very grateful to all of them for their assistance in the realization of this event.

The Annual General Assembly of EVSSAR will be held on June 23rd at 18.30-19.30, and we hope that you all will be able to participate. The final voting for three new EVSSAR Board members will take place during this meeting.

We would also especially like to thank the EVSSAR Board members who are leaving the Board this year: Xavier Levy, Vibeke Rootwelt and Michela Beccaglia, for being firmly committed to EVSSAR and for all their great work during the past 6 years. Thank You!

Finally, I wish you all a very pleasant and unforgettable stay in Paris.

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EVSSAR President