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Dear Pig Veterinary Society Members,

Invitation to our Pig Veterinary Society Autumn Meeting, November 8-9th 2017, Leeds

I am very pleased to invite you to join colleagues at the Hollins Hall Marriott Hotel and Country Club, Leeds, for our autumn meeting which is set to be a full and productive one. We are very grateful to Eco Animal Health, for generously sponsoring this meeting and look forward to their presentation on the first day.

The scientific programme has been organised by Susanna Williamson, Martin Smith and Allison Kirwan. As you can see, they have chosen an excellent range of topics which are highly relevant to the Pig Veterinary Society membership and I am very grateful to them.

PRRS continues to present major challenges in all major pig producing countries and the first morning is given over to a detailed exploration of the disease and in particular area regional control/elimination programmes. A robust debate is expected.

Investigation of the effect of mycotoxins on pig health can be frustrating and we welcome an expert update on these toxins after lunch on the first day. I am delighted to report that Prof Stan Done has been dragged out of retirement to present his views on aerial quality and the effects of pollutants and pathogens on the respiratory tract of the pig. The ever popular Clinical Club will follow our sponsor's presentation and conclude the science for day one.

Day 2 will start with a talk relating to disease surveillance systems and be followed with an exploration of trade issues both now and in the future in the light of Brexit outcomes

In the current scientific and political climate no PVS meeting would be complete without presentations and discussions surrounding AMR, antibiotic use and reduction. By the time of the meeting proposed reduction targets will have been announced and may form a basis for further lively debate.

We are very fortunate to have invited speakers and colleagues with extensive expertise to speak to us on these various issues and thank them in advance for agreeing to come and share their experience.

If you know of non-members who would like to attend this meeting, they need a PVS member to request approval on their behalf by contacting me on the email address below so that their registration can be arranged as non-members via the PVS booking on-line.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in November

Yours sincerely,

Mark White

The Pig Veterinary Society is a specialist division of the British Veterinary Association. The Pig Veterinary Society exists to assist its members to care for pigs, through dissemination of knowledge about health, disease, the pig's welfare and its management. PVS, as a society, is a champion for pig welfare while maintaining balance with the need to maintain viability.

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