

# Third Bulgarian Congress for Veterinary Cardiology

Sofia, 2016

A two day summit organized by the Bulgarian Association for Veterinary Cardiology (BAVC)



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Main topic

## Heart worm disease in companion animals: an exotic disease or a daily job?! Pulmonary hypertension – the silent killer

Main Congress speaker:

**Luigi Venco, DVM**

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Dr Venco is a Milan University graduate, specialized in the small animal Cardiology field. He has been in collaboration with many Universities afterwards – in the USA (Athens GA, Davis CA, Philadelphia PA, Ft Collins CO) and in Japan (Gifu University, together with prof. Hitoshi Kitagawa). During his stay in Japan he specialized in heart worm extraction techniques in animals with a caval syndrome or class III HWD.

Author of many scientific articles and several books in the field, he is well known as a cardiologist and parasitologist. Member of the American Heartworm Society and many other European and international organizations. He is a Diplomate of the European College for Veterinary Parasitology. As the leading member of the team in his private practice he is involved in many cardiology and cardio surgery cases.

## Scientific program

### ***29 October 2016, Saturday***

- 9.00 – 9.45 Registration
- 9.45 – 10.00 Welcome from the current Chairman of BAVC – Ranko Georgiev, DVM
- 10.00 – 11.30 **“Dirofilaria Immitis – biology, life cycle, diagnostic methods and progression of the disease. Severity evaluation and staging of the patient.”** – Luigi Venco, DVM
- 11.30 – 11.45 coffee break
- 11.45 – 13.15 **“Treatment – when and how; treatment protocols – how to minimize the risk. Interventional procedures – what are the odds? Prevention – what we miss.”** – Luigi Venco, DVM
- 13.15 – 14.00 lunch break
- 14.00 – 16.00 Short clinical case presentations – “From vets to vets”
- 16.00 – 16.30 coffee break
- 16.30 – 17.00 open panel discussion – “My experience with the HWD. How I treat and what I know.”

### ***30 October 2016, Sunday***

- 9.15 – 10.00 coffee and free communications
- 10.00 – 11.30 **“Pulmonary Hypertension – Classification, etiology, clinical signs, diagnosis and treatment”** – Luigi Venco, DVM
- 11.30 – 11.45 coffee break
- 11.45 – 13.15 **“Heart Worm antigen testing. Is it a true or false negative/positive result? How to get out of the jungle”** – Luigi Venco, DVM
- 13.15 – 14.00 lunch break
- 14.00 – 16.00 Short clinical case presentations – “From vets to vets”
- 16.00 – 16.30 coffee break
- 16.30 – 17.00 open panel discussion – “Pulmonary Hypertension – my approach in diagnosis and management? Therapy?”
- 17.00 – 17.15 Closing words from the current Chairman of BAVC – Ranko Georgiev, DVM
- 17.15 – 17.45 AGM for BAVC members only (program will be send separately to all participants)

## General Information

<b>When</b>	The last weekend of October – 29 and 30.10.2016
<b>Where</b>	‘Medical Technic and Engineering’ building at Dimitar Mollov 28 str., Sofia – see the map below for instructions
<b>Language</b>	English, translation not provided
<b>Price</b>	BAVC 2016 members <b>free</b> (registration still mandatory) Vet students <b>free</b> (10 places available, registration still mandatory) Non BAVC members <b>100 lv</b> (50 EU)
<b>Registration</b>	Maximum number of participants – 60; early registration/payment will guarantee your participation; if places still available, the payment could be on site, at the day of the Congress
<b>How to</b>	Fill the registration form (at <a href="http://www.bavc.bg">www.bavc.bg</a> ); the fee should be transferred in the bank account provided there in advance
<b>More</b>	Every participant will receive a Certificate of attendance, together with the Congress proceedings and a T-shirt.  If you have other questions and/or suggestions concerning the summit, please contact Dr Ranko Georgiev – <a href="mailto:rankoge@gmail.com">rankoge@gmail.com</a>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Sofia 1750, Mladost 1, Dimitar Mollov 28 str., MTE building</b>

