



INTEGRATIVE VETERINARY MEDICINE CONFERENCE 2026 | SOUTH AFRICA

31 July - 02 August 2026 | Protea Hotel, Stellenbosch

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Friday, 31 August 2026

11:30 – 13:00	Registration Open Light Lunch Networking
13:00 – 13:15	Welcome and Opening <i>Dr Roselle Hartwigsen, Integrative Veterinary Medicine Association Chairperson, Chi University</i>
13:15 – 14:00	Plenary Session 1: [19] Integrative Veterinary Medicine – An Emerging Trend in Veterinary Practice <i>Dr Mushtaq A. Memon, BVSc, PhD, DACT, Professor Emeritus, Washington State University</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Sponsor Showcase by Chinaherb
14:15 – 15:20	[16] Essential oils and their use in Veterinary Practice <i>Dr Carmen Booyse, Chi University</i>
15:20 – 15:45	Mid-afternoon refreshments
15:45 – 16:20	[04] Integrative Veterinary Medicine in Southern Africa: Defining the field, its clinical value, and imperatives for Veterinary and Para-veterinary Education <i>Dr Roselle Hartwigsen, Chi University</i>
16:20 – 16:55	[17] The use of Bach Flower Remedies in Veterinary Medicine <i>Dr Carmen Booyse, Chi University</i>
16:55 – 17:30	[06] Fascia - The Missing Link <i>Ms Tanya Grantham, Animal Health and Hydro</i>
17:30	Close of Day 1
17:40 – 19:00	Welcome Reception - Light refreshments will be served

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Day 2 – Saturday, 01 September 2026

08:00 – 08:30	Arrival coffee/tea Networking	
08:30 – 08:35	Opening <i>Dr Roselle Hartwigsen, Integrative Veterinary Medicine Association Chairperson, Chi University</i>	
08:35 – 08:50	Main Conference Sponsor Showcase – Chi University	
08:50 – 09:40	Plenary Session 2: [03] The Integrative TCVM approach to Headshaking on Horses <i>Dr Lorena Lloret Nadal, DVM, MSTCVM, Eurochi for Vets Ltd / Chi University</i>	
09:40 – 10:25	Profitability takes GUTS <i>Dr De Wet Barnard, MSD Animal Health</i>	
10:25 – 11:00	[18] The effects of Acupuncture on physiological and physical performance in racehorses <i>Dr Roselle Hartwigsen, Chi University</i>	
11:00 – 11:30	Mid-morning refreshments	
11:30 – 12:05	[10] Wild wisdom in the consultation room: An introduction to applied Zoopharmacognosy <i>Dr Brett Bard, Tortoiseback Veterinary Consulting Room</i>	
12:05 – 12:40	[05] Photobiomodulation - An enriching opportunity in small animal private practice in South Africa <i>Ms Tanya Grantham, Animal Health and Hydro</i>	
12:40 – 13:15	[08] Alternative anti-viral agents that can be used to treat/prevent viral infection <i>Dr Thomas W. Volker, Quantum Silver</i>	
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 – 15:00	Plenary Session 3: [07] Using Taiyin and Yangming Meridians in Dr. Tan's Balance Method to Treat Chronic Diarrhoea in Cats, Independent of Etiology <i>Dr Mitsie Vargas, DVM, MSTCVM, CCRV, CVMM, CVBMA, FAAVA, FAVBM, Chi University</i>	
15:00 – 15:35	[14] My approach to the epileptic patient <i>Dr Barry Hindmarch</i>	
15:35 – 16:00	Mid-afternoon refreshments	
16:00 – 16:15	Sponsor Showcase by Your Companion	
16:15 – 16:50	[09] Silver nanoparticles successfully controlled antibiotic-resistance leptospirosis in a South African sow herd <i>Dr Thomas W. Volker, Quantum Silver</i>	
16:50	Close of Day 2	
17:30	Conference dinner shuttle departs from hotel	
18:15 – 22:00	Conference dinner – Drumstruck@Silvermist (Dress Code: Smart Casual and something warm)	
22:00	Shuttle returns to the hotel	

Day 3 – Sunday, 02 September 2026

08:00 – 08:30	Arrival coffee/tea Networking	
08:30 – 08:40	Opening <i>Dr Roselle Hartwigsen, Integrative Veterinary Medicine Association Chairperson, Chi University</i>	
08:40 – 09:30	Plenary Session 4 – [20] Topic TBC <i>Prof. Jan Myburgh, BSc (Hons) MSc (Potchefstroom) PhD (Pretoria), Professor: Toxicology, University of Pretoria</i>	
09:30 – 09:45	Sponsor Showcase by Pegasys Homeopathics	
09:45 – 10:20	[01] Assessing prolotherapy as a treatment option for cranial cruciate injuries in dogs <i>Dr Stephen John Wimberley, Westville Veterinary Hospital</i>	
10:20 – 10:55	[11] Biomechanical and Functional Adaptation in Canine Amputees: A Narrative Review with Clinical Case Insights <i>Ms Tanri L. de Lange, Equine-Librium</i>	
10:55 – 11:30	Mid-morning refreshments	
11:30 – 12:05	[02] Case studies using prolotherapy to help dogs heal from ligament, tendon and joint injuries <i>Dr Stephen John Wimberley, Westville Veterinary Hospital</i>	
12:05 – 12:40	[12] From pain to possibility: Transforming owner understanding of canine osteoarthritis pain <i>Ms Anna M. van der Walt, PetFit Veterinary Physiotherapy</i>	
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch	
13:40 – 14:15	[13] Improving Owner Self-Efficacy in Dogs with Osteoarthritis: What the JointCare Study Revealed <i>Ms Anna M. van der Walt, PetFit Veterinary Physiotherapy</i>	
14:15 – 14:50	[15] PRF treatments in the arthritic patient <i>Dr Barry Hindmarch</i>	
14:50 – 15:15	Closing Session	