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## Veterinarian Surgeons at the Palacongressi di Rimini: cats and dogs treated with acupuncture

*The three-day International Congress of SCIVAC - The Italian Companion Animal Veterinary Association - will bring more than 2,500 vets to Rimini. On the agenda are the most advanced therapies and treatments for pets and exotic animals, including the new frontier in acupuncture from Great Britain, to treat and improve the lives of our four-legged friends.*

Rimini, 27 May 2016 – An estimated **7 and a half million cats** and **7 million dogs** live with us in our homes. Italians also have at least 3 million exotic animals as pets. Dedicated to their health and well being every day are the **2,500 vets** signed up for the International **SCIVAC** Congress which will run until Sunday at the Palacongressi di Rimini. The latest news arriving from Great Britain: **acupuncture**. It is particularly indicated for cats and dogs, but may also be performed on birds and reptiles. This ancient form of healing, corroborated by scientific literature and regularly adopted in human medicine, is now becoming part of veterinarian practice.

It is a non-invasive method, consisting of short cycles of two sessions a week, and providing both "patient" and "parent" with immediate and obvious improvements. It is effective against a wide range of disorders and diseases, from osteoarthritis to canine otitis externa, to problems of the spine, nausea and vomiting, as well as scar-tissue healing. Addressing this topic in Rimini will be **Samantha Lindley from the University of Glasgow**, one of the leading specialists in acupuncture. On Sunday 29, the congress will dedicate an entire session to her work, with a special encounter on learning the new technique. Other interesting news at the congress will be the presentation of innovative platelet drugs (plasma derivatives) for pets, and their new applications in regenerative medicine.

The annual SCIVAC congress, held in Rimini **since 2004**, is one of the events of major importance for the veterinary world. Over **150 speakers** will take part, 20 of them coming from universities and research centres both in Europe and the USA, **150 workshops**, seminars and scientific readings, organised in **18 rooms** of the Palacongressi, **full HD projections** capable of reproducing quality images and videos for a high profile medical-scientific event, and an exhibition area for over **100 stands**.

By now, the veterinarian scenario is, in fact, on a par with that of human medicine. A "general" vet usually treats our pets, however there is also an extremely high number of specialists: endocrinologists, cardiologists, neurologists, oncologists, surgeons, osteopaths, orthopedists. A very long list where you can find the right specialist and the proper treatment. Now including...acupuncture.

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