



IEG ANNOUNCES THE 2027 EDITION OF ECVIM-CA 2027 AT THE PALACONGRESSI DI RIMINI

1,500 VETERINARIANS AND ACADEMICS AT THE EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON THE TOPICS OF THE CARE AND ASSISTANCE OF COMPANION ANIMALS, PRESENT IN 37.7% OF ITALIAN HOMES

Rimini, 3 December 2024 – It is now official, the European Congress of Veterinary Internal Medicine for Companion Animals will be held at the Palacongressi in Rimini from 23 to 25 September 2027.

“ECVIM-CA is the fourth international congress already scheduled for 2027 - **affirms Fabio De Santis, director of the Event & Conference division of IEG** – the success of this bid is also by virtue of the strategy involves the entire local area and our ‘ambassadors’, who are recognised and appreciated by organisers from all over the world. I would like to thank Prof. Federico Fracassi of Unibo, president of the congress committee and member of our Ambassadors Club, for his work. With this success under our belt, we continue to grow on the international scene of congress destinations”.

“Among the numerous training opportunities in the veterinary field – **explains Prof. Fracassi** – the ECVIM-CA congress undoubtedly outshines as the most prestigious at a European level. The scientific programme is of the highest level and offers participants, from every corner of the world, the opportunity to update their knowledge and discuss the most relevant innovations in the field of veterinary internal medicine”.

Estimated participation is set at over 1,500 veterinarians and academics. The 2025 edition of ECVIM-CA will take place in the Netherlands, in Maastricht, while 2026 will be hosted in Berlin. The organising partner of the Congress is the Dutch agency ‘PCO Partners in Congress Organisation’.

ECVIM-CA is an organisation of veterinary specialists, recognised by the European Board of Veterinary Specialization (EBVS) in 1994. It was created to meet the growing demand for specialised veterinary services for companion animals. European legislation on veterinary specialisation will soon be announced.

ECVIM-CA’s goals are to promote the study, research and practice of veterinary internal medicine, cardiology and oncology, as well as to increase the skills of those practicing in this field.

DATA

The number of companion animals in Italian homes is constantly increasing, with 37.7% being the latest figure.

In the Italy 2024 Report, Eurispes classified dogs as frontrunners (41.8%) followed by cats (37.7%).

An IPSOS survey found that 79% of owners consider pets to be members of the family, while 63% of those interviewed say they do not replace a child and, according to 75%, they are not a cause of the low birth rate affecting our country. About 60% of Italians spend between 30 and 100 euros a month on pets. Unfortunately, the phenomenon of pet abandonment is also on the rise: the National Agency for Animal Protection reports that 384 pets are abandoned or given away every day.

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