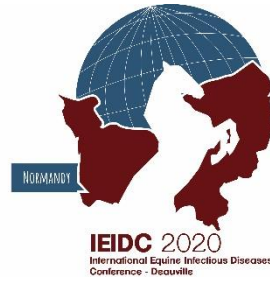


PRESS RELEASE

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The next World Congress of Equine Infectious Diseases in Deauville in 2020 : it is signed !

Normandy, a Land of Excellence for Equine Research, will host the next World Congress of Equine Infectious Diseases. The agreement signature in Saint-Contest marks the start of the countdown.



From left to right: Carine Fouquier Director General of the CID of Deauville, Stéphanie YON-COURTIN, President of LABÉO, vice-president of the Department of Calvados and Mayor of Saint-Contest, James Gilkerson, President of the Equine Infectious Diseases Conference and Guillaume Fortier, CEO of LABÉO.

Professor James Gilkerson, Director of the Centre for Equine Infectious Diseases at the University of Melbourne (Australia) and President of the International Equine Infectious Diseases Conference (IEIDC), which is responsible for organizing the world congress every 4 years; was present from January 28th to February 1st at LABÉO. The purpose of this second visit to Normandy by Professor Gilkerson was to plan this international event and to sign the agreement between the IEIDC and the CID of Deauville, in the presence of Madame Yon-Courtin, President of LABÉO and Mayor of Saint-Contest, Mrs. Carine Fouquier Director General of CID, Mr. Guillaume Fortier Director General of LABÉO and members of the Local Organising Committee.

The CID of Deauville will host the XI edition of this congress at the end of September 2020.

This conference will bring together for 5 days around 500 world experts in infectiology, immunology and equine genetics. It will end with a day of discussions with members of the horse industry. This signature on the Normandy Equine Valley site of Saint-Contest is important step for a project supported by the LABÉO and ANSES teams, 2 of the founding

members of Centaure (a research consortium for equine health bringing together teams from the University of Caen Normandy, the CIRALE EnvA, the ANSES Dozulé and LABÉO), who carried the French candidacy during the Xth congress that was held in 2016, in Buenos Aires (Argentina). The French project, with its scientific assets, the attraction of its many touristic sites in Normandy and an organisation resolutely turned towards the young researchers of the world, has won over the International Committee.

Hosting this prestigious international congress in Normandy also underlines the quality and international recognition of the French research teams in equine health. Professor James Gilkerson underlined this during his visits to the Normandy Equine Valley sites : the Saint-Contest site that hosts LABÉO, the University of Caen Normandy, the RESPE and Equiways teams, and the site de Goustranville that houses the ANSES, the CIRALE EnvA teams and the experimentation unit of the French Horserace Federation. This congress represents a great opportunity to promote our research projects and teams but also to develop new collaborations and to allow the development and training of our current and future students.

The local organising committee is already working hard to prepare for this great event.

The countdown begins !



The organisation team gathered in the heart of Caen, inside the Dukes of Normandy Castle.

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