



Ensuring Solid Animal Health and Nutrition:

Preparing today for a successful tomorrow

Antwerp, Belgium

17 - 19 March 2025

AGENDA

POULTRY SESSIONS



MONDAY 17 MARCH

19.00 Aquarium dinner at Antwerp Zoo

TUESDAY 18 MARCH

At the Botanic Sanctuary Hotel, Leopoldstraat 26, 2000 Antwerpen

PLENARY SESSION

09.00-09.15	Welcome & Introduction program	João Marcelo Gomes President
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10.00-10.30	Partnering for progress: Our commitment to contribute to a sustainable monogastric feed industry in Europe	Lode Verbruggen Associate Director Sustainability
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	
11.00-11.45	Using AI to amplify your competitive advantage	Federico Castelló Founder NeXusAvicultura
11.45-12.30	Nutrient absorption, the essential link to achieving the maximum out of your diets	David González Sánchez Sr. Technical Service Manager
12.30-13.30	Lunch	

POULTRY SESSION

13.30-14.00	Third generation sequencing: A powerful tool for pathogen diagnostics and microbiome evaluation	Dr. Sebastiaan Theuns pHd and co-founder of PathoSense
14.00-14.30	Insights in poultry microbiome and it implications on health	Prof. Dr. Nadia Everaert University of Leuven, Belgium
14.30-15.00	How probiotics improve broiler performance through microbiome modulation. Results from a comprehensive field study in Belgium	Eric N'guetta Marketing Manager
15.00-15.30	Coffee break	
15.30-16.00	Revolutionizing poultry nutrition: The unique role of chromium in feed formulations	Dr. Mauro Di Benedetto Consultant
16.00-16.30	Balancing the equation: Exploring the trend of low-protein diets and mitigating drawbacks	Dr. Károly Dublec Dpt. of Nutrition and Nutritional Physiology, Hungarian University and Agriculture and Life Sciences Uni MATE
16.30-16.45	Wrap up	
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09.00-09.30	Why monitoring oil/fat quality should not be overlooked for ensuring nutritional integrity	Karen Bierinckx Sr. Product Manager
09.30-10.00	Cutting edge insights on the application of lipids in poultry feeds	Dr. Roser Sala Dpt. of Animal and Food Science, University of Barcelona
10.00-10.30	Challenges of extended production cycles of laying hens	Mark Allen Global technical Service Flock Management, Lohmann Breeders GmbH
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	
11.00-11.30	Linking host immunity and the intestinal microbiota	Prof. Dr. med. vet. Bernd Kaspers (EN) Veterinärwissenschaftliches Dpt. Tierärztliche Fakultät der Ludwig- Maximilians-Universität
11.30-12.00	Least cost formulation versus the veterinary bill	Susanne Kirwan Global Technical Service Manager
12.00-13.30	Lunch	
13.30	Departure to Herentals	
	Herentals Campus tour	
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14.00-14.30	Fat and oils in pig nutrition: Factors influencing digestion and utilization	Dr. David Solà Oriol Associate Professor UAB, Barcelona
14.30-15.00	Balancing the equation: Exploring the trend of low-protein diets and mitigating drawbacks	Dr. Francesc Molist Manager Research & Development, SFR, The Netherlands
15.00-15.30	Coffee break	
15.30-16.00	Streptococcus suis: Recent findings and future perspectives	Prof. Marcelo Gottschalk Dpt. of pathology and microbiology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Montreal
16.00-16.30	Gut integrity and development in piglets	Prof. Torres Sweeney University college Dublin
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09.30-10.00	Management and future of hyper-prolific sows	Thomas S. Bruun Senior Specialist, Seges
10.00-10.30	Factors influencing colostrum intake in piglets from hyperprolific sows	Prof. Dr. Ioannis Arsenakis Agricultural University of Athens
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	
11.00-11.30	Revolutionizing swine nutrition: The unique role of chromium in feed formulations	Dr. Mauro Di Benedetto Consultant
11.30-12.00	Feeding the modern sow	Dr. Antonio Palomo Yagüe Swine Division Manager, ADM Animal Nutrition, Spain
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IMPORTANT NOTES

	Antwerp is time zone GMT+2
	European citizens are allowed to travel without passports (Schengen area). For those traveling from outside the European Union, visa rules might apply.
	The temperatures in Antwerp in March are at an average of 10 °C during the day. Expect some rain, as there are typically 16 rainy days in the month and around 71 mm of precipitation. The weather is changeable so you may have to pack for every eventuality.
	Do not forget your usual medication, as well as gastric treatment if the changes of food and temperatures can disturb you.
	In common with the rest of Europe, Belgium has adopted the type C plug for any appliance that does not need an earth/ground connection. This plug has 2 round pins, usually with the last quarter of the pin covered in plastic as a safety feature. The voltage is 220 V.
	National currency is Euro (€). Payment by credit cards is widely accepted.

HOTEL INFO



Hotel Van der Valk Park Lane

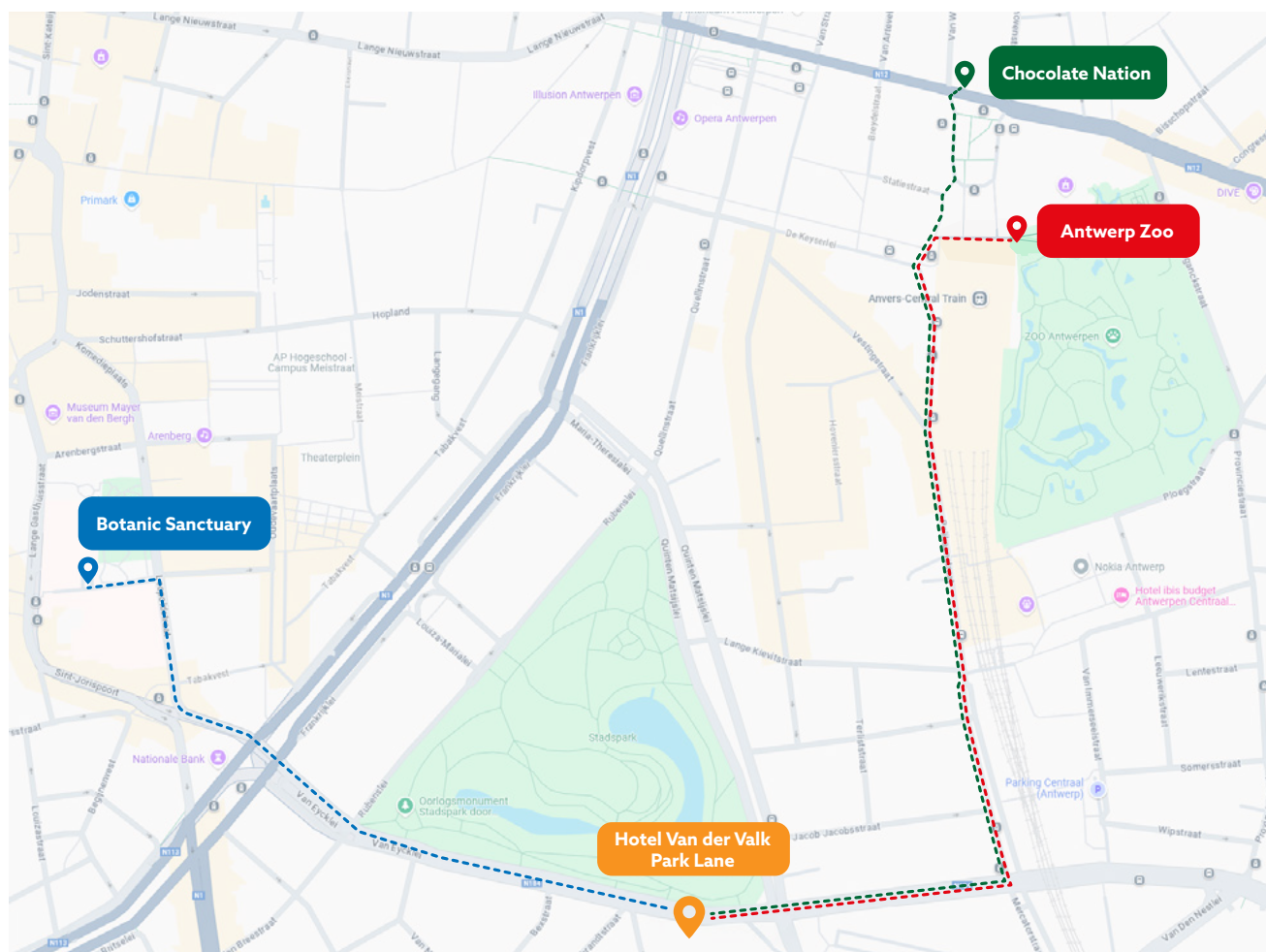
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DIRECTIONS



Hotel Van der Valk Park Lane

Van Eycklei 34
2018 Antwerp

Botanic Sanctuary

Leopoldstraat 26
2000 Antwerp

Chocolate Nation

Koningin Astridplein 7
2018 Antwerp

Antwerp Zoo

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2000 Antwerp

PARKING

Near hotel

Parking Centraal, Van immerseelstraat 2, 2018 Antwerp
Parking Indigo Antwerp National Bank, Britselei 9,
2000 Antwerp

Near Botanic Sanctuary

Parking Arenberg, Oudevaartplaats 2/4, 2000 Antwerp
Parking Horta, Hopland 24, 2000 Antwerp
Interparking Oudaan, Oudaan 3, 2000 Antwerp

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