



# EAAP 2016

67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Federation of Animal Science



**Sustainable  
Food Production:  
Livestock's Key Role**

29<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016  
The Waterfront, Belfast

[eaap2016.org](http://eaap2016.org)



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## INVITATION

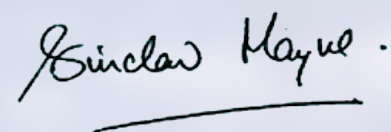
The UK Organising Team is delighted to invite you to the 67th Annual Meeting of EAAP. The meeting will be held in The Waterfront Conference and Exhibition Centre in the heart of Belfast, on the banks of the River Lagan, from 29 August – 1 Sept 2016.

This is Europe's largest animal science conference and will feature over 1000 presentations. The conference is a unique opportunity for industry and scientists to meet, exchange experiences and work together to implement new science for maximum impact.

The theme for the conference is *Sustainable Food Production – Livestock's Key Role* and a plenary session will deliver keynote presentations in this area. The conference will include discussion on the role of grassland as an important global resource for farm livestock as well as the key issue of food safety.

Belfast is an inspiring, exciting, highly accessible city, that will stun and delight you with a fantastic range of quality accommodation and unforgettable food experiences. What sets Belfast apart from other cities is the warm welcome the people will give you. Belfast is world-renowned for its hospitality and friendliness and is compact enough to have all venues, hotels and attractions within easy walking distance of the main conference venue.

I am delighted to invite you to participate in the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of EAAP, highlighting the important role of livestock and animal science in sustainable food production.



Sinclair Mayne,  
Chair of the Organising Committee,  
British Society of Animal Science



## INFORMATION AT A GLANCE AND REGISTRATION

Belfast Waterfront, 2 Lanyon place, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT1 3WH

The conference is designed to promote discussion, debate and dissemination of animal science amongst scientific communities and industry specialists with an interest in livestock production and science.

Register on-line: [eaap2016.org](http://eaap2016.org)

Category	EAAP members			Non EAAP members		
	Until 30 June	From 1 July	At the Venue	Until 30 June	From 1 July	At the Venue
Participants	£480	£575	£625	£530	£635	£690
Students	£240	£285	£310	£290	£350	£375
Accompanying Persons*	£235	£280	£305	£285	£340	£370
Daily Visitor	£245	£295	£315	£300	£360	£390
Wednesday – Titanic Experience and Banquet						£50
Proceedings (hardcopy)						£30
Technical Tour 1 Farming Research Facility						£20
Technical Tour 2 Equine Facility						£20

\*visit-belfast.com will organise paid tours on request.

Fees are in local currency (GBP).

Online registration will close Friday 19 August 2016 at 5.00pm BST. Thereafter delegates may register on arrival.

Registration fees include:

Item	Participants and students	Accompanying persons	Daily visitor
Proceedings app	Yes	No	Yes
Lunches and coffee breaks	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>
Welcome and Food event	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>
Tuesday Reception	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>
Wednesday Titanic Experience and Dinner	No	No	No
Technical tours	No	No	No

<sup>1</sup>Only applicable on day of attendance.

Payment Methods:

Visa, MasterCard, Bank Transfer.

To pay by bank transfer please contact: [fiona.ferguson@bsas.org.uk](mailto:fiona.ferguson@bsas.org.uk)



## ACCOMMODATION

As the UK's most cost effective city, Belfast has a wide range of excellent value accommodation. The Visit Belfast bureau provides a free accommodation booking service for delegates to find the best deal whether it's a student hostel or top hotel!

[bit.ly/EAAPhotels](http://bit.ly/EAAPhotels)

Through the website you can book, modify or cancel your hotel reservations up until August 2016, all negotiated rates and offerings from hotel providers are tailored to the EAAP Conference. You do not pay for your accommodation until you arrive.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Information and Guidelines

<http://www.wageningenacademic.com/conferences/eaap>

Deadline for submissions:  
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Website  
[eaap2016.org](http://eaap2016.org)

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Register on-line

[eaap2016.org](http://eaap2016.org) (see page 3)

### Accommodation

The Visit Belfast bureau will provide a free accommodation booking service for delegates to find the best deal whether it's a student hostel or top hotel: [bit.ly/EAAPhotels](http://bit.ly/EAAPhotels)

### Registration and Message Desk

The Registration Desk will be open for EAAP participants in the Waterfront on Sunday between 14:00-18:00 hours and between 08:00-18:00 hours Monday-Thursday.

### Badges and Identification

Each participant will receive a name badge to be worn at all times during the Conference activities and social events.

### Certification

A Certificate of Attendance will be available at the Registration desk for delegates who have requested in advance via the registration form.

### Presentations

Each Conference room is equipped with a projector and computer using Microsoft PowerPoint.

### Posters will be exhibited on the following dates and times:

1st Poster session will be on display on Monday and Tuesday only and related to sessions on those days with discussion periods.

2nd Poster session will on display on Wednesday and Thursday with discussion periods.

Velcro will be provided for posters. Posters must be A0 portrait size. During timed poster sessions one of the authors should be present to answer questions.



## Conference App

An EAAP 2016 App will be available to all registered delegates before the conference. It will contain comprehensive information about the conference, venue programme and abstracts.

## Presented Papers

PDF files of presented papers will also be available for downloading from the EAAP website ([www.eaap.org](http://www.eaap.org)) and the EAAP 2016 website ([www.eaap2016.org](http://www.eaap2016.org)). These sites will enable delegates to get more detailed information about work being presented at the meeting. A password, given only to registered participants, will be required.

## Authors

If authors do not wish to give permission to have the pdf presentation or poster available on the EAAP website, they must inform EAAP before September 30th (after the conference) by sending an email to [leonora@eaap.org](mailto:leonora@eaap.org). After this date EAAP will assume permission and include your presentation/poster on the EAAP website.

**For Posters:** please send the definitive file (pdf) of the poster you presented with session identification number and poster number to [giulio@eaap.org](mailto:giulio@eaap.org). Please indicate in the Subject of the email: 'Poster'.

**Theatre:** Only the presentation uploaded in the Preview Room will be placed on the website. Please do not send us any other presentation by email.

EAAP will only accept papers/posters that have been presented.

A password will be required, and this will only be communicated to registered participants and EAAP Individual Members.

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All authors wishing to present papers at the EAAP Annual Meeting in Belfast are required to submit the title and abstract of their presentations using the online application for abstract submission. Information can be found on the website: [www.WageningenAcademic.com/eaap](http://www.WageningenAcademic.com/eaap) or using the link from [www.eaap2016.org](http://www.eaap2016.org)

Presentations will be accepted as oral presentations or as posters.

If you encounter problems, please contact the Publisher (Wageningen Academic Publishers) email [eaap2016@WageningenAcademic.com](mailto:eaap2016@WageningenAcademic.com)

The deadline for abstract submission is March 1st 2016. Only abstracts submitted using the online application via the EAAP 2016 website will be considered for publication. Abstracts are required in English. The abstract should contain the specific objectives, experimental methods and statistical analyses used, results and conclusions. The title, authors and the abstract must not exceed 2250 characters (including spaces). Please read the instructions very carefully, while submitting your abstract.

Please note that each author can present a maximum of two (2) free contributions.

Authors will be informed by mid April 2016 whether their abstracts have been accepted for presentation. Authors who submit abstracts but fail to register for the Conference by June 1st 2016, will have their presentations rejected and abstracts will not be inserted in the Abstract Book /CD.

The publishers of the Abstract Book for EAAP 2016:

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## FRIENDS OF EAAP

By creating the “Friends of EAAP”, EAAP offers the opportunity to industries to receive services from EAAP in exchange for a fixed sponsoring amount of support every year.

- The group of supporting industries are layered in three categories: “silver”, “gold” and “diamond” level
- EAAP will offer the service to create a scientific network (with Research Institutes and Scientists) around Europe
- Creation of a permanent Board of Industries within EAAP with the objective to inform, influence the scientific and organizational actions of EAAP, like proposing choices of the scientific sessions and invited speakers and to propose industry representatives for the Study Commissions
- Organisation of targeted workshops, proposed by industries
- EAAP can represent and facilitate activities of the supporting industries toward international legislative and regulatory organizations
- EAAP can facilitate the supporting industries to enter in consortia dealing with internationally supported research projects

### Further EAAP offers, depending on the level of support (details on our website: [www.eaap.org](http://www.eaap.org)):

- Free entrances to the EAAP annual meeting and Gala dinner invitation
- Free registration to journal animal
- Inclusion of industry advertisement in: the EAAP Newsletter; the banner of the EAAP website; the Book of Abstracts and in the Programme Booklet of the EAAP annual meeting
- Inclusion of industry leaflets in the annual meeting package
- Presence of industry advertisements on the slides between presentations at selected standard sessions

- Presence of industry logos and advertisements on the slides between presentations at the Plenary Sessions
- Public Recognition by the EAAP President at the Plenary Opening Session of the annual meeting
- Discounted stands at the EAAP annual meeting
- Invitation to meetings (at every annual meeting) to discuss joint strategy EAAP/Industries with the EAAP President, Vice-President for Scientific affair, Secretary General and other selected members of the Council and of the Scientific Committee

### Contact and further information:

If the industry you represent is interested in becoming a “Friend of EAAP” or would like to have further information please contact jean-marc.perez0000@orange.fr or EAAP secretariat ([eaap@eaap.org](mailto:eaap@eaap.org), phone: +39 06 44202639)

### The Association:

EAAP (The European Federation of Animal Science) organises every year an international meeting which attracts between 900 and 1500 people. The main aims of EAAP are to promote, by means of active co-operation between its members and other relevant international and national organisations, the advancement of scientific research, sustainable development and systems of production; experimentation, application and extension; to improve the technical and economic conditions of the livestock sector; to promote the welfare of farm animals and the conservation of the rural environment; to control and optimise the use of natural resources in general and animal genetic resources in particular; to encourage the involvement of young scientists and technicians. More information on the organisation and its activities can be found at [www.eaap.org](http://www.eaap.org)



## PROGRAMME

### Sunday 28 August

Council Meeting  
Writing and Presenting Scientific Papers

### Monday 29 August

08:30-12:30 Study Commission Sessions  
14:00-18:00 Study Commission Sessions  
18:00 Welcome and St Georges Market  
'Taste of Ulster' Food Event

### Tuesday 30 August

08:30-12:30 Award Ceremony and Plenary Session  
13:30-18:00 Study Commission Sessions  
19:30 City Hall Reception  
Prof in a Pub – Social Event  
SS Nomadic Sponsors Event  
(by invitation)

### Wednesday 31 August

08:30-12:30 Study Commission Sessions  
14:00-18:00 Study Commission Sessions  
18:00-19:30 General Assembly  
20:00 Titanic Experience and Banquet

### Thursday 1 September

08:30-12:30 Study Commission Sessions  
14:00-18:00 Study Commission Sessions

### Friday 2 September

Technical Tours:  
Farming Research Facilities  
Equine

### Social Events

The following are being arranged for delegates to join in a broad range of informal social events and so experience a warm Ulster welcome.

#### Monday:

'A Taste of Ulster' in St Georges Victorian covered market: food, drink, music and a livestock show.\*

#### Tuesday:

City Hall Reception and a treasure hunt around Belfast city pubs as part of the 'Prof in a Pub' event.\*

#### Wednesday:

The Titanic Experience: included are exhibition tour, fantastic food, drink and networking at the world famous Titanic Belfast, where Titanic was built.

\* Free

### Tours

If there is sufficient interest, technical/tourist tours will be arranged on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to visit research organisations, commercial company activities and livestock farms across Northern Ireland.

A separate equine tour may also be arranged in consultation with the Horse Commission.

For tourist information:  
[visit-belfast.com](http://visit-belfast.com)

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS – INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Applicants (maximum 38 years of age) from EAAP member countries can apply for a grant to attend the EAAP Annual Meetings. For member country list see [www.eaap.org](http://www.eaap.org) or please contact by e-mail [eleonora@eaap.org](mailto:eleonora@eaap.org).

Applicants, who have previously obtained a scholarship, cannot re-apply within 3 years. Grants available are subject to the financial constraints of the EAAP.

For member country list see [www.eaap.org](http://www.eaap.org) or please contact [eleonora@eaap.org](mailto:eleonora@eaap.org).

### Before 1 March 2016 – To be sent to EAAP

For each applicant, the EAAP Secretariat in Rome ([eleonora@eaap.org](mailto:eleonora@eaap.org)) should receive:

- Name, address, fax and phone number, date of birth and short CV.
- Name and address of the institution where he/she works.

### This formal request should be accompanied by:

- The full paper that the applicant intends to present, written in English. The paper should not exceed 5 pages including tables, figures and references. The contribution should be in line with the agenda of one of the provisional sessions (joint or single).
- A copy of the original abstract form (in English), completed in accordance with the instructions given by Wageningen Academic publishers.

The paper should be sent by email ([eleonora@eaap.org](mailto:eleonora@eaap.org))

Before 1 March 2016 (deadline) to be sent to Wageningen Academic Publishers. For abstract submission, please read the guidelines here: <http://www.wageningenacademic.com/conferences/eaap>  
Please follow the instructions carefully.



If you are not yet an Individual Member, please apply!  
[www.eaap.org/Content/Individual\\_Member\\_Information.html](http://www.eaap.org/Content/Individual_Member_Information.html)  
and do not forget that if you are resident in an EAAP country is very easy to become individual member!

For EAAP member countries list see:  
[www.eaap.org/Content/EAAP\\_Member\\_Countries.html](http://www.eaap.org/Content/EAAP_Member_Countries.html)

**By 30 April 2016**

The EAAP Secretariat in Rome will inform applicants of the result of the examination by the Board of Examiners.

Successful applicants will receive information on the conditions and uses of the lump sum, according to the financial situation of the Scholarship Fund. As for all other authors, the successful applicants will be informed by the relevant Commission President on the presentation method chosen for the paper.

Non successful applicants will also be advised. Failure to obtain a scholarship does not entail the removal of the abstract from the programme. They will also be informed by the relevant Commission President on the method of presentation chosen for the paper.

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The 67th Annual EAAP Meeting is organised with the generous support of:





## USEFUL INFORMATION

### The Venue

Address: Belfast Waterfront, 2 Lanyon Place, Belfast, BT1 3WH

Tel: +44 (0)28 9033 4400

Please send enquiries about registration, accommodation, and any other questions relating to EAAP 2016 to: [info@eaap2016.org](mailto:info@eaap2016.org)

### Official language

The official working language of the meeting is English and no translation is offered.

### Passport and Visa

There are no visa requirements for EU passport holders. All non-EU citizens should contact their local embassies for specific requirements. All foreign citizens entering the UK must be in possession of a valid passport or ID card.

Further information can be obtained from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-border-agency>

### Official Invitation

An official letter designed to assist in meeting administrative requirements in some countries, will be sent to any participation upon request. However, this invitation implies no obligation, financial or otherwise, by the EAAP Organisation Committee. Email: [info@eaap2016.org](mailto:info@eaap2016.org)

### Health and Insurance

Participants are requested to arrange their own insurance for health, travel and property. The Organising Committee will not accept any liability for personal injuries, loss or damage of property.

### Smoking Ban

Smoking is forbidden in public areas of the UK. This includes the Waterfront and social venues, office blocks, public houses/bars and restaurants and all public vehicles. Smoking will not be permitted indoors at the conference centre. Some hotels may have rooms for smokers.

### Currency and Money Exchange

The monetary unit of Northern Ireland is GBP. Currency can be exchanged at the airport or at the banks. All major Credit Cards, such as MasterCard, Visa; American Express are accepted in most places like hotels, restaurants and shops. Banks are open Monday to Friday from 09:30 to 16.30 hours and ATM machines are widely available.

### Electricity Supply

The normal voltage and frequency of the electricity supply in the UK is 230 v 50 Hz. Outlet is 3 pin. A travel adaptor maybe required that allows you to plug an electrical appliance into a UK electrical socket.

### Climate

The weather in Belfast in August/September can be pleasant with average temperature around 15°C. It is usually sunny but on occasion an umbrella may be useful. The grass is green because it rains!

## How to get to the Waterfront Conference Centre, Belfast

### By plane

Belfast has two airports and is within easy reach of national and international destinations.

The George Best Belfast 'City Airport' is located three miles from Belfast Waterfront. There is a regular bus service to and from the city centre. Journey time by taxi is around 10 minutes.

The Belfast International Airport is around 20 miles north of the city centre and the average journey time by car or direct bus is around 45 minutes.

Dublin International Airport is 98 miles south of Belfast and average journey time is 1 hour 30 minutes by car and about 2 hours by coach or train. Direct luxury coaches connect Dublin Airport to Belfast.

### By car

The Waterfront is located in Lanyon Place, just off Oxford Street in the city centre.

If you are travelling on a major road into the city, follow signs for the city centre and Belfast Waterfront via East Bridge Street or Oxford Street.

More information about car parking at Belfast Waterfront

### By bus

The nearest bus station is the Laganside Bus Centre, which is around two minutes' walk from Belfast Waterfront. The main bus station is at the Europa hotel a 10 minute walk.

The main bus provider in Belfast is Translink, which runs both Ulsterbus and Citybus Metro services.



### By train

The nearest train station is Central Station, which is in East Bridge Street, around five minutes' walk from the venue.

There is a regular express train service to Dublin with an average journey time of around two hours.

For train timetables, visit <http://www.translink.co.uk>

### By taxi

There is a direct phone link to Fon-A-Cab (028 9023 3333) just inside the main conference venue entrance.

Other taxis include:

Value Cabs (028 9080 9080);

A1 Taxis 028 9024 64444

Cab drivers are friendly and a good source of information.

### By boat

Belfast is well served by ferries and the conference centre is located near the main port. Stena Line and P&O Irish Sea Ferries operate daily services from mainland UK (Liverpool, Cairnryan and Troon) to Northern Ireland.

### On foot

Belfast Waterfront is located in Lanyon Place beside the River Lagan.

The Conference Centre is around five minutes' walk from the city centre – just follow the directions from Belfast City Hall. You can walk to most places and hotels in Belfast in about 10/15 minutes. Taxis are good value for longer journeys.



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