



## 4<sup>th</sup> International Equine Congress

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### Welcome Grußwort

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A warm welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> International Equine Congress 2020, organized by the German Veterinary Medical Society (GVMS-DVG)!

Berlin is calling again, and we are looking forward to stimulating days with a lively dialogue between veterinary practitioners, scientists and industry representatives working in the equine field. Building on the success of the previous meetings, this international congress provides a unique platform for continuing education and fruitful discussions across disciplines, aiming to continually push forward the state of the art in equine medicine.

This year's program focuses on the central topic "Medicine of Sports Horses", with all its fascinating facets relevant to equine practice. Invited lectures and panel discussions address training and musculature, orthopedics, regenerative therapies, airway and cardiac diseases, as well as reproduction in the context of athletic activity. Renowned speakers from all over Germany, Europe and North America will share their expertise in sessions that combine updates on clinical experiences with those on scientific progress in the area. These invited lectures are complemented by poster presentations on current scientific research in the equine field, chosen based on rigorous peer-review to ensure a high quality of all contributions.

We would like to express our thanks to all who contribute to the success of this congress: the speakers who we are very happy to welcome even from far abroad, as well as the participants who will fill this meeting with life and contribute their valuable experiences to the discussions. Last but not least, we are grateful for all sponsors who make this meeting possible, and look forward to the exhibition where the companies are prepared to present their latest products and developments.



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