



Programme EWEN 2026 - New challenges in Equine Nutrition

The European Workshop on Equine Nutrition (EWEN) is coming to Portugal in 2026. The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (University of Lisbon), in Lisbon, Portugal will be the host. There will be keynote speakers, workshops, and the EWEN scientific committee welcome your scientific contributions on equine nutrition.

Monday	13 July	Pre-Conference Industry Meeting	Presenter	Theme
14:00	16:00	Feeding the Future - Challenges to Solutions: Sustainability in Equine Nutrition	EWENA	Feeding
16:00	16:30	Coffee-break		
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		Welcome reception		
19:00	21:00	Welcome reception	EWEN	

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Tuesday	14 July	What's new in equine nutrition? Sponsor: NAF	Presenter	Theme
09:00	09:15	EWEN Opening Ceremony		
09:15	10:00	Invited speaker: Consumer behaviour and how it affects feeding and management of horses	Invited speaker: Tamzin Furtado (UK)	
10:00	10:15	O1 - The effect of bodyweight and body condition score on weigh tape accuracy in horses	Katie Reeve and Katie Williams	Feeding Management
10:15	10:30	O2 - Effects of draught on feeding of horses in Sweden -a survey including >7000 horses	Sara Ringmark	Feeding Management
10:30	10:45	O3 - Feeding practices and health status of donkeys in Germany	Nora Michalsky, Nicole Nagler, Elisabeth Müller and Ingrid Vervuert	Feeding Management
10:45	11:00	O4 - EUNetHorse project – approach on needs and solutions regarding feeding	Ana Sofia Santos, Marlene Addes, Amandine Julien, Alexandra Górecka-Bruzda, Alicia Rousset, Sarah Lojewki, Uta von Borstel, Cristina Vierna, Noelia Aldai, Leena Rantamäki-Lahtinen and Maria João Fradinho	Feeding Management
11:00	11:30	Coffee-break and posters		
11:30	12:00	Invited speaker: How do we get science implemented in practice?	Invited speaker: David van Doorn (NL)	
12:00	12:15	O5 - Effect of training and diet composition on nutrient digestibility in endurance horses	Livio Penazzi, Greta Ferraro, Ugo Ala, José Corrêa de Lacerda-Neto, Aulus Cavalieri Carciofi and Liviana Prola	Feeding and performance
12:15	12:30	O6 - Diet modulates the plasma metabolomic response to high-intensity exercise in Standardbred trotters	Emma Nilsson, Jan Erik Lindberg, Ali Moazzami and Anna Jansson	Feeding and performance
12:30	12:45	O7 - The effect of extruded linseed supplementation in the pregnant and lactating mare and its foal	Juliette Auclair-Ronzaud, Delphine Spitz, Delphine Rousseau-Ralliard, Anne Couturier-Tarrade, Pascale Chavatte-Palmer and Juan-Manuel Ariza-Chacon	Feeding and performance
12:45	12:48	P1 - An investigation into nutritional knowledge and feeding practices of horse owners in the UK	Liberty Gidney and Hieke Brown	Feeding management
12:48	12:51	P2 - Sensor-based assessment of foraging behaviour and hay intake in loose-housed horses	Simone Licht Andersen and Rasmus Bovbjerg Jensen	Feeding management
12:51	12:54	P3 - Towards a more respectful, economical, and sustainable approach to equine nutrition	Pauline Doligez	Feeding management
12:54	13:00	P4 - Assessment of equine body condition by caregivers: a preliminary insight into practices, knowledge and confidence	Karolina Karwicka-Brodsky and Katarzyna Kazimierska	Feeding management
13:00	14:30	Lunch		
14:30	14:45	O8 - The effect of simulated foregut digestion on gas composition during in vitro fermentation of meadow hay with equid faecal inoculum	Daisy Taylor, Viola Farci, Peter Hastie, Jo-Anne Murray, Pat Harris and Simon Daniels	In vitro



14:45	15:00	O9 - Effect of prior gut microbiome stability on in vitro gas production	Simon Daniels, Susan Martin, Pat Harris and Meriel Moore-Colyer	In vitro
15:00	15:15	O10 - Effect of simulated foregut digestion and gas production system on in vitro fermentation kinetics of meadow hay in equids	Daisy Taylor, Viola Farci, Peter Hastie, Jo-Anne Murray, Pat Harris and Simon Daniels	In vitro
15:15	15:30	O11 - Is lag time within in vitro gas production a system factor or biological?	Simon Daniels, Susan Martin, Pat Harris and Meriel Moore-Colyer	In vitro
15:30	15:45	O12 - Assessment of gas composition during in vitro fermentation of feedstuffs with equid faecal inoculum	Daisy Taylor, Viola Farci, Peter Hastie, Jo-Anne Murray, Pat Harris and Simon Daniels	In vitro
15:45	15:50	P5 - Effect of cereal technological processing on starch degradation and gastric fermentation in vitro	Pauline Grimm, Jonathan Valila, Louise Marchal and Samy Julliand	In vitro
15:50	16:30	Coffee-break and posters		
16:30	17:15	Invited speaker: Sustainability and feeding: Unwanted plants in feeds for horses	Invited speaker: Gilbert Gault (FR)	
17:15	17:30	O13 - Acute exposure of horses to Senecio-type pyrrolizidine alkaloids through contaminated hay: a feed-chain investigation	Tommaso Danese, Ilaria Imposimato, Giovanni Buonaiuto, Federica Raspa, Emanuela Valle, Damiano Cavallini and Francesca Freccero	Forage
17:30	17:45	O14 - Effects of alfalfa form on the gastric ecosystem and mucosa integrity in horses	Pauline Grimm, Agathe Martin, Clara Poentis, Didier Coulmier and Samy Julliand	Clinical/health
17:45	17:48	P6 - Phytoestrogens and condensed tannins in forage legumes for horses	Cecilia Elisabeth Müller, Åshild Gunilla Ergon and Rasmus Bovbjerg Jensen	Forage
17:48	17:51	P7 - Amino acid and water soluble carbohydrate composition of reed silage	Malin Connysson, William Ashworth, Örjan Östman and Cecilia Müller	Forage
17:51	17:54	P8 - Organoleptic evaluation and chemical composition of meadow hay used in horse nutrition in Poland	Agnieszka Waliczek, Julia Rudolf, Marcin Przybyło	Forage
17:54	17:57	P9 - The effects of a changing climate on alfalfa production in the UK	Katie Reeve and Katie Williams	Forage
17:57	18:00	P10 - Dose-dependent recovery of viable <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> from cecal content of horses	Ana Clara Melém Nunes, Beatriz Bertagna de Andrade, Julia Troitino Seidner, Quezia Cardoso Camelo, Raquel Pereira Buroxid, Rebeca Alvez Weigel, Igor Jung Vieira, Graziela da Silva Boer, Francisco Antônio Rodrigues Macieira Filho, Alexandre Augusto de Oliveira Gobesso and Renata Gebara Sampaio Dória	Health/microbiome
18:00	18:03	P11 - Effects of a combination of three fermentation extracts on fecal particle size, digestibility, and body condition in racehorses	Alexandra Chancerelle	Health/microbiome
		Free evening / An evening with EWEN / Young researchers' dinner		



Wednesday	15 July	Sustainability and feeding Sponsor: PREMIER NUTRITION	Presenter	Theme
08:30	08:45	O16 - Variability within the equid gut microbiome over two sampling time points	Simon Daniels, Susan Martin, Pat Harris and Meriel Moore-Colyer	Microbiome
08:45	09:00	O17 - Effect of season on the horses gut microbiome and faecal parameters	Emma Taylor, Meriel Moore-Colyer and Simon Daniels	Microbiome
09:00	09:15	O18 - Comprehensive analysis of age-related shifts in equine faecal microbiota	Samy Julliand, Louise Marchal, Pauline Grimm, Vladimir Mitojevic and Cléo Omphalius	Microbiome
09:15	09:30	O19 - Pasture composition, selection of plants by horses and hindgut ecosystem from spring to autumn	Cléo Omphalius, Vladimir Mitojevic and Samy Julliand	Microbiome
09:30	09:50	Coffee-break and posters		
09:50	10:05	O20 - Monitoring laminitis incidence and WSC levels – a citizen science-based pilot study	Verena Anna-Maria Schmidt, Christine Watson, Robin Walker, Caroline Argo, Wendy Russell, Madalina Neacsu, Pat Harris and Philippa Morrison	Clinical/health
10:05	10:20	O21 - Forage nutrient composition and its relevance to dietary management in healthy and insulin dysregulated horses: a retrospective study	Emilie-Julie Bos	Clinical/health
10:20	10:35	O22 - Nonstructural Carbohydrates and Management Strategies Influence on Horses with Insulin Dysregulation	Morgan Askins, Pat Harris, Maggie McClendon and Amanda Adams	Clinical/health
10:35	11:20	Invited speaker: The future of grassland-based systems in horse production	Invited speaker: Johannes Isselstein (DE)	
11:20	11:30	Break		
11:30	13:00	Social/Historical tour (from “Picaria Real” to Equestrian Art)		
13:00	13:30	Lunch box (National Carriage Museum)		
13:30	16:00	National Carriage Museum		
16:00	20:00	Break		
20:00	23:00	Gala Dinner		



Thursday	16 July	New challenges in forage and pasture management for horses	Presenter	Theme
08:30	08:45	O23 - Diurnal shifts and short-term dynamics in nutrient profiles of timothy (<i>Phleum pratense</i> L.) grass	Rasmus Bovbjerg Jensen, Nora Taverne and Cecilia Müller	Forage
08:45	09:00	O24 - Harvested forages for horses from a feeding perspective – a systematic literature review	Sara Ringmark, Malin Connysson, Katarina Arvidsson Segerkvist and Cecilia Müller	Forage
09:00	09:15	O25 - Making hay while the sun shines: A retrospective analysis of equine hay in the United States from 2014 to 2025	Abby Pritchard and Holly Spooner	Forage
09:15	09:30	O26 - Nutritional Composition of Hungarian Pasture Hays Fed to Horses and Their Changes Over the Last Decade	Orsolya Kutasi, Blanka Mikeházi, Nikoletta Hetényi and Leticia Moravszki	Forage
09:30	09:45	O27 - The potential nutritive value of legumes as part of forages for horses in the Nordic countries	Rasmus Bovbjerg Jensen, Åshild Ergon and Cecilia Müller	Forage
09:45	10:00	O28 - Effects of storage-handling methods on nutrient of haylage samples	Anne François, Simon Daniels and Meriel Moore-Colyer	Feed analysis
10:00	10:15	O29 - Effects of different storage conditions on microbial quality of steamed hay and the formation of Maillard reaction products by steaming	Lydia Karin Kummer, Wieland Schrödl, Christiane Schnabel, Uwe Schwarzenbolz, Ingrid Vervuert and Katharina Lohmann	Feed analysis
10:15	10:30	O30 - Effects of storage on microbiology analysis of haylage samples	Anne François, Simon Daniels and Meriel Moore-Colyer	Feed analysis
10:30	11:00	Coffee-break		
11:00	11:15	O31 - Predicting the nutrient content of timothy hay harvested at different plant maturities by NIRS analysis	Jacky Lusink, Cecilia Müller and Rasmus Bovbjerg Jensen	Feed analysis
11:15	11:30	O32 - From Calibration to Field Application: Performance of Handheld NIR for Equine Hay Analysis	Abby Pritchard, Jennifer Mao, Kelly Koski, Leah Wagner, Jonathan Elia and Ethel Margaria	Feed analysis
11:30	13:00	New challenges in the context of climate changes – Challenges from different parts of the world	Invited speakers	
11:30	11:45	Nordic Countries	Cecilia Muller (SE)	Forage
11:45	12:00	Eastern European Countries	Johannes Isselstein (DE)	Forage
12:00	12:15	Southern European Countries	José Pedro Fragoso Almeida (PT)	Forage
12:15	12:30	South American Countries	Adibe Luiz Filho (BR)	Forage
12:30	13:00	Round table discussion		Forage
13:00	14:30	Lunch		
14:30	15:00	EWEN Meeting - EWEN / EWENA / Closing remarks		
15:00	16:30	Workshop I - “From Science into Practice: Interpreting Forage Analysis for Horses in a Changing Analytical Landscape”	Invited speaker: David van Doorn (NL) and Rasmus Bovbjerg Jensen (DK)	Forage



16:30	16:45	Coffee-break		
16:45	18:15	Workshop II - Toxic Plants and Equine Health: Recognition, Risks and Prevention	Invited speaker: Gilbert Gault (FR)	Forage

Friday	17 July	Clinical nutrition	Presenter	Theme
08:30	08:45	Welcome	Rasmus Jensen, Maria João Fradinho, David van Doorn	Clinical Nutrition
08:45	09:45	Insight in ID and PPID	Nicolas Galinelli	Clinical Nutrition
09:45	10:05	Practical feeding recommendations in obese horses	Ingrid Vervuert	Clinical Nutrition
10:05	10:20	Discussion	David van Doorn, Nicolas Galinelli, Emanuela Valle, Ingrid Vervuert	Clinical Nutrition
10:20	10:40	Coffee-break		
10:40	11:05	Feeding the skinny aged horse	Emanuela Valle	Clinical Nutrition
11:05	11:20	Discussion	David van Doorn, Nicolas Galinelli, Emanuela Valle, Ingrid Vervuert	Clinical Nutrition
11:20	11:40	Management in horses with gastric ulcers, what we know, what we do not know?	Ingrid Vervuert	Clinical Nutrition
11:40	12:00	Discussion	David van Doorn, Nicolas Galinelli, Emanuela Valle, Ingrid Vervuert	Clinical Nutrition
12:00	12:30	Ask the experts (the audience can ask questions to different topics)	David van Doorn, Nicolas Galinelli, Emanuela Valle, Ingrid Vervuert	Clinical Nutrition

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