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Celebration of the **22nd Anniversary** of the
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Launch of the **One Health Institute**
FMV - Lusófona University

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MORNING SESSIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- IAFP Portuguese Affiliate Annual Meeting
(International Association for Food Protection)
- Antimicrobial Resistance - Environmental Health
Microplastics - Food Safety



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DATE
JUNE 19, 2026



TIME
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM



9:00 AM - Reception

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM

Welcome Session

9:30 AM

CVET-HUB-PRR and Launch of the One Health Institute – Faculty of Veterinary Medicine I-MVET

Laurentina Pedroso

Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Lusófona University, President of The Portuguese Affiliate of the International Association for Food Protection, One Health, Institute the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Lusófona University, Portugal.

The One Health Institute at The Veterinary Medicine - University of California Davis

Michael Ziccardi

Associate Director of the One Health Institute, Director of the California Veterinary Emergency Team (CVET), Acting Director of the Wildlife Health Center, Karen C. Drayer, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, USA.

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM

**Session I - One Health and Food Protection
IAFP-Portuguese Affiliate Annual Meeting**

9:50 AM - 10:20 AM

Keynote Lecture

Antimicrobial Resistance of Foodborne Pathogens in Meat and Poultry Systems and Control Strategies

Manpreet Singh

President of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP), Associate Dean, Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs, Professor at the Department of Food Science and Technology, University of Georgia, USA.

10:20 AM - 10:35 AM

Strategies for the Control of Antimicrobial Resistance from Farm to Fork

Ines Almeida

Head of the Division for the Management and Authorization of Veterinary Medicines, General for Food and Veterinary Affairs (DGAV), Portugal.

10:35 AM - 10:50 AM

Antimicrobial Resistance in Dairy Production: State of the Art and Recent Data from Portugal

Ana Raquel Freitas

Assistant Professor of Bacteriology and Microbiology University Institute of Health Sciences (IUCS-CESPU), Portugal.

10:50 AM - 11:05 AM

Sustainable One Health Alternatives to Antimicrobials in Animal Production and Food Systems- the Work of the One Health Institute, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Lusófona

Ana Lima

Assistant Professor of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Vice-Director of I-MVET Research Unit, Lusófona University, Portugal.

11:20 AM - 11:45 AM - **Coffee Break**

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

Session II - One Health & Environment

11:45 AM - 12:00 AM Animal Welfare and the Spread of Pathogens in the Environment: What are the Impacts on One Health ?

Alessandro Cozzi

CEO and Head of Animal Welfare Ethics and Law Dept, European College of Behavioural Medicine and Animal Welfare Research Institute for Semiochemistry and Applied Ethology (IRSEA), France.

12:00 AM - 12:15 AM Multidrug-Resistant Bacteria in Healthy Companion Animals: Potential Transmission Within Families – Results from the One Health Institute, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Lusófona

Juliana Menezes & Prof. Adriana Belas

Assistant Professors Faculty of Veterinary Medicine I-MVET Research Unit, Lusófona University, Portugal.

12:15 AM - 12:30 AM Microplastics and Environmental Impact in Portuguese Rivers and Water Systems

Ana Luísa Silva

Junior Researcher (CESAM & DeBio) Aveiro University, Portugal.

12:30 AM - 12:45 AM Microplastics in Animals – First Report of Microplastic Absorption in Equines: Portuguese Data and Future Concerns

Ricardo Agricola e Dr. Catarina Sousa

Lusófona University / I-MVET, Portugal.

12:45 AM - 1:00 PM Parasitic Vectors and One Health

Gonçalo Seixas

Senior Researcher Gulbenkian Institute for Molecular Medicine (GIMM), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Lusófona University, Portugal.

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - Lunch Break



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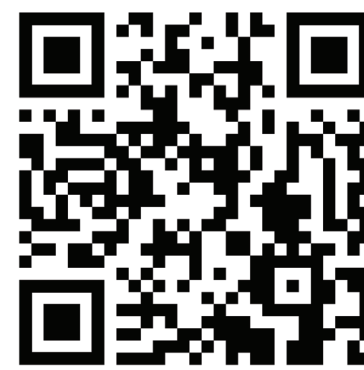


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AFTERNOON SESSIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- Artificial Intelligence & One Health
- One Welfare & Disaster Preparedness
- Social Veterinary Medicine at FMV - ULusófona
- A National Model for Animals at Risk?



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Session III - One Health & AI

2:30 PM - 2:40 PM

One Health Meets AI: A Simple Approach to Complex Global Health Problems

Wuleta Lemma

Associate Professor at Universidade Lusófona, Investigating Scientist at CEI-ISCTE, CEO of Lalibela Global, and Senior Digital Health Consultant with the World Bank.

2:40 PM - 2:50 PM

The Fiocruz Foundation Global Network

Luiz Odorico Monteiro de Andrade

Researcher in Science & Technology for Innovation and Public Health Production, Coordinator of the Research Group Laboratory of Integrated and Intelligent Health Networks (LARIISA) – Ceará Health Innovation District Fiocruz Ceará, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brasil

2:50 PM - 3:00 PM

European Health Data Space: An Opportunity for One Health Data?

Henrique Martins

MD, PhD, MLaw, FIAHSI Professor in Health Management and Leadership at FCS-UBI, ISCTE-IUL, and Lusófona University, Portugal.

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - **Coffee Break**

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Session IV - One Health & One Welfare

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Keynote Lecture

The Role of a One Health Approach for Animal Disaster Preparedness and Response

Michael Ziccardi

Associate Director of the One Health Institute, Director of the California Veterinary Emergency Team (CVET), Acting Director of the Wildlife Health Center, Karen C. Drayer, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, USA.

Ashley Patterson

Associate Director of Operations, California Veterinary Emergency Team (CVET) UC Davis One Health Institute, USA.

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Social Impact of the Hospitals of the Veterinary Faculty of Lusófona University – Results of the Work with Local Chambers, Animal Protection Associations and Government. Could this be a Milestone for a National Program?

Joana Peixoto

Clinical Operational Director of the School Veterinary Hospital Lusófona University, Portugal.

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Round Table

Representantes

Moderador: Laurentina Pedroso

Portuguese Ombudsperson, Government of Portugal.

Town Halls, Zoophile Associations, official entities from animal health and well-being, and others.

4:30 PM

Closing Session

João Moura

Secretary of State for Agriculture, Government of Portugal

Speakers Short Biographies



Laurentina Pedrosa

Prof. Laurentina Pedrosa is Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Lusófona University and President of the Portuguese Association for Food Protection (APPA), the national affiliate of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP). She holds a Degree in Veterinary Medicine (1985) and a PhD in Veterinary Sciences, with over 30 years of academic and research experience.

Her work spans food safety, veterinary public health, food hygiene, animal protection, animal welfare, and One Health. Since 2004, she has led the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and the Integrated Master's in Veterinary Medicine, and she founded the School of Health, Protection and Animal Welfare (ESPA).

In 2009, she received the IAFP International Leadership Award (USA) for her contributions to food safety and public health. Throughout her career, she has strengthened collaboration between academia, industry, and public authorities, advancing national and international initiatives in food protection, veterinary public health, animal welfare, and One Health. She has also been serving as the Animal Ombudsperson since 2021.



Manpreet Singh

Dr. Manpreet Singh became President of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) at the end of IAFP 2025. He is Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs and Professor of Food Science and Technology at the University of Georgia.

His research focuses on foodborne pathogens, intervention strategies, and antimicrobial resistance, especially in poultry. He also leads Extension programs on FSMA, HACCP, seafood safety, and validation/verification.

An IAFP member since 2001, he has served on multiple committees, chaired the 2020 Program Committee, contributed extensively to symposia and webinars, and co-founded the Indian Association for Food Protection in North America. He holds degrees in Food Science and Technology from Punjab Agricultural University, Kansas State University, and a Ph.D. from Iowa State University.



Michael Ziccardi

Dr. Ziccardi is currently the Director of the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center, Associate Director of Global Programs for the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, Director of the California Veterinary Emergency Team, and Health Science Clinical Professor for the Weill School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis.

He received his DVM, MPVM, and PhD in epidemiology from UC Davis, emphasizing free-ranging wildlife health. He has been an oil spill response veterinarian and coordinator since 1996, responding to more than 90 spills in the US and abroad, and has previously worked as the Executive Director of the UC Davis One Health Institute and Director of the OWCN.

Speakers Short Biographies



Ashely Patterson

Ashley Patterson is the Associate Director of Operations for the UC Davis California Veterinary Emergency Team (CVET).

She has earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, a Master of Public Health, and a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Administration and Planning. She has worked both as an emergency management and planning consultant as well as an emergency clinic veterinarian prior to joining CVET.

She brings a unique combination of veterinary medicine and emergency management background focused on enhancing veterinary preparedness and response efforts.



Ana Raquel Freitas

Prof. Ana R. Freitas is an Assistant Professor of Bacteriology and Microbiology at IUCS-CESPU and a Senior Researcher at UCIBIO, Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Porto.

With about 20 years of experience in Antimicrobial Resistance, she investigates the molecular epidemiology of opportunistic pathogens, in particular Enterococci, in a One Health approach.

She is the author of more than 85 scientific articles and a member of the Board of the Portuguese Society of Microbiology.



Ana Lima

Prof. Ana Lima is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Lusófona University, where she is Research Coordinator and Vice-Director of the I-MVET Research Unit.

She holds an MSc in Toxicology, a PhD in Biology, and a postdoc in Food Biochemistry. She leads the Food Safety and Bioactivities Research Group and serves as Vice-President of APPA, the Portuguese Affiliate of IAFP. She has participated in over 25 national and European projects, including five as Principal Investigator.

Her research focuses on antimicrobial resistance, food safety, bioactive compounds, functional foods, and One Health innovations. She received the Born from Knowledge Award (2018) and is the inventor of three international patents in functional foods and bioactive compounds.

Speakers Short Biographies



Juliana Menezes

Dr. Juliana Menezes is a Professor and Researcher at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Lusófona University – Lisbon. Her work focuses on the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and its impact on both human and animal health. Her research examines how resistant microorganisms circulate across clinical, agricultural, and environmental settings, contributing to a broader One Health understanding of AMR.

She collaborates with multidisciplinary teams to improve surveillance, promote responsible antimicrobial use, and support evidence-based strategies to reduce the emergence and dissemination of resistance.



Alessandro Cozzi

Dr. Alessandro Cozzi is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with an MSc in Clinical Ethology of Companion Animals and a PhD in Equine Physiology from the Universities of Pisa and Messina.

He is an EBVS® European Veterinary Specialist in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law and former President of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (ECAWBM). As co-founder and CEO of IRSEA, he leads research in animal behaviour, welfare, and applied semiochemistry. He is currently an Associate Professor at Lusófona University, where he teaches and conducts research on welfare assessment, pheromone therapy, and semiochemical applications in companion, farm, and wild animals.

He has also taught as an invited professor at several international veterinary schools. Dr. Cozzi has delivered over 350 lectures worldwide and authored more than 200 scientific publications. He is widely recognised for his expertise in animal welfare and social behaviour, serves as a scientific reviewer, MSc, and PhD students.



Adriana Belas

Dr Adriana Belas is a professor and researcher at Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Lusófona University – Lisbon, is also the Head of Microbiology Laboratory of the Teaching Hospital - FMV.

Her research interests are primarily focused on aspects of antimicrobial resistance in a One Health approach, including the epidemiology of MDR pathogenic bacteria of clinical relevance in veterinary and human medicine, molecular epidemiology studies using metagenomic analysis, and the pursuit of novel prophylactic and therapeutic alternatives to the use of antimicrobials.

Speakers Short Biographies



Ana Luísa Silva

Ana Luísa Patrício Silva holds a PhD in Biology and is an assistant researcher at the University of Aveiro (Department of Biology & Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies).

Her work integrates ecotoxicology, analytical chemistry, and biotechnology to study plastic and e-waste pollution and develop sustainable, biobased remediation strategies.



Gonçalo Seixas

Dr. Gonçalo Seixas is a biomedical scientist with a PhD from IHMT/NOVA, specializing in vector biology and sustainable control of mosquito-borne diseases.

His work on Aedes and Anopheles mosquitoes covers vector competence, insecticide resistance, and microbiome studies relevant to public health in Portugal.

He leads the SMART-DIET project (FCT, from 2025), developing scalable Wolbachia-based control strategies using machine-learning-supported surveillance. Based at the Gulbenkian Institute for Molecular Medicine (GIMM), he collaborates with partners including Institut Pasteur and Yale University and is active in science communication. He has received distinctions such as the IHMT “Garcia da Orta” and “Professor Doutor Fraga de Azevedo” awards



Luiz Odorico Monteiro de Andrade

Dr. Luiz Odorico Monteiro de Andrade is a physician and public health researcher with a PhD in Collective Health from UNICAMP and postdoctoral training at the University of Montreal.

He is a Researcher at Fiocruz Ceará and Professor at the Federal University of Ceará and Fiocruz, where he also coordinates LARIISA, focused on digital health and intelligent health systems.

He has held major leadership roles in Brazil, including Secretary at the Ministry of Health, President of CONASEMS, Municipal Health Secretary in four cities, and Federal Deputy for Ceará. He has authored 300+ scientific publications, produced over 500 technical works, supervised 38 researchers, and received 60+ awards. His work includes major projects in digital health and public health innovation, with three software products registered at Brazil's INPI.



Henrique Martins

Prof. Dr. Henrique Martins, MD, PhD, MLaw, FIAHSI, is an Internal Medicine physician and one of Portugal's first CMIOs. He served nearly seven years as President of SPMS, the national Digital Health Agency, and was Member States Co-Chair of the EU e Health Network. From 2020–2024, he was also on the HL7 Europe Foundation Board.

He teaches and researches Digital Health, health systems transformation, and leadership for medical and health-care professionals, while also working as a consultant in Digital Health and as a Senior Consultant for the WHO. He coordinates two EU-funded interoperability projects: XiA – Xpanding Interoperability Alliance and i2X – Intelligent Implementation of the EHR eXchange format.



Wuleta Lemma

Professor Wuleta Lemma is an Associate Professor at Universidade Lusófona, Investigating Scientist at CEI-ISCTE, CEO of Lalibela Global, and Senior Digital Health Consultant with the World Bank.

She is a global leader in One Health, AI, and digital health, with 30+ years of experience, major projects with WHO, UNICEF, and the World Bank, and over 4,000 professionals trained.

She advances AI-powered One Health intelligence tools and holds degrees from LSTM, Emory, and Spelman, while pursuing a second PhD in NLP and AI at ISCTE.



Joana Peixoto

Master's Degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Lusófona University, in Lisbon. Completed the curricular internship at the FMV-ULusófona Teaching Hospital in 2013, where she assisted in specialty consultations, internal medicine, and surgery, later working at the Lisbon Veterinary Hospital in the areas of inpatient care, consultations, and emergency services.

Since 2017, she has been part of the Small Animal Teaching Hospital at Lusófona University, working in oncology, inpatient care, intensive care, and emergency medicine. She has served as Operational Director since 2025. She combines clinical practice with teaching and is currently a PhD candidate researching feline alimentary lymphoma, with additional training in small animal oncology, emergency medicine, intensive care, and ultrasound.

Breves Biografias dos Oradores



Inês Martins de Almeida

Master of Veterinary Medicine, with a Postgraduate Degree in Quality Management and Food Safety, advanced training in Biology from the Faculty of Sciences, and a postgraduate qualification in Public Administration.

She joined the DGAV in 2008, serving as an expert in international bodies such as the European Medicines Agency and the European Chemicals Agency. She is currently the Head of the Division for the Management and Authorization of Veterinary Medicines, responsible for overseeing the Electronic Veterinary Prescription project, and acts as an inspector for Veterinary Good Manufacturing Practices and Pharmacovigilance. She is also a member of the One Health Working Group on combating Antimicrobial Resistance.