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Leuven, Belgium
Livestock and Wildlife:
Partners in
Health and Welfare

XXII Congress of the International Society for Animal Hygiene

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Introduction

Dear colleagues, friends, and participants,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, the Scientific Committee, and the Executive Board of the International Society for Animal Hygiene (ISAH), it is my great pleasure to invite you to the **22nd ISAH Conference**, in **Leuven, Belgium**, hosted at **KU Leuven** from **October 25th to 28th, 2026**.

This edition's theme: "**Livestock and Wildlife: Partners in Animal Health and Welfare**", invites us to expand our scientific horizons and venture into new terrain. In 2026, **ISAH goes into the wild**. We explore the frontiers where domesticated animals and wildlife intersect, interact, and influence each other's health, welfare, and ecosystems.

Our shared interests bring together a truly diverse set of disciplines:

- **Wild and domestic animal health research**
- **Welfare and behaviour**
- **Preventive medicine, vaccines, novel strategies and chemoprophylaxis**
- **Hygiene and biosecurity at the wildlife domestic interface**
- **Game and meat safety, handling and processing hygiene**
- **One Health, One Welfare**
- **Environmental impacts of changing wildlife–livestock dynamics**
- **Embraces the rapidly evolving fields of microbiome science, precision genetics, phages and innovative feed additives**

This breadth reflects the evolution of ISAH since its foundation in 1970: a global platform where veterinarians, biologists, engineers, public health experts, and industry professionals gather to share knowledge and address emerging challenges. Over more than five decades, ISAH has remained a meeting place where scientific innovation leads to practical impact, improving animal health, safeguarding welfare, and strengthening food systems worldwide.

The **ISAH 2026 programme** continues this tradition with:

- Engaging **plenary sessions** featuring leading voices from wildlife health, livestock medicine, and One Health science
- A broad selection of **oral and poster sessions**
- Interactive **technical workshops** and **panel discussions**
- Opportunities for **international collaboration**, networking, and the exchange of new research and bold ideas



Leuven, home to one of Europe's oldest and most innovative universities, is the ideal setting for this dialogue. With a rich history, vibrant scientific community, and warm hospitality, we hope the city will inspire you as much as the scientific sessions themselves.

I sincerely hope that this congress will give each of you an opportunity to share your latest research findings, build new collaborations, and—perhaps most importantly—enjoy the shared curiosity and camaraderie that define the ISAH family. Beyond the official programme, I encourage you to discover Leuven, reconnect with colleagues, and allow room for the “**wild ideas**” that move our field forward.

Hope to see you In Leuven and welcome you at ISAH 2026.

Let's explore the wild together.

Jan Paeshuyse

Chair, ISAH 2026 Organizing Committee

KU Leuven, Belgium



Scientific Program

Day 1: Sunday October 25, 2026

- Opening session
- 2 plenary sessions
- Welcome reception

Day 2: Monday October 26, 2026

- Four plenary sessions
- Sponsor exhibition during coffee & lunch breaks
- Poster & network session

Day 3: Tuesday October 27, 2026

- Four plenary sessions
- Sponsor exhibition during coffee & lunch breaks
- Closing session
- Poster & network session
- Conference dinner

Day 4: Wednesday October 28, 2026

- Technical field trips to offer participants the chance to visit leading organizations in the sector, providing valuable hands-on experience and insight into best practices. These excursions will enable attendees to observe techniques, engage with industry experts, and gain practical knowledge that complements the conference's theoretical discussions.



Venue: Thermotechnisch Instituut, KU Leuven

Kasteelpark Arenberg 41, 3001 Leuven, Belgium

The core of **ISAH 2026** will take place at the historic **Thermotechnisch Instituut** of KU Leuven. Built between **1926 and 1931** as part of the Special Engineering School, the institute originally served as a hands-on training environment where engineering students learned through demonstrations of engines, turbines, and large-scale industrial equipment.



Today, the building is recognized as a **protected monument** and stands as one of KU Leuven's most remarkable examples of **industrial academic heritage**, featuring a monumental machine hall with a striking black-and-white checkerboard floor. The hall houses an exceptional collection of steam engines, jet engines (including the historically significant **Whittle 700** and **Rolls Royce Derwent 8**), and other mechanical and electrical machines that once formed the core of engineering education.

ISAH 2026 Activities at the Thermotechnisch Instituut

All major conference components will be organized within this unique venue:

- **Plenary sessions** will be held in the impressive **machine hall**, offering a visually stunning industrial backdrop that reflects the institute's rich engineering history.
- **Coffee breaks, lunches, and networking moments** will be arranged in the same hall, surrounded by historic machinery that remains preserved and operational.
- The **poster and networking reception** will take place among the museum-style collection, providing an inspiring atmosphere for scientific exchange.
- The building's restored spaces—frequently used by KU Leuven for academic ceremonies, lectures, and special events—ensure a professional yet distinctive experience for all participants.



As one of KU Leuven's premier heritage locations, the Thermotechnisch Instituut offers a memorable and intellectually fitting environment for ISAH 2026.



Summary Table Important Dates

Action	Date
Call for abstracts opens	25 March 2026
Deadline abstracts due	25 May 2026
Author notification	15 June 2026
Full papers due	25 September 2026
Early registration	25 March – 30 June 2025
Regular registration	1 July – 28 October 2026
Conference begins	25 October 2026, 14:00
Conference ends	28 October 2026, 14:00



Instructions for Abstract Preparation

Authors submitting abstracts for the International Society for Animal Hygiene (ISAH) Meeting, taking place from 25 to 28 October 2026, are asked to follow the guidelines described below to ensure consistency across submissions. Abstracts must be written in English, and submitted through the following submission portal: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/81717/submitter>. The total length of the abstract text should not exceed 300 words, excluding the title, author names, affiliations, and references. Please use a clear font such as Calibri or Arial at 11-point size, with single line spacing and standard margins.

Each abstract should begin with the title, followed by the full names of all authors and their institutional affiliations, including city and country. The corresponding author's email address must be included, and the presenting author should be indicated. Abstracts must be submitted electronically before May 25th, 2026. Submissions received after the deadline will be considered as late breakers. Authors whose abstracts are accepted may be invited to submit a full paper by September 25th, 2026. Instructions for full papers will be communicated when authors are notified if their abstract is accepted.



Registration is Open!

To register for ISAH2026, simply access our ONEButton application via the following <https://icts.kuleuven.be/apps/onebutton/profile/1479105/edit> . Once inside the platform, you can complete your registration and choose your preferred payment method: online payment, bank transfer, or payment by invoice. For all bank transfers, please make sure to include the required Belgian Structured Communication (OGM-VCS) exactly as follows: **+++400/0029/30247+++**. This structured code is essential to correctly match your payment with your registration.

Early-Bird Registration until June 30th, 2026

Category	Fee
Student	€250
Academia / NGO / Government	€350
Industry / Private Sector	€550

Regular Registration from July 1st, 2026, onward

Category	Fee
Student	€300
Academia / NGO / Government	€450
Industry / Others	€750

Optional Items

Item	Fee
Conference Dinner Ticket	€65 per person
Field Trip or Leuven Guided Tour	€45 per person



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<https://www.instagram.com/isah20262/>



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