

Symposium Programme – Vienna May 2017

This is the draft programme for our Symposium. We still have some speakers to confirm.

Wednesday 17th May – AAll Symposium

- 9.00 Welcome and introductions
- 9.15 Sharing our Work
Each delegate organisation to give 5 minute 'flash' introduction to their work
This would help everyone to understand the range of work undertaken by delegate organisations.
- 11.00 Break
- 11.15 Panel Discussion – 'Promoting the Concept of AAI Across the World'.
As members of AAll we are all convinced as to the value of AAI work. However, many governments, policy makers and professional therapists remain to be convinced. What does AAll need to do to the raise the profile of the value of AAI?
- 12.15 Progress to date on AAll accreditation documentation – update from Board.
- 12.45 Lunch
- 14.00 Working groups
a) Refining the accreditation processes
b) Processes for evaluating dogs
c) Processes for evaluating practitioners
- 16.00 AAll General Assembly
- 18.30 Evening drinks

Thursday 18th May

- 9.00-10.00 Working groups – final session
- 10.00 Feedback from groups and discussion
- 11.00 Break
- 11.30 Panel Discussion
'Measuring Outcomes – can we find common measures to strengthen the case for AAI?'
Should we start to explore whether building some common outcome measures into the work of all member programmes would help us to make the case for AAI? What might such measure be and how could we build a reporting structure?
- 12.30 Future action plan for AAll

13.00 Lunch

Joint Session of AAll and ADEu

14.00 Welcome to joint session – Melissa Winkle and Danny Vancoppennolle

14.10 ‘Managing stress in working dogs ‘ – speaker to be found (Danny to approach)

15.00 Derinka Lecnik-Urbanc (President of SLO-CANIS) : The CEN Technical Committee on Assistance Dog and Guide Dog Teams Standards – processes that could be relevant to ADI/ADEu and AAll.

15.45 Panel Discussion – ‘Promoting the concept of standards-based work’.
More than ever our work is under threat from people and organisations that do not adhere to standards, or only pay lip-service to them. What can ADI and AAll do to promote the importance of standards in this work.

17.00 Close of Session

19.00 Conference Dinner (for delegates to both symposia only unless booked separately)