

AITVM–STVM 2026 Programme- Resilient Futures in Tropical Veterinary Medicine

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AITVM-STVM 2026 Programme June 23-26, 2026, Resilient Futures in Tropical Veterinary Medicine
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Tuesday 23 June 2026

Time	UWI-INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE	TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER (TLC)
11:00 am	REGISTRATION UWI-INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE (11:00am – 12:30pm)	NO EVENTS
11:30 am		
12:00 noon		
12:30 pm		
1:00 pm	OPENING CEREMONY	
1:30 pm	Chair: Marsha IVEY (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad)	
2:00 pm	Plenary Session – Promoting Caribbean Health Resilience in a Changing Geopolitical Reality Chairs: Karla GEORGES (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad & STVM), Coryse JONES (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Keynote Speaker: Dr. Joy St. JOHN, <i>Public Health Consultant, Barbados</i>	
2:30 pm – 3:00pm	Break	

	Session 1A <u>Advances in diagnosis and control of vector borne diseases</u> (3:00-5:00 pm)	Session 1B <u>Companion Animal Clinical Nutrition</u> (3:30-5:00 pm)
3:00 pm	Chairs: Karla GEORGES (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad & STVM), Coryse JONES (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Feature Speaker 1 Engineering protease activated nano sensors to detect respiratory disease Speaker: Melodi ANAHTAR, <i>Harvard T Chan School of Public Health, Boston, USA</i>	NO EVENTS
3:30 pm	Integrated evaluation of antibody responses to vector-borne pathogens and their hosts using highly multiplexed serology Speaker: Melodi ANAHTAR	Chairs: Nannika HONORÉ (Nestle Purina, Trinidad), Shruti Rampersad- Maharaj (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad)
4:00 pm	Selected Short Oral Presentations Chairs: Kelly BRAYTON (Washington State University, USA), Roxanne CHARLES (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) S1A-01-The challenges of using haematological and biochemical deviations in detecting tick- borne diseases in dogs in Trinidad and Tobago. The clinician's dilemma! Patricia POW-BROWN <i>UWI-SVM Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Invited Speaker 1 Advances in the clinical application of the companion animal gastrointestinal microbiome Speaker: Dr. Siobhan BRIDGLALSINGH, <i>UWI-SVM Trinidad and Tobago</i>

4:15pm	S1A-02-In Situ Hybridization (RNAscope) Detection of Bluetongue Virus Serotypes 10 and 17 in Experimentally Co-Infected <i>Culicoides Sonorensis</i> Molly CARPENTER <i>Universidad Ana G Mendez Escuela de Medicina Veterinaria Puerto Rico</i>	
4:30 pm	Selected Short Oral Presentations S1A-03-Functional characterization of TCTP reveals its dual role as immunomodulator and vaccine candidate in bovine babesiosis Juan MOSQUEDA <i>Autonomous University of Queretaro Mexico</i> S1A-04-Acaricide Impregnated Ear Tags for the Control of African Ticks Maxime MADDER <i>Clinglobal, Mauritius</i>	
5.00 pm		
	Venue Campus Principal's Main Salon and Grounds	
6:00-9:00 pm	Cultural Event and Cocktail Reception and Poster Session	

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Time		
8: 00 am	REGISTRATION: UWI-INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE	
	UWI INN / Main Session	TLC
	Session 2A <u>Integrated Approach to Vector and Vector borne diseases</u> (9:00 am-4.15 pm)	Session 2B <u>Enhancing clinical excellence in small animal emergency and critical care</u> (9.00 am- 4:45 pm)
9:00 am	Chairs: Teola NOEL & Sani ISMAILA (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Feature Speaker 2 Forecasts for ticks: “Winners and losers when changes in the global climate up-ends all the rules” Speaker: Prof. Janet FOLEY, <i>UC Davis - USA</i>	Chairs: Tennille AUGUSTE & Kristen JAGGERNATH (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Invited Speaker 2 Practical applications of small animal emergency and critical care (ECC) in the Caribbean Speaker: Dr Rosette CHINPIRE, <i>Veterinarian, Pets First Veterinary Clinic Trinidad and Tobago</i>
9:30 am	Changes in Tick-borne diseases as the built environment encroaches on natural ecosystems Speaker: Prof. Janet FOLEY	Invited Speaker 3 Emergency Medicine – Surgical treatment of abdominal and thoracic trauma Speaker: Dr. Rachel WILLIAMS, <i>University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, USA</i>
10:00 am	Feature Speaker 3 Transboundary animal diseases- with a focus on African swine fever. Speaker: Prof Beatriz MARTÍNEZ-LÓPEZ, <i>Center for Animal Disease Modelling and Surveillance, UC Davis - USA</i>	

10:30 am	Break & Poster session	
11:00 am	Chairs: Lisa BENJAMIN & Karelma FRONTERA-ACEVEDO (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Invited Speaker 4 First Clinical Emergence of West Nile Virus in Guadeloupe and Martinique in 2024: A One Health Perspective Speaker: Dr. Sylvie LECOLLINET, <i>CIRAD, Guadeloupe</i>	Chairs: Avin ARJOONSINGH & Andre JITTAN-GAZEE (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Management of traumatic wounds Speaker: Dr. Rachel WILLIAMS <i>University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, USA</i>
11:30 am	Selected Short Oral Presentations S2A-01-2024 West Nile Virus Outbreak in Guadeloupe: Differential Diagnosis of Nervous Disease in Horses and Risk Factors for Infection. Pauline MATRAT <i>VetagroSup, France</i> S2A-02-Control of bovine schistosomiasis in Africa: A new challenge in One Health. Russell STOTHARD <i>Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK</i>	
12:00 noon	Lunch – UWI Inn and Conference Centre	

1:00 pm	Selected Short Oral Presentations Chairs: Anil PERSAD & Reshmi RAMDASS (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) S2A-03-Vaccine testing for <i>Anaplasma marginale</i>. Kelly BRAYTON <i>Washington State University, USA</i> S2A-04-Prevalence and risk factors associated with three tick-borne diseases of cattle in Guadeloupe. Alpha Mamadou Saliou BARRY, <i>CIRAD, France</i>	Chairs: Siobhan BRIDGLALSINGH & Arnola MAHARAJ (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Invited Speaker 5 Updates on cardiopulmonary resuscitation Speaker: Dr. Jake WOLF <i>University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, USA</i>
1:30 pm	S2A-05-Characterisation of the bacterial communities of adult Rhipicephalus (Boophilus) microplus ticks collected from cattle, their feeding sites and host blood. Samson MUKARATURWA <i>Ross University St. Kitts</i> S2A-06-Advances in the artificial feeding of ticks for experimental and applied research. Ard NIJHOF, <i>Freie Universität Berlin, Germany</i>	

2:00 pm	S2A-07-From Clinic to Policy: Veterinary Insights on Evolving Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Threats. Brendan LEE, <i>St. Matthews University, Cayman Islands.</i> S2A-08-Targeted mutagenesis in <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> deleting the phage head-to-tail connector protein gene and its assessment as a vaccine candidate preventing canine ehrlichiosis. Roman GANTA, <i>University of Missouri, USA</i>	Invited Speaker 6 Osteoarthritis (OA) in dogs and cats: Current insights and treatment strategies Part 1: Therapeutic options for the treatment of OA in dogs and cats Speaker: Prof. Tisha HARPER, <i>University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, College of Veterinary Medicine, USA</i>
2:30 pm	Session 3A <u>Stabilize, Treat, Save: Practical Approaches to Hematologic Crises</u> (3:15 pm- 4:45 pm) Invited Speaker 7 Managing Hematological Disorders in Canines Speaker: Dr. Avin ARJOONSINGH <i>UWI-SVM Trinidad and Tobago</i>	
3:00pm	Break and Poster Session	
3:15 pm	Chairs: Kristen JAGGERNATH & Vindya SAHATOO (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Invited Speaker 7 Managing Hematological Disorders in Canines Speaker: Dr. Avin ARJOONSINGH UWI-SVM Trinidad and Tobago	Chairs: Sabrina THOMAS & Andre JITTAN-GAZEE (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Osteoarthritis (OA) in dogs and cats: Current insights and treatment strategies Part 2: Beyond medications - Rehabilitation and lifestyle strategies for osteoarthritis in dogs and cats. Speaker: Prof. Tisha HARPER
4:15 pm	STVM Meeting- All Delegates	Management of the Trauma Patient Speaker: Dr. Jake WOLF
5:15 pm		

Thursday 25 June 2026 – TLC

Time	REGISTRATION UWI-INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE	
8:00 am	REGISTRATION UWI-INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE	
	UWI INN – Poultry session	TLC
	Session 4A <u>Protect Your Flock: Avian Influenza & Farm Resilience</u> (9:00 am – 2:05 pm) Chairs for poultry session: Shayne RAMSUBEIK, Elizabeth KAUFFMANN, Coryse JONES (The UWI St. Augustine, Trinidad)	Session 4B <u>From Field to Policy: Strengthening Regional Resilience Against Infectious Diseases and AMR</u> (9:00 am – 4:45 pm)
9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Speaker: Chairperson	Chairs: Ard NIJHOF Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany & Tesha SOOKLAL Colorado State University USA Invited Speaker 8 One Health, One Region: CAHFSA's Impact on Animal Health from Policy to Practice Speaker: Dr. Nneka HULL JAMES, <i>Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency, Suriname</i>
9:25 am	Farmer Engagement Activity	
9:30 am		
9:35 am	Invited Speaker 10 Avian Influenza Around the Region: What Farmers Need to Know Speaker: Dr. Shayne RAMSUBEIK, <i>UWI-SVM, Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Invited Speaker 9 Rabies Beyond Borders: Transforming Colonial Legacies into One Health Futures Speaker: Dr. Janine SEETAHAL, <i>Kansas State University, USA</i>
9:55 am	Feature Speaker 3	

10:00 am	Keeping Avian Influenza Away from Your Farm: Understanding the Risk and Simple Steps that Work Speaker: Prof. Beatriz MARTÍNEZ-LÓPEZ, <i>Center for Animal Disease Surveillance and Modelling, UC Davis, USA</i>	Invited Speaker 11 Longitudinal pathogen genotyping to enhance intervention efficacy analysis – evidence from a phase 2 malaria monoclonal antibody trial Speaker: Philipp SCHWABL, <i>German Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, Germany</i>
10:15 am	Feature Speaker 4	Invited Speaker 12 Quadripartite work to tackle AMR. Speaker: Vanessa MAX KRAUS, <i>FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (FAO-LRC)</i>
10:30 am	Early Signs of Avian Influenza: What Farmers Notice First Speaker: Prof. Simone STOUTE, <i>California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) Turlock Diagnostic Lab, UC Davis, USA</i>	
10:35 am	Invited Speaker 13 Avian Influenza Reaches Your Farm: What to Expect Speaker: Dr. Lisa MUSAI, <i>CVO-Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Trinidad and Tobago</i>	
10:55 am	Questions and Answers – Avian Influenza Session	
11:00 am		Selected Short Oral Presentations S4B-01: Disease Surveillance in One Health and Implications for Managing Infectious Diseases in Humans and Animals Through the Lens of AMR. Speaker: Dr. Rajeev NAGASSAR, <i>WHO GLAS AMU AMR, Infarm Focal Point UWI-St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago</i>
11:15 am	Break – End of Poster Session	

11:30 am	Invited Speaker 14 Using Antibiotics Wisely: What Farmers Need to Know Speaker: Dr. Hebert TRENCHI, <i>Latin America Poultry Association, Uruguay</i>	Invited Speaker 15 Chairs: Sani ISMAILA & Lisa BENJAMIN (The UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad) Antimicrobial Resistance – Caribbean Perspective Speaker: Dr. Rajeev P. Nagassar
11:55 am	Getting the Best Results from Vaccines: Why Some Don't Work and How to Fix It. Speaker: Dr. Hebert TRENCHI	Selected Short Oral Presentations S4B-02- From Margin to Center: Elevating Veterinary Roles in One Health Responses to AMR and Zoonotic Diseases. Brendan LEE, <i>St. Matthew's University, Cayman Islands.</i> S4B-03-Leptospirosis Surveillance and Rainfall Trends in Grenada: A Descriptive Analysis. Nyoni WINCHESTER, <i>St George's University, Grenada</i>
12:00 noon	Speaker: Dr. Hebert TRENCHI	
12:20 pm	Lunch	
12:30 pm		Lunch
1:20 pm		
1:30 pm	Feature Speaker 5 Mycoplasma in Poultry: What It Means for Your Farm Speaker: Prof. Naola FERGUSON-NOEL, <i>University of Georgia Poultry Diagnostic and Research Center, USA</i>	Chairs: Joy ST. JOHN (Public Health Consultant, Barbados) & Janine SEETAHAL (Kansas State University, Kansas , USA) Invited Speaker 16 The 'Venezuelan Ripple Effect': Navigating Regional Security and Biosecurity Challenges for CARICOM Speaker: Dr. Kirk DOUGLAS, <i>Centre for Biosecurity Studies, UWI-Cave Hill, Barbados</i>
1:45 pm	Questions and Answers – Production & Health Management	

2:00 pm		Selected Short Oral Presentations
2:05 pm	Closing Remarks	
2:15 pm	Session 5A <u>Veterinary Poultry Services Training</u> (2:15 pm – 3:00 pm)	S4B-04-Communication strategies used for a re-emerging swine disease. <i>Corinne WONG, UWI-SVM, Trinidad and Tobago</i>
	Feature Speaker 4 Veterinary Services Training Session: Building Practical Skills in Sample Collection, Handling, and Submission for Laboratory Diagnosis Speaker: Prof. Simone STOUTE	S4B-05- Descriptive and multidimensional analysis of the swine industry in Trinidad and Tobago and implications for African swine fever virus transmission. <i>Teola NOEL, UWI-SVM, Trinidad and Tobago</i>
2:30 pm		S4B-06-Dual-Detection of Bovine Venereal Pathogens in Bulls Using Long-Read Sequencing. <i>Zhetao ZHANG, QAAFI University of Queensland, Australia</i>
2:45 pm		S4B-07-Silent circulation of PPR virus in camels: Insights into multi-host transmission in arid tropical India. <i>Shyam Sundar CHOUDHARY, ICAR Rajasthan, India</i>
		Session 5B <u>Disaster Resilience</u> (3:00- 3:30 pm)
3:00 pm		Invited Speaker 17 Disaster Resilience for Human Communities Speaker: Earl Hernandez, <i>Emergency response Training Company Ltd., Trinidad</i>
3:30		
7:00 pm	Conference Dinner- CrewsInn Bridge Room, Point Gourde, Chaguaramas	

Friday 26 June 2026

Time		
8:00 am	REGISTRATION UWI-INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE	
	UWI INN / Main Session	TLC
	Session 6A <u>Bridging Wildlife, Welfare, Veterinary Care, and Public Health in a Changing World</u> 8:30 am- 12:30 pm	Session 6B <u>From Farm to Future: Strengthening Small Ruminant Productivity and Profitability</u> 8:30 am – 12:00 noon
8:30 am	Chairs: Sylvie LECOLLINET (CIRAD, Guadeloupe) & Rod SUEPAUL (The UWI St Augustine, Trinidad) One Health Disaster Response to Tropical Emergencies Speaker: Vanessa MAX KRAUS	Chairs: Marc DRISCOLL & Ryan PIERRE (The UWI St Augustine, Trinidad) Invited Speaker 18 Small Ruminant Reproduction Speaker: Dr. Gabrielle YOUNG, <i>Caribbean Broilers Group, Jamaica</i>
9:00 am	Invited Speaker 19 Animal Welfare-Human-Wild Life Conflict in T&T: The Veterinarian's Perspective Speaker: Dr. Kriyaan SINGH, <i>La Romaine Veterinary Clinic, Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Invited Speaker 20 Small Ruminant Production Speaker: Dr. Nyoni WINCHESTER St. George's University, Grenada
9:30 am	Invited Speaker 21 Advanced Diagnostics in Small Animal Medicine in Trinidad Speaker: Dr. Mark ADAM, <i>Broad Street Veterinary Clinic, Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Invited Speaker 22 Small Ruminant Innovation Speaker: John BORELY, <i>Trinidad and Tobago Small Ruminant Development Company, Trinidad and Tobago</i>
10:00 am	BREAK	

10:30 am	Selected Short Oral Presentations CHAIRS: Philipp SCHWABL (German Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, Germany) & Melodi ANAHTAR (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health) S6A-01-Managing Gastroenteritis in Puppies: Veterinary Practices in Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados Oluwatomi OREDEIN, <i>UWI-SVM Trinidad and Tobago</i> S6A-02-Predictors for Sarcoptic Mange in Domestic Animals. Corinne WONG, <i>UWI-SVM Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Invited Speaker 23 Small Ruminant Nutrition Speaker: Dr. Martin HUGHES, <i>UWI-St. Augustine Trinidad and Tobago</i>
11:00 am	S6A-03-Microbiome Profiling of Ticks and Humans in Rural South Africa: Insights into Acute Febrile Illness Rebecca ACKERMANN, <i>University of Pretoria , South Africa</i> – Norval Young Award Winner S6A-04-Morphological and molecular identification of amphistomes occurring in cattle in Zimbabwe. Samson MUKARATURWA, <i>Ross University, St. Kitts</i>	Moderators: Anil PERSAD, Reshmi RAMDASS . Marc DRISCOLL, Kristen JAGGERNATH Question and Answer:

11:30 am	S6A-05-Detection of <i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> in Wildlife Reservoirs from Trinidad: Infection Prevalence in Black-eared Opossum (<i>Didelphys Marsupialis</i>), Red-rumped Agouti (<i>Dasyprocta leporina</i>) Rod Suepaul, <i>UWI-SVM, Trinidad and Tobago</i> S6A-06-Nasal, lungs and intestinal aerobic bacterial flora in wild Black-eared Opossums (<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>) in Trinidad, West Indies. Devina SUPERSAD, <i>UWI-SVM, Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Stakeholder / Farmer Consultation
12:00 noon	S6A-07-An investigation into the possible risks associated with the non-native capuchin monkeys in Tucker Valley Chaguaramas, Trinidad and Tobago Andrew SINGH <i>UWI-SVM Trinidad and Tobago</i> S6A-08-A survey on causes of death and pathologies observed in ocelots (<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>) in Trinidad Karelma FRONTERA-ACEVEDO, <i>UWI-SVM Trinidad and Tobago</i>	
12:30 pm	Prizes and Conference Closure - UWI Inn and Conference Centre	



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