

1st EAAP Companion Animals Workshop

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Welcome to the 1st EAAP Companion Animals Workshop in Milan, 14 – 16 May 2025

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 1st EAAP Companion Animals Workshop, scheduled for May 14th to 16th, 2025, in the vibrant city of Milan, Italy. This event presents a unique opportunity to bring together scientists, researchers, and professionals from across Europe and beyond, focusing on the latest advancements and future directions in companion animal science.

The workshop will offer a comprehensive scientific program covering critical topics. Discussions will center on recent breakthroughs in pet genetics and breeding, particularly on how genomics can improve health, longevity, and welfare. The role of nutrition will also be explored, with insights into how dietary strategies and nutrigenomics can optimize pet health and performance. Additionally, the behavior and welfare of companion animals will be a major focus, addressing both scientific developments and ethical considerations.

The One Health approach will also be a key theme, emphasizing the interconnection between human, animal, and environmental health. Furthermore, the public's perception of companion animals and their evolving role in society will be critically examined, as these aspects are increasingly shaping policies, research, and market trends.

Milan, with its dynamic and international atmosphere, offers an inspiring venue for this meeting. Participants will not only engage in a stimulating scientific program but will also have the opportunity to explore the city's rich cultural heritage, world-class cuisine, and vibrant social scene.

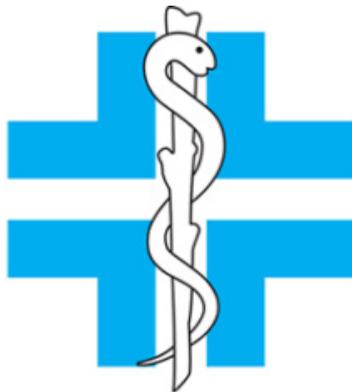
We are confident that the 1st EAAP Companion Animals Workshop will be an exciting event, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and innovation. We look forward to welcoming you to Milan for a productive and inspiring experience.

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Scientific programme

Wednesday 14 May

Session 1.

Domestication, Evolution and Biodiversity

Room: Quasar

Chair: Crepaldi / Dovc

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Room: Quasar

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The main aims of the EAAP are to promote, by means of active co-operation between its members and other relevant international and national organizations, the advancement of scientific research, sustainable development and production systems; experimentation, application and extension; to improve the technical and economic conditions of the livestock sector; to promote the welfare of farm animals and the conservation of the rural environment; to control and optimize the use of natural resources in general and animal genetic resources in particular; to encourage the involvement of young scientists and technicians. More information on the organization and its activities can be found at www.eaap.org.

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EAAP started in 2023 a new initiative to create closer connections between European livestock industries and the animal science network. Therefore, the “EAAP Industry Club” was shaped with the specific aim of bringing together the important industries of the livestock sector with our European Federation of Animal Sciences. All companies dealing with animal production (nutrition, genetic, applied technologies, etc.) are invited to join the “EAAP Industry Club” because industries will have opportunity to increase their visibility, to be actively involved in European animal science activities, and to receive news and services necessary to industries. In addition, through the Club, industries will enlarge their scientific network and will receive specific discounts on sponsoring activities.

The industries that already joined the “EAAP Industry club are:



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Via Lampedusa, 11A, 20141 Milan, Italy



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Discover Milan



Milan is one of the most influential and dynamic cities in Italy, with a rich history dating back to ancient Roman times. Originally a Celtic settlement, it was later conquered by the Romans in 222 BC, becoming a vital political and economic center of the Western Roman Empire. Over the centuries, Milan grew into a powerful city-state, playing a crucial role in trade, finance, and culture throughout Europe. The historic center of Milan is a testament to its remarkable past, featuring architectural masterpieces such as the Duomo di Milano, one of the largest and most intricate Gothic cathedrals in the world, and Castello Sforzesco, a symbol of Milan's Renaissance glory. The Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, with its stunning glass dome and luxury boutiques, reflects the city's longstanding tradition of elegance and commerce.

During the Renaissance, Milan became a hub of artistic and intellectual activity, attracting figures like Leonardo da Vinci, who left an indelible mark on the city with masterpieces such as "The Last Supper" preserved at Santa Maria delle Grazie church. In later centuries, Milan continued to thrive as a center for finance, innovation, and industry, solidifying its reputation as Italy's economic powerhouse. In the 20th century, Milan underwent significant transformations, overcoming the challenges of World War II to emerge as a global capital of fashion, design, and business. Today, it is home to the Milan Stock Exchange, top multinational corporations, and internationally renowned institutions, including the Politecnico di Milano and Bocconi University, which drive advancements in technology, economics, and research.

Beyond its historical and economic significance, Milan is celebrated for its vibrant cultural scene. The city hosts prestigious events such as Milan Fashion Week and the Salone del Mobile, attracting designers, artists, and innovators from all over the world. The Teatro alla Scala, one of the world's most famous opera houses, continues to captivate audiences with outstanding performances. With its unique blend of history and modernity, Milan offers visitors a dynamic urban experience, from world-class museums and gourmet cuisine to contemporary architecture and lively nightlife. Whether you are exploring its rich artistic heritage, engaging in cutting-edge research, or simply enjoying its cosmopolitan atmosphere, Milan stands as a city that seamlessly connects tradition with innovation. For more information about Milan and its attractions, visit the [official tourism website](#).

Workshop venue

Address: Quark Hotel – Via Lampedusa, 11A, 20141 Milan, Italy ([Google Maps](#))

Room Scorpio and Restaurant Veranda: ground floor



Room Quasar, Room Pulsar and foyer: floor -1



Conference planning:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	ACTIVITY
14 May	15:00 - 16:00	Foyer	Welcome coffee & Registration
	16:00 - 18:00	Quasar	Session 1 - Domestication, Evolution and Biodiversity
15 May	8:45 – 10:30	Quasar	Session 2 - Health and Ageing
	10:30 – 11:00	Scorpio	Coffee break
	11:00 – 13:00	Scorpio	Session 3 – Poster session
	13:00 - 14:30	La Veranda	Lunch
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	16:45 – 18:00	Quasar	Session 9 - Morphology, Breeds
	18:00		End of the workshop

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Alternatively: 1) take the Metro Blu Line M4 for 7 stops and get off at San Babila; 2) take the Metro Red Line M1, direction Bisceglie, for 4 stops and get off at Cadorna FS; 3) take the Metro Green Line M2, direction Abbiategrasso: a) get off after 10 stops at the Famagosta, then catch the bus n. 95 direction Rogoredo, get off after 4 stops and walking 9 minutes to the hotel; b) get off at the last station Abbiategrasso and walking 20 minutes to the hotel.

From **Airport Milano Malpensa (MXP)** - 50 min by car or Taxi (63 Km)

Alternatively: by train "Milano express" from T1-T2 to Milan Cadorna Station, then taxi to the hotel (16 minutes). Second option: from Milan Cadorna Station take the Metro Green Line M2, direction Abbiategrasso and: 1) get off after 5 stops at the Famagosta, catch the bus n. 95 direction Rogoredo and get off after 4 stops and then walking 9 minutes to the hotel; 2) get off at the last station Abbiategrasso and walking 20 minutes to the hotel.

From **Airport Bergamo Orio al Serio (BGY)** - 50 min by car or Taxi (60 Km).

Alternatively: by bus Terravision to Milan Central Station, then taxi to the hotel (20 minutes). Second option: from Milan Central Station take the Metro Green Line M2, direction Abbiategrasso and: 1) get off after 10 stops at the Famagosta, catch the bus n. 95 direction Rogoredo and get off after 4 stops and then walking 9 minutes to the hotel; 2) get off at the last station Abbiategrasso and walking 20 minutes to the hotel.

By Train

Milan Central Station, then taxi to the hotel (20 minutes).

Second option: from Milan Central Station take the Metro Green Line M2, direction Abbiategrasso and: 1) get off after 10 stops at the Famagosta, catch the bus n. 95 direction Rogoredo and get off after 4 stops and then walking 9 minutes to the hotel; 2) get off at the last station Abbiategrasso and walking 20 minutes to the hotel.

Public Transport Tickets

Milan's ATM public transport system (buses, trams, and trains) operates with a unified ticketing system:

- Single Ticket: **€ 2,20** (valid for 90 minutes from the first validation, for surface transport and metro)
- Single day ticket: **€ 7,60** (valid for unlimited travels within the city for 24 hours from the first validation)
- Three-day ticket: **€ 13,00** (valid for unlimited travels within the city for 72 hours from the first validation)

Tickets can be purchased at train stations, ticket machines, authorized retailers or via the ATM app. For more information on Milan's public transport options, visit [ATM official website](#).

Useful information

Official Language

The official language of the 1st EAAP Companion Animals Workshop is English. No translation services will be provided.

Passport and Visa

Italy is part of the European Union and the Schengen Area, allowing nationals from other EU countries to travel to Italy without a visa. Additionally, several non-EU countries, including the United States, Australia, and New Zealand, can enter Italy visa-free for stays of up to 90 days. For detailed visa requirements, please refer to [Schengen Visa Info](#).

Official Invitation and Certification

Participants who require an official invitation letter to meet administrative requirements can request one to marlene@eaap.org. However, this letter does not imply any financial or legal obligations from the EAAP organizing committee. A certificate of attendance will be available for all registered participants.

Liability and Insurance

The organizing committee is not responsible for personal accidents, loss, or damage to participants' belongings. It is strongly recommended that attendees arrange their own travel and health insurance before arriving in Milan.

Health and Emergency

In case of an emergency, dial 112 (European emergency number) for immediate assistance. Milan also offers 24/7 medical services at hospitals and clinics throughout the city.

Currency

The official currency in Italy is the Euro (EUR, €). Up-to-date exchange rates can be checked through financial websites or currency exchange services which can be found at airports, train stations, and banks. Most major credit and debit cards are accepted, and ATMs are widely available, but it is advisable to carry some cash for small purchases.

Local Time Zone

Milan operates on Central European Time (CET, UTC/GMT +1) and observes Daylight Saving Time (CEST, UTC/GMT +2) from late March to late October.

Climate

Spring in Milan is mild and pleasant, with temperatures ranging generally from 14°C to 24°C (57°F to 76°F) in May. Anyway, it is recommended to bring light layers and a rain jacket as weather conditions can vary.

Electricity

Italy uses Type C, F and L electrical sockets, with a standard voltage of 230V and a frequency of 50Hz. Travelers from countries using different plug types should bring an adapter.

Information for Participants

Registration Desk

The registration desk will be located at the foyer, near Quasar room (floor – 1) and will open at 15:00 on Wednesday 14 May 2025.

To Authors

Authors who do not wish to have their PDF presentations or posters made available on the EAAP website must notify EAAP **by May 16, 2025**. This can be done by sending an email to marlene@eaap.org. After this date, EAAP will assume permission to include the presentation/poster on the website.

Posters

The Poster session will be organized on May 15 from 11:00 to 13:00 in the Scorpio room. Posters should be in portrait format and A1 size (594 x 841 mm, max available size 700 x 1000 mm). Physical boards will be provided in the Congress Center area. Information about fixing the poster is available at the registration desk. The posters will be divided into 7 different colors according to the sessions: 1) session 1 – yellow; session 2 – green; session 4 – red; session 6 - blue; session 7 – pink; session 8 – orange; session 9 – light blue. The posters should be removed from the board by Friday 16 May 2025 at 16:30.

Theatre Presentation Upload Desk

The upload desk for theatre presentations will be available at the registration desk at the foyer, near Quasar room (floor – 1). The support team will assist participants with the upload process. Please ensure that your presentation is on a portable USB drive. Meeting rooms will be equipped with MS Windows computers, so PowerPoint presentations (*.ppt; *.pptx) are preferred. When preparing your presentation, allow approximately 3 minutes for questions and discussion at the end.

Lunches and coffee breaks

Lunches will take place at Veranda restaurant (ground floor) and coffee breaks in the foyer and Scorpio room (see the conference planning table above).

Gala dinner

The gala dinner will take place on May 15 at 20:00 at La Veranda Restaurant Quark Hotel.

Cloakroom and luggage storage

Cloakroom and luggage storage will be available in the Scorpio room (ground floor).

Conference Website

The Companion Animals website is live and optimized for smartphone navigation. It contains detailed information about the conference program and venue. You can visit [the conference website here](#).

Conference App

The conference program will be available for all delegates by downloading the app “EAAP” available for iOS/Android.

Certificates of attendance

The certificates will be issued after the event.

