Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to invite you to the annual ACVECC VetCOT Veterinary Trauma & Critical Care Symposium March 12-14, 2027, in Las Vegas, Nev. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Trauma, Critical Care & Acute Care Surgery Conference (March 15-17, 2027). This conference is a unique opportunity for those with an interest in trauma medicine and surgery to share ideas, experiences, and expertise in a smaller forum conducive to discussion and collaboration. While the target audience is veterinary specialists (DACVECC, DACVS, DACVAA), we strongly encourage residents (ACVECC, ACVS, ACVAA), Emergency clinicians, ECC technicians, and allied specialists and residents (ACVO, ACVIM-neurology, ACVSMR, ACVR) to attend. Although the focus is small animal trauma, our large animal colleagues and human medicine counterparts are encouraged to attend.

The **"Call for Abstracts"** and Guidelines can be found here VetCOT Conference Abstract Guidelines. Accepted oral abstracts have the option to be published in JVECC. The call for abstracts document notes submission details as well as information on travel grants available for top submissions**. The deadline for submission is Jan. 8, 2027.**

Poster formatting instructions can be found here Poster Guidelines. The deadline to request to present a poster is February 5, 2027.

Tentative schedule:
Friday afternoon, March 12, 1:00-5:00 PM: VetCOT Annual Business Meeting with Year in Review and Subcommittee Reports– all are welcome to attend! A Zoom link to attend remotely will also be provided.

Saturday March 13, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM: Conference officially begins! Enjoy presentations of trauma abstracts and case reports, DACVECC panel case discussion, and other trauma presentations. The lectures are followed by an evening poster session and social mixer from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Sunday April 26, 8:00 – 4:30 PM: Translational Trauma DVM and MD joint presentations with panel discussion, Resident trivia, optional lunch lecture with the Mattox Group -- INNOVATION, SIMULATION & TECHNOLOGY IN TRAUMA, CRITICAL CARE, AND MCI (ISTCC-MCI), and closing awards session.

1. Hotel information will be available on the VetCOT website (VetCOT Conference Hotel Information). Blocks of rooms will be reserved at a discounted price and be available on a first come, first served basis through February 20, 2027. Please note, the discounted rooms tend to sell out several months before the conference.

2. Registration fee: $350 DVMs, $200 technicians/residents. Register online at VetCOT Conference Registration and includes social mixer on Saturday. Optional Sunday lunch lecture adds $35.

3. Registration for the human Trauma, Critical Care & Acute Care Surgery conference is separate, and can be made here https://www.trauma-criticalcare.com/tccacs/registration/

If you have any questions, please email rachel.fink@colostate.edu or info@vetcot.org or visit our website at www.vetcot.org

See you in March!