

Preliminary Programme

Day 1 (Wednesday, October 21, 2026 / Plenary & Technical Sessions)					
09:00 - 13:00	Integration into University Life (Optional)				
09:00 - 11:00	UNAM Central Campus				
11:00 - 12:00	Historic Library at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science				
12:00 - 14:00	Pre-Colloquium Round Table: Ethical and Sustainable Veterinary Outreach				
14:00 - 15:00	Refreshments & Meet-and-Greet				
15:00	Colloquium Starts				
15:00 - 19:00	Opening Session				
	Moderator: Mariano Hernández Gil (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & Federación de Colegios y Asociaciones de MVZ de México				
15:00 - 15:15	Colloquium Welcome and Introduction				
15:15 - 15:45	Opening Keynote Lecture The Need to Avoid Aid Dependency Makes Education Vital Derek Knottenbelt (UK) - Equine Medical Solutions Ltd				
15:45 - 16:00	Official Opening Ceremony				
16:00 - 16:15	Break				
16:15 - 16:45	Framing Keynote Lecture Co-Creating Sustainability in Socio-Ecological Systems: Aligning Key Concepts Under the SDGs Framework Francisco Galindo (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & WOAAH Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare and Livestock Production Systems				
16:45 - 17:15	Keynote Lecture 1.1 The Equid-Human-Environment Triad: How Can We Be Certain of a Contribution? Tamara Tadich Gallo (Chile) - Universidad Austral de Chile & WOAAH Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare and Livestock Production Systems				
17:15 - 17:30	Break				
17:30 - 18:00	Keynote Lecture 2.1 Caring for the Working Equid Through the Human-Animal Bond Rustin Moore (USA) - College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University				
18:00 - 18:30	Keynote Lecture 3.1 Global Vision, Local Solutions: Contextualizing Working Equid Welfare Programmes for Greater Impact Chris Wainwright (UK) - Brooke Action for Working Horses and Donkeys				
18:30 - 19:00	Plenary: Integrated Panel, Q&A & Session Summing Up				
	Facilitator: Leticia Gómez García (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México				
19:30 - 21:00	Reception				

Day 2 (Thursday, October 22, 2026 / Plenary & Technical Sessions)					
08:00 - 09:00	Morning Coffee & Meet-and-Greet				
9:00	Colloquium Starts				
	Theme 1				
	Equids and Sustainable Development Goals				
	To share evidence on how equids are essential drivers for achieving global sustainability targets				
09:00 - 13:00	First Working Session				
	Moderator: Daniela Martínez (Colombia) - Equitarian Initiative				
09:00 - 09:05	Poster Pitch				
	Scoping Review of the Evidence on the Socioeconomic Value of Working Equids in Low- and Middle-Income Countries Amelia Cameron (UK) - School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Nottingham				
09:05 - 09:35	Keynote Lecture 1.2 Restoring Traditional Animal Traction in Conservation Soil: Hands and Heart of the Communities of Southern Mexico City Humberto Adán Peña-Fuentes (México) - CORENA, SEDEMA, Mexico City Government				
09:35 - 10:00	Learning From Traditional Knowledge: A Participatory Session With Farmers Relying on Equids				
	Facilitator: Leticia Gómez García (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México				
10:00 - 10:15	Oral Presentation 1.1 Behind the Harvest: Economic Contributions of Working Equines in Smallholder Coffee Systems in Nicaragua and Honduras Fredred Valdivia Flores (Nicaragua) - Brooke Action for Working Horses and Donkeys				
10:15 - 10:30	Oral Presentation 1.2 Breeding for Sustainability: Community-Based Mule Production Programs to Strengthen Rural Livelihoods, Food Security, and Working Equid Welfare Amy McLean (USA) - University of California Davis & Equitarian Initiative				
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break and Posters				
11:00 - 11:15	Oral Presentation 1.3 Assessment of Morphofunctional Indices in Chilean Army Mules Tamara Tadich-Gallo (Chile) - Universidad Austral de Chile & WOAAH Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare and Livestock Production Systems				
11:15 - 11:30	Oral Presentation 1.4 Defining the Functional Biotype of the Mexican Creole Donkey: Biometric Characterization to Support Sustainable Agroecosystems and Rural Livelihoods in the Central Highlands of Mexico Amy McLean (USA) - University of California Davis & Equitarian Initiative				
11:30 - 12:00	Keynote Lecture 1.3 As Stubborn as a Scientist: How Donkey Harness and Cart Research Went High-Tech and Returned to the Field Joao Rodrigues (Portugal) - The Donkey Sanctuary				
12:00 - 13:00	Plenary: Integrated Panel, Q&A & Session Summing Up				
	Facilitator: Angel Pulido Albores (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México				
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch and Posters				
	Theme 2				
	One Health / One Welfare in the Context of Equids				
	To share expertise on healthy, welfare, functionality, and thriving in the equid – human – environment triad				
14:30 - 18:30	Second Working Session				
	Moderator: Susan Blanchard (USA) - World Horse Welfare				
15:00 - 15:15	Oral Presentation 2.1 Working Equids in Disaster Risk Management: Insights from Participatory Global Research Guizell de los Angeles Box Mendoza (Nicaragua) - Brooke Action for Working Horses and Donkeys				
15:30 - 15:45	Oral Presentation 2.2 Disappearing Donkeys, Declining Resilience: Socio-Ecological Impacts of the Donkey Skin Trade in Africa Philip Wayuta Mshelia (Nigeria) - Ahmadu Bello University				
14:30 - 15:00	Keynote Lecture 2.2 One Health Links Between the Use of Working Equids and Health Outcomes in Their Community Mathilde Merridale-Punter (PortugalUK) - Working Animals International				
15:15 - 15:30	Oral Presentation 2.3 Thirty-Three Years of One Health for Working Equids: Building Sustainable Veterinary Care, Welfare, Livelihoods, and Community Resilience in Rural Dominican Republic Jay Merriam (USA) - Equitarian Initiative				
15:45 - 16:00	Oral Presentation 2.4 Coming to Agreement on What Good Welfare Means Isabella Wild (UK) - World Horse Welfare				
16:00 - 16:05	Poster Pitch				
	sWAT's New? Creating a Practical shortened Welfare Assessment Tool for Working Equids Mandy Roshier (UK) - School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Nottingham				
16:05 - 16:30	Coffee Break and Posters				
16:30 - 16:45	Poster Pitches				
	An Investigation Into Owner Perceptions of Biosecurity in Cambodian Working Equids Rachel Eleanor Barham (UK) - Cambridge University				
	Seroprevalence of Leptospira spp. in Working Draft Equines from Indigenous Mapuche Communities in Padre Las Casas, Araucanía Region Christian Tuemmers-Apablaza (Chile) - Universidad Católica de Temuco & Worldwide Veterinary Services				
	Uterine Microbiota and Its Antimicrobial Resistance in Healthy Mares Used for Agricultural Work, According to Age and Reproductive Cycle (Maule, Chile) Andrea Haydee Núñez-Bustamante (Chile) - Universidad Católica de Maule				
16:45 - 17:00	Oral Presentation 2.5 Access to Essential Veterinary Pharmaceuticals in Working Equid Programs: Implications for Clinical Governance, One Health, and One Welfare Amy McLean (USA) - University of California Davis & Equitarian Initiative				
17:00 - 17:15	Oral Presentation 2.6 Diagnostic and Therapeutic Stewardship for Sustainability in Ecosystems with Working Equids Rebeckah Sullivan (UK) - Working Animals International				
17:15 - 17:45	Keynote Lecture 2.3 Why One Health Needs to Incorporate Animal Welfare & Impact of Equine Welfare Programmes Roly Owers (UK) - World Horse Welfare				
17:45 - 18:45	Plenary: Integrated Panel, Q&A & Session Summing Up				
	Facilitator: Leticia Galindo Rodríguez (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México				
18:45 - 19:00	Day Summing Up				
	Leticia Gómez García, Ángel Pulido Albores and Leticia Galindo Rodríguez				

Day 3 (Friday, October 23, 2026 / Plenary & Technical Sessions)					
08:00 - 09:00	Morning Coffee & Meet-and-Greet				
9:00	Colloquium Starts				
	Theme 3				
	Behaviour Change and System Strengthening				
	To share experience on fostering an evolving equid-human relationship through knowledge				
09:00 - 13:00	Third Working Session				
	Moderator: Susan Blanchard (USA) - World Horse Welfare				
09:00 - 09:15	Poster Pitches				
	"One Health" Challenges in Urban Animal-Drawn Traction: Lessons From 12 Years in the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area Julieta Manrique (Argentina) - ONG Caballos de Quilmes & Worldwide Veterinary Services				
	Effect of Veterinary Intervention Levels on Welfare Indicators in Working Equids of Veracruz State José Antonio Fernando Martínez (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México				
	Building Local Capacity Through Community-Based Farrier Education on the Pine Ridge Reservation Judy Batker (USA) - Equitarian Initiative				
09:15 - 09:45	Keynote Lecture 3.2 From Capacity Building to Service Delivery: Closing the Veterinary Gap in Africa and Beyond Francesca Compostella (Saudi Arabia) - Worldwide Veterinary Services				
09:45 - 10:00	Oral Presentation 3.1 Establishing the First Working Equid Hospital and Clinical Internship Program in West Africa Through a Partnership With EISMV, Senegal Gigi Kay (Morocco) - Worldwide Veterinary Services				
10:00 - 10:30	Keynote Lecture 3.3 Context, Evidence- and Competency-Based Education for the Health and Welfare of Working Equids: Lessons From Wounds Elena García Seco (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & Asociación Mexicana de Médicos Veterinarios Especialistas en Equinos				
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break and Posters				
11:00 - 11:15	Poster Pitches				
	Evaluation of Experiential Learning in Veterinary Medicine Students Through Field Educational Interventions Julio Enrique Ramírez Huanca (Perú) - Universidad Nacional de San Antonio Abad del Cusco				
	Fostering Relying Equid-Human Relationships Through Experiential Veterinary Education in Ecuador Juan Sebastian Galeido (Ecuador) - Universidad San Francisco de Quito				
	Toward Intercultural Learning in Veterinary Education: Student Perceptions in the Consultorio de Caballos Carretoneros Christian Tuemmers-Apablaza (Chile) - Universidad Católica de Temuco & Worldwide Veterinary Services				
11:15 - 11:30	Oral Presentation 3.2 Inclusion of the Brigade to Promote Welfare of Working Equids in the Training of Veterinarians in the University of Oaxaca, México Jaime Enrique Vásquez Ríos (México) - Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca				
11:30 - 12:00	Keynote Lecture 3.4 Delivery of Welfare-Focused Clinical Teaching: Setting Students Up to Succeed Karen Rickards (UK) - The Donkey Sanctuary				
12:00 - 13:00	Plenary: Integrated Panel, Q&A & Session Summing Up				
	Facilitator: Angel Pulido Albores (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México				
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch and Posters				
14:30 - 18:30	Fourth Working Session				
	Moderator: Annie Henderson (USA) - Equitarian Initiative				
14:30 - 14:45	Oral Presentation 3.3 Community Equine Care Systems in Vulnerable Contexts: Local Knowledge, Risk Practices, and Veterinary Extension in Nanawa, Paraguay Rosana Marcoré (Paraguay) - World Horse Welfare				
14:45 - 15:00	Oral Presentation 3.4 Multiplier-Based Training in Good Management Practices: A Preventive Strategy for Working Equid Welfare in Latin America Daniela Martínez (Colombia) - Equitarian Initiative				
15:00 - 15:30	Keynote Lecture 3.5 The Human Element of Working Equid Care Angela Varnum (USA) - Equitarian Initiative				
15:30 - 15:45	Oral Presentation 3.5 Impact of Education on Mule Management Among Cowboys in African Oil Palm Plantations in Costa Rica Lisa Ortuño Ibarra (Costa Rica) - Costa Rica Equine Welfare (CREW)				
15:45 - 16:00	Oral Presentation 3.6 Improving Working Equid Welfare Improves Human Welfare: The Role of Mule-Specific Welfare Indicators and Educational Resources in Advancing One Welfare Amy McLean (USA) - University of California Davis & Equitarian Initiative				
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break and Posters				
16:30 - 16:45	Oral Presentation 3.7 Sustainable Equine Practice Through System Strengthening and One Health/One Welfare in the Peruvian Andes Stacy H. Tinkler (Ireland) - Equitarian Initiative				
16:45 - 17:00	Oral Presentation 3.8 Research on the Development of Donkey and Horse Animal Welfare in China Bao Jun (China) - ICCAW, CAPAC				
17:00 - 17:30	Keynote Lecture 3.6 Advocacy for Positive Change Julia Wilson (USA) - Brooke USA Foundation, Equitarian Initiative & World Equine Veterinary Association				
17:30 - 18:30	Plenary: Integrated Panel, Q&A & Session Summing Up				
	Facilitator: Leticia Galindo Rodríguez (México) - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México				
18:30 - 19:00	Closing Session and Poster Awards				

Day 4 (Saturday, October 24, 2026 / Community & Field Experience)					
08:00 - 09:00	Transport from Hotel to Xochimilco				
09:00 - 09:30	Groups Assingment				
9:30	Practical Day Start				
	1st Zone	2nd Zone	3rd Zone	4th Zone	5th Zone
09:30 - 10:15	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
10:15 - 11:00	G2	G3	G4	G5	G1
11:00 - 11:45	G3	G4	G5	G1	G2
11:45 - 12:15	Break				
12:15 - 13:00	G4	G5	G1	G2	G3
13:00 - 13:45	G5	G1	G2	G3	G4
14:00	Practical Day End				