

SUMMER TRIMMING SCHOOL

International Hoof Health and Welfare Conference



LLORET DE MAR – MAS BES
GIRONA (SPAIN)

5–6
JUNE 2025

MAS BES FARM

CARRER MAS BES, S/N, 17184 SALITJA, GIRONA

The history of the Viñolas family with Mas Bes dates back to the second half of the 19th century, when Grandpa Narcís settled at the farmhouse and began raising livestock with two Friesian-Holstein cows.

Five generations later, we have more than 1,200 cows, whose milk supplies the ATO Natura range and is used to make our artisanal products.

In addition, we regularly organize visits for schools and families so they can learn about the reality of livestock farming.

- 1720 animals
- 680 milking cows
- 3 milking per day in a 16x2 milking parlor
- 9.5 millions of litres sold per year
- 25,000 visitors per year



LECTURES



Thursday 5, June 2025

9:15 Welcome and introduction to the farm

9:45 Does how we hoof trim matter? The Science of trim techniques – Gerard Cramer (US)

10:15 Trimmed for trouble: Unintended biomechanical effects in hoof care– Evgenij Telezhenko (SWE)

10:45 How to train calves to become Low-Stress Cows –Pauline García (FR)

11:15 Coffee Break (Catalan breakfast)

12:00 Biosecurity. The role of the hoof trimmer–Loris de Vecchis (ITA)

12:30 Lameness and Epizootic Haemorrhagic Disease: A Critical Connection – Miguel Ángel García Rodríguez (ES)

13:15 Workshops

21:00 Gala dinner at L' Azure hotel

BUSES DEPARTURES

8:00 HOTEL L' AZURE TO MAS BES

19:30 MAS BES TO HOTEL L' AZURE

Lectures from 9:45 am to 12:30 pm have simultaneous translation



Thursday 5, June 2025

WORKSHOPS



- 1** How to train calves to become Low-Stress Cows –
Pauline García (FR)
- 2** Unveiling the secrets of manure- Wim Hessels (NL)
- 3** The Swedish Method- Rebecca Torstensson & Evgenij Telezhenko (SWE)
- 4** Trimming: The good, the bad and the ugly -
Gerard Cramer(US) & Nick Bell (UK)
- 5** The Business Corner: Insights and Strategies for the Hoof
Trimming Industry – Adrián González (ES) & Johnny Miller (UK)
- 6** Welding : Basic knowledge to fix your equipment -
Miguel Erice & Eki González (SP)
- L** Preventive hoof trimming for rookies: review of basic principles
- Richard Touret (POR) & Miguel Ángel Franco (SP)

Friday 6, June 2025

9:00 Managing Hoof Health in Pasture-Based Cattle Farming: A Roundtable Discussion- Juan Cadavid (COL), Nick Bell (UK), Adrián González (SP)

10:00 Tiloma: to cut or not to cut? - Richard Touret, Finca-Pê (POR)

10:30 Does How we hoof trim matter? Setting up a strategic trimming protocol - Gerard Cramer (US)

11:00 Coffee Break (Catalan breakfast)

11:45 How early is early when it comes to lesion detection? - Nick Bell (UK)

12:15 Beyond footbaths: strategies for preventing and controlling digital dermatitis - Laura Solano (US) **ONLINE**

12:45 Practical tips by trimmers for trimmers

13:15–16:00 Lunch & Word Trimming Cup

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II WORLD TRIMMING CUP



In this unique event, hoof trimmers from 18 countries around the world gather to demonstrate their skills and techniques in cow hoof trimming.

It is a true display of talent and passion for bovine trimming, where participants put their precision and speed in handling tools to the test.

Each contestant showcases their expertise, style, and approach to work, offering attendees a valuable opportunity to learn and enhance their own skills.

To all new and future participants, we encourage you to join this edition of the Summer Trimming School.



KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

EVGENIJ TELEZHENKO

RESEARCHER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOSYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY
SWEDISH UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Evgenij Telezhenko is a researcher at the Unit of Animal Environment and Building Function, Department of Biosystems and Technology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. Evgenij received his PhD in Animal Science at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Swedish in 2007 and provided an important contribution to the field by investigating effects of different flooring systems on gait, behaviour, foot health and biomechanics in dairy cattle.

He then held a position as a postdoctoral researcher at the Animal Welfare Program (University of British Columbia, Canada) in 2009–2010. Next, he worked in the dairy industry and then returned to academia in 2017 with new ideas and experience. A recent long-term project led by Evgenij scrutinized various flooring systems in Swedish dairy free-stall barns, focusing on their influence on slipping risk, long-term effects on animal welfare and health, Swedish farmers' motivations for choosing particular flooring designs, and the economic impact of these choices on farming.

He is currently working on research projects that explore various aspects of hoof trimming in cattle and pigs.



GERARD CRAMER

PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY POPULATION MEDICINE (VPM)
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA (US)

Dr. Gerard Cramer has spent his whole life finding ways to work with dairy cows. Prior to joining the University of Minnesota, Gerard spent time running a dairy farm, owning a foot health specific veterinary practice and getting both a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Doctor of Veterinary Science degree from the University of Guelph. Joining the faculty at the University of Minnesota

in 2013, Gerard splits his time between educating veterinary and graduate students and doing foot health related research. Current research projects include evaluating hoof trimming methods, the relationship between ketosis and antimicrobial resistance in hoof trimmers.



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LAURA SOLANO

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON (US)

Laura is an assistant professor in the Food Animal Production section of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. She earned her Veterinary degree from the National University of Costa Rica, her native country, where her family operates a dairy farm. Laura also holds a PhD from the University of Calgary, Canada, where she dedicated 13 years to advancing knowledge and practices in hoof health, comfort, and well-being in dairy cattle. She combines veterinary expertise, applied research, and agricultural extension methods to develop practical, evidence-based tools and programs for producers and the broader industry. In her new role, Laura aims to create applied research and outreach that assist veterinarians, farmers, and employees in addressing management issues on dairy farms within the framework of One Welfare.



NICK BELL

VETERINARY SURGEON AND DIRECTOR OF HERD HEALTH CONSULTANCY (UK)

Nick is an independent herd health veterinary consultant based in south of the UK and Honorary Associate Professor at Nottingham University. He grew up on a small sheep and beef farm and qualified as a vet in 1999. After 3 years as a practising veterinarian, he took on a PhD project at Bristol in 2002 on dairy lameness control programmes, then worked on the Healthy Feet Project in 2007-10. He has been a director of a large animal veterinary practice in Dorset and has 17 years' experience working as a dairy health and welfare consultant.

He is a member of the European Board of Veterinary specialists. He has interests in claw trimming approaches in dairy cows and coaches both professional and on-farm trimmers. He works with both trimming bodies in the UK (NACFT and CHCSB).

He helped establish the UK professional hoof trimming and footcare qualification (the "Level4").



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PAULINE GARCÍA

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR CONSULTANT & ANIMAL WELFARE SPECIALIST,
ETHO DIVERSITÉ (FRANCE)

Is a Salers, Aubrac suckler cow breeder who has been based with her partner since 2015 in the Cantal department of France. She is recognized for her expertise in animal behaviour and commitment to animal welfare.

As an animal behaviourist, Pauline has developed innovative methods to improve human-cattle interactions, thus promoting harmonious and respectful relationships. She shares her knowledge as an animal welfare trainer.

It sensitizes agricultural stakeholders to ethological practices to ensure greater safety and comfort.

At the same time, she is a personal development coach and leads breeders to flourish in their professional and personal lives. Passionate, she works and communicates on social networks (@etho_diversite) for a future where breeding and ethology go hand in hand, inspiring a new generation of breeders by adopting these practices.



REBECCA TORSTENSSON

HOOF TRIMMER, SWEDISH HOOF ASSOCIATION (SWEDEN)

She has been working as a hoof trimmer for five years and attended the Swedish Hoof Trimmer School in 2020. Actively involved in the Swedish Hoof Association, she also examines students from the program.

Since 2021, she has been part of the Swedish research project "The Best Practice" and is committed to sharing this new scientifically validated hoof trimming method.

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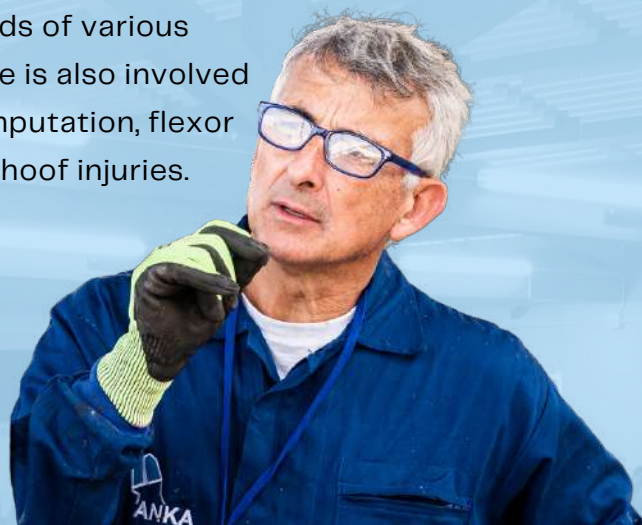
LORIS DE VECCHIS

HOOF TRIMMER AND ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MILAN (ITALY)

Hoof Trimmer and Adjunct Professor at the University of Milan (Italy). Since 1990, he has worked as a practicing veterinarian specializing in the care and prevention of lameness in livestock, primarily in dairy breeds (Friesian and Brown Swiss), but also in breeds of various purposes (Limousin, Chianina, etc.) and buffaloes. He is also involved in the surgical treatment of deep digital injuries (amputation, flexor tendon tenectomy, P2/P3 arthrodesis) and chronic hoof injuries.

He conducts training activities for farmers, livestock technicians, hoof trimmers, and veterinarians on hoof care, lameness prevention, and animal welfare.

He is a Senior Lecturer in Podology and Veterinary Podiatric Surgery at the University of Milan, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences.



WIM HESSELS

DAIRY PRODUCTION NUTRITIONIST - TECHNICAL SERVICES, ZINPRO

Wim Hessels is a nutritionist specializing in dairy production, with extensive experience in the field. Raised on a dairy farm, he holds a degree in Applied Sciences in Agricultural Education from the Higher Agricultural School in the Netherlands.

He currently serves as a Dairy Production Nutritionist within the International Technical Services team at Zinpro.

Prior to this role, Mr. Hessels held positions as Technical Account Manager for Dairy Cattle and Ruminant Consultant. His commitment to dairy nutrition has spanned several decades, establishing him as a highly influential figure within the industry.



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MIGUEL ÁNGEL GARCÍA RODRÍGUEZ

VET & HOOF TRIMMER AT SERVET LEDESMA SLP (SPAIN)

Miguel is a veterinary surgeon based in one of the most important areas for free-range cattle farming. In addition to his clinical work, he has been involved in bovine podiatry for over 20 years. He is also a member of the APPB (Spanish and Portuguese Association of Professional Hoof Trimmers) and a mobility scorer trainer under the RoMS scheme

RICHARD TOURET

VET & HOOF TRIMMER- FINCA-PÈ (PORTUGAL)

Richard Touret is a professional hoof trimmer from Portugal. He graduated from UTAD Vet School in 2002. For 8 years he worked as a clinician for livestock species in various areas of the country.

He specialized in bovine foot health attending various courses and conferences.

In 2010, he acquired an ANKA crush and since then developed a pioneer company in Portugal (Finca-Pé) dedicated to hooftrimming, selling products, advising farms and holding training sessions on hoof care. He is an APPB an RoMS member.



ADRIÁN GONZÁLEZ SAGÜÉS

ANKA FOUNDER - COUNCIL PRESIDENT,
RESEARCH ADVISOR (SPAIN)

Founder and president of ANKA. He is a worldwide well known veterinarian with more than 35 years experience in hoof trimming, training and cow comfort. He is a teacher of the Master Hoof Care of the University of Florida and honour award of the US Secretary of Agriculture for our education program.

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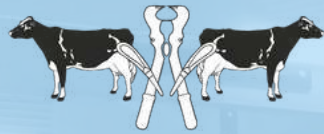


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