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rusted Practices, Innovative Thought,” the 2017 International Hoof-Care Summit theme, celebrates another gathering of farriers and veterinarians in Cincinnati, Ohio, to improve equine footcare.

Our 14th annual event offers unparalleled equine footcare education through 8 General Sessions, 15 Hoof-Care Classrooms, 24 Hoof-Care Roundtables and 18 How-To Clinics. In addition, attendees will have 9.5 uninterrupted hours to spend at the IHCS Trade Show, which will reveal 2017’s new footcare products, as well as those items farriers have come to rely on for reaching and maintaining better hoof health and quality.

Because the sessions draw hundreds of hoof-care practitioners to Cincinnati every year, the networking opportunities provide you with an unequalled opportunity to share ideas with your peers. While at the Summit, you can check notes, discuss topics and learn from other farriers and veterinarians from around the world. Among these are some of the most innovative and forward-thinking footcare professionals of today. 

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
“Registration Time.”
— Duke Energy Convention Center, Second Floor

Pick up Summit materials, including FREE in-depth footcare materials included with registration.

8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
“Enhance Your Practice Through Use Of Nutritional Wellness Tools.”
— Room 211

Farrier Darren Owen of Life Data Labs will deliver this presentation, which will be held twice.

9:00 to 10:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
“Hands-On Footcare Clinic.”
— Room 206

Sponsored by Vettec, these hands-on footcare workshops feature several workstations manned by Vettec clinicians. Take part in or observe these.
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.,
11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
“Managing Equine Joint Health And Understanding Joint Supplements.”
— Room 207

Jessica Normand, SmartPak’s National Director of Equine Health Education, will deliver this presentation, which will be held twice.

1:00 to 1:15 p.m.
“Trusted Practice, Innovative Thought.”
— Rooms 200-205

American Farriers Journal staff will outline proven steps to help you get the highest possible rate of return from your Summit attendance. They’ll also share a motivational presentation to kick off the IHCS.

1:15 to 2:00 p.m.
“How To Affect The Equine Fetlock Joint (Part 1).”
— Rooms 200-205

The fetlock joint is an incredible part of equine anatomy. Lameness that involves this joint is a common challenge for footcare professionals to address. In this presentation, Mitch Taylor, owner and operator of the Kentucky Horseshoeing School in Richmond, Ky., will survey the anatomy of the fetlock joint and surrounding structures.

As Taylor performs the anatomical review, Dr. Jenny Hagen of the Equine Locomotor System and Hoof Orthopaedics at Leipzig University’s Institute of Veterinary Anatomy will present results from a study of the relationship between toe conformation and fetlock joint angle, as well as the effect of different wedges on internal structures associated with the fetlock joint.

These dissections will utilize a close-up camera so all attendees can see on a big screen the subtle anatomical details that Taylor will discuss.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:
Gain insights on how the work you perform can affect the fetlock joint.

2:00 to 2:15 p.m.
“Hallway Networking Opportunities.”

Stretch your legs while sharing footcare ideas with others. Attendees find all of the hallway-networking opportunities alone are well worth the price of attending the Summit.

2:15 to 3:05 p.m.
“How To Affect the Equine Fetlock Joint (Part 2).”
— Rooms 200-205

Mitch Taylor continues with the dissection, while Dr. Jenny Hagen will relate this complex anatomy to the physiological function of the performance horse. Their combined presentation will further reveal how orthopedic device selection affects the function of the fetlock joint.

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3:05 to 3:15 p.m.
“Best Speaker Recognition And Other Awards.”
— Rooms 200-205

Three individuals from last year’s International Hoof-Care Summit will be recognized for their outstanding presentations, as rated by attendees. We’ll also announce other special awards.

3:15-4:05 p.m.
“Malpractice, Defamation And Good Samaritans: 10 Things You Want To Know About The Law As A Farrier.”
— Rooms 200-205

Malpractice is something that professions like doctors have to worry about, right? Wrong! Cleveland, Texas, attorney Jamie Cooper will explain how the unintentional harm that a farrier may cause can land that practitioner in a courtroom.

The attorney and farrier spouse will turn this dry subject into a lively presentation that will both inform and entertain.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: Walk away with advice on protecting yourself from ending up in the courtroom as a defendant in a malpractice case.

4:15 to 5:30 p.m.
“6 ‘How-To’ Hoof-Care Product Knowledge Clinics.”

Select three of these 20-minute, sessions to attend. (Each “How-To” session will be held 3 times during this time block.)

1. 4 Solid Modifications To Use With Keg Shoes.
— Rooms 200-205
Bob Smith, Pacific Coast Horseshoeing School

— Room 206
Larkin Greene, Vettec

— Room 207
Danvers Child and Jessica Normand, SmartPak

4. Therapeutic Uses For Copper Alloy Shoes.
— Room 208
Esco Buff, Kawell

5. Equine Nutrition Advice For Your Owners.
— Room 211
Darren Owen and Mike Barker, Life Data Labs

6. Key Elements For Writing About Your Hoof-Care Work.
— Room 212
Jeff Cota, American Farriers Journal

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
“Dinner On Your Own.”

Network with fellow footcare professionals at one of downtown Cincinnati’s many restaurants.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. “8 Informative And Inspiring Hoof-Care Roundtables.”

ALL HOOF-CARE ROUNDTABLES ARE AT THE HILTON NETHERLAND HOTEL. MOST WILL BE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, BUT THREE WILL BE ON THE MEZZANINE LEVEL.
These small group settings (24 held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings) offer a remarkable learning atmosphere for information sharing.

Select one of the following 8 Hoof-Care Roundtables to attend. Topics and moderators are:

1. **Hands-On Anatomy Warm-Ups.**
   - This Roundtable will introduce three upcoming Summit lectures — utilizing anatomy models relevant to specific program topics. Simon Curtis, Peter Day and Brian Hampson will use Horse Science models from Allie Hayes as a “warm-up” to give you a head start on the terminology and anatomy that’s part of later presentations. Attendees will rotate between three tables in 20-minute sessions. *(This session will be repeated at 8:30 p.m. as Hoof-Care Roundtable #9.)*
   - **Rosewood Room**

   **Why You Shouldn’t Miss These:** Pick up new ideas to learn even more about upcoming Summit lectures and assist you in dealing with those problem horses on your client list.

2. **Tackling High-Low Syndrome.**
   - **Rookwood Room**
   
   Doug Anderson, Mt. Airy, Md.

3. **Foot Pathologies — What Does The Hoof Really Tell You About Them?**
   - **Salon H and I**
   
   Steve Kraus, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

4. **Training Your Clients To Recognize Problems Before They Become Huge Problems.**
   - **Salon F and G**
   
   Monique Craig, Paso Robles, Calif.

5. **For New Farriers (Apprentice To Third Year) Only.** *(This session will focus on avoiding mistakes that can ruin a farrier career before it starts.)*
   - **Salon D and E**
   
   Bob Smith, Pacific Coast Horseshoeing School, Plymouth, Calif., and Rachael Kane, Healesville, Australia

6. **The Expectations And Management Of High End Performance Horse Clients.**
   - **Salon F and G**
   
   Dave Farley, Coshocton, Ohio

7. **For New Farriers (Apprentice To Third Year) Only.** *(This session will focus on avoiding mistakes that can ruin a farrier career before it starts.)*
   - **Salon D and E**
   
   Bob Smith, Pacific Coast Horseshoeing School, Plymouth, Calif., and Rachael Kane, Healesville, Australia

8. **How Vets and Farriers Can Best Manage Client Expectations In Laminitic Cases.**
   - **Salon B and C**
   
   Dr. Mike Steward, Shawnee, Okla.

9. **Hands-On Anatomy Warm-Ups.** *(Repeated session, see Hoof-Care Roundtable #1.)*
   - **Rosewood Room**

10. **Changes You Better Make If You Want A Profitable Business.**
    - **Rookwood Room**
    
    Esco Buff, Webster, N.Y.

11. **Trimming The Bars: How Much Do You Take Off And Why?**
    - **Salon H and I**
    
    Darren Owen, Scottsville, Va.

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. **“8 More Engaging Hoof-Care Roundtables.”**

Select another Hoof-Care Roundtable to share what’s working for you, ask questions and learn from other attendees.

12. **Your Legal Responsibilities As AFarrier.**
    - **Caprice 2 and 3**
    
    Jamie Cooper, Cleveland, Texas

13. **Therapeutic Shoeing — Which Shoes For What Conditions?**
    - **Continental Room (On the Mezzanine Level of the Hilton Netherland Hotel)**
    
    Steve Prescott, Raleigh, N.C.

14. **Veterinarian-Farrier Relationships: When And Where Does Professionalism Breakdown?**
    - **Caprice 2 and 3**
    
    Dr. Amy Rucker, Columbia, Mo., and Shane Westman, University of California-Davis, Davis, Calif.

15. **Effectively Managing Long Toe-Underrun Heel Cases.**
    - **Continental Room (On the Mezzanine Level)**
    
    Randy Luikart, Ashland, Ohio
All of Wednesday’s morning and afternoon IHCS educational sessions will be held on the second floor of the Duke Energy Convention Center. The Trade Show is on the third floor.

Most Tuesday and Thursday Roundtables will be held at the Hilton Netherland Hotel on the fourth floor. Roundtables 8, 16 and 24 will be held on the hotel’s mezzanine level.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
“Registration Time.”
— Duke Energy Convention Center,
Second Floor

If you haven’t registered, pick up your guide to the Summit, along with extra gifts from American Farriers Journal and sponsors.

8:00 to 8:05 a.m. “Get The Most Out Of Your Time At The IHCS.”
— Rooms 200-205

Before this morning’s opening general session, learn how to spot the real gems in today’s program. American Farriers Journal staff will outline proven steps to help you select the specific sessions that will be most valuable in furthering your hoof-care education and career.

8:05 to 8:55 a.m.
The Burney Chapman Memorial Lecture, Presented by Life Data Labs —
“The 8 Best Things I Learned From Burney Chapman.”
— Rooms 200-205

This annual lecture is named for Burney Chapman, the late Lubbock, Texas, farrier whose work influenced so many veterinarians and farriers. It has been about 16 years since the Hall Of Fame farrier lost his battle with brain cancer. The generation of farriers who have entered the trade over the subsequent years have heard his name and his work in reintroducing the heart bar shoe, but there was much more to the reach of his innovative work. And what’s also important to remember, Chapman was a profound educator, willing to share his knowledge with all willing to learn.

Coshocton, Ohio, farrier Dave Farley worked with the legendary Lubbock, Texas, shoer and will share some of the insight that he gained from his friend. Farley certainly will touch on the lessons for laminitic horses that Chapman taught him, but will provide important lessons from other areas of farriery that changed his work with horses.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:**
Not only will you gain a greater appreciation of Chapman’s work, but also learn practical advice for your every-day trimming and shoeing work.

8:55 to 9:00 a.m.
“Recognizing Summit Mail-In Forging Exercise Winner.”
— Rooms 200-205

Find out who submitted the best contest shoe (mule shoe). This IHCS contest is sponsored by VICTORY. See the top shoes on display in the AFJ booth during the three Wednesday and Thursday Trade Show sessions.

9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
“Farrier Liability: The View From Inside The Courtroom.”
— Rooms 200-205

Building on her presentation from Tuesday afternoon, Cleveland, Texas, attorney Jamie Cooper will discuss what commonly occurs in malpractice cases once litigation begins.

Wellington, Fla., James Gilchrist is well aware of what happens to a farrier in malpractice cases. He has served as an expert witness in several cases in which footcare practitioners have been accused of malpractice or other legal matters. Together, the duo will lend their keen insight on farriery and law in this informative give-and-take session.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:**
You’ll leave with crucial knowledge on what to expect if you are called as an expert witness or as a defendant in a malpractice case.

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10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. “Trade Show Time.”

Get your first glimpse of all of the new products for 2017 and talk one-on-one with company experts. You also can purchase a lunch by the Trade Show so you can take advantage of this opportunity to meet with and discuss ideas with more than 130 Trade Show exhibitors.

1:15 to 2:15 p.m. “5 Powerful Hoof-Care Classrooms.”

Choose among 5 Hoof-Care Classrooms for specialized footcare learning that fits your exact wants and needs. Send others from your group to other Hoof-Care Classroom sessions to pick up more valuable footcare ideas — then later compare the ideas each of you harvested.

**Hoof-Care Classroom #1**

“Brumbies: What’s New In The Australian Wild Horse Research?” — Rooms 200-205

A few years ago, researcher Brian Hampson presented on Australia’s wild horse, the Brumby. These findings have changed contemporary thinking on the foot health of wild horses.

Following up on this landmark research by the Australian Brumby Research Unit, Hampson will revisit the subject, reviewing what researchers discovered and what the latest work has revealed. The researcher also will outline work on the Brumby related to the animal’s overall health.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:**

Take away key points that will help you better convey the reality of feral horse hoof health and its relation to domesticated riding horses to your clients.

**Hoof-Care Classroom #2**

“Managing Severe White Line Disease.” — Room 206

Although the term “white line disease” is technically incorrect, it remains the go-to description for most practitioners. Nonetheless, farriers and veterinarians will encounter this issue with some frequency. The challenge of addressing the problem has become serious presents many challenges.

Shawnee, Okla., veterinarian Mike Steward will review the pathogenesis in this presentation, and review cases in which the disease was treated. His insight will hammer home how a team approach, skill and knowledge combine to help these horses have their best opportunity to return to their previous level of use.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:**

Gain a thorough knowledge that will help you treat severe white line disease cases in your practice.

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Hoof-Care Classroom #3
“The Influence Of Diagonal Dissociation And Changes In Speed On Trotting Horses.”
— Room 207

Although the trot is described as a diagonal gait, contacts of the diagonal pairs of hooves are not usually perfectly synchronized. Although subtle, the timing dissociation between contacts of each diagonal pair could have consequences on gait dynamics and provide insight into the functional strategies employed.

Dr. Sarah Jane Hobbs, a researcher in equine biomechanics at the University of Central Lancashire, will explore the mechanical effects of different diagonal dissociation patterns when speed was matched between individuals and how these effects link to moderate, natural changes in trotting speed. She’ll show that hind-first diagonal dissociation at contact increases with speed, diagonal dissociation at contact can reduce collision-based energy losses and predominant dissociation patterns will be evident within individuals.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: Be better prepared to discuss the subtle differences in the gait that affect the trotting horse.

Hoof-Care Classroom #4
“Hoof-Care Research: Giving The Farriers Their Due.”
— Room 211

Peter Day has a private footcare practice, but he’s also served as a farrier at the Royal Veterinary College’s Structure and Motion Laboratory. In this role, he has led research projects, and been a valued team member on other projects. Farriers frequently contribute to research elsewhere, but fail to receive acknowledgement. Why is this?

In this presentation, Day will share from his experiences on how to collect sound data and organize these findings to tell a logical story. He’ll show why research doesn’t have to be confined to the halls of academia.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: Learn the essentials for planning, developing and executing research within your work.

Hoof-Care Classroom #5
“SHOEING FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS: Footcare For The Mule.”
— Room 212

The biggest problem confronting a farrier who’s asked to shoe a mule for the first time may very well be fear of the unknown. But once you get past the unknown and misconceptions, the mule can be a rewarding equid to work with, according to Chris Gregory.

The owner of the Heartland Horseshoeing School will review how the mule’s different anatomy and temperament require an adaptation to normal shoeing style. You’ll learn a few of the moves for shaping mule shoes, as well as gain a little understanding into the art of handling a mule.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: Pick up valuable advice on working with mules in your everyday footcare practice.

2:15 to 2:30 p.m.
“Valuable Hallway Networking Time.”

Stretch your legs and share the latest footcare ideas with fellow attendees before this afternoon’s general session gets underway.

2:30 to 2:40 p.m.
“2016 Rising Shoeing Star Awards.”
— Rooms 200-205

This program honors three outstanding students who are earning a living as farriers just 3 years after graduating in
2013 from one of North America’s more than 50 public and private horseshoeing schools. The program’s goal is to promote the importance of continuing footcare education, while encouraging young shoers to develop the talents needed for a successful career.


2:40 to 3:30 p.m.
“Hoof Development: From Fetus to Maturity.”
— Rooms 200-205

Newmarket, England, farrier Simon Curtis has presented remarkable work on the Thoroughbred over the years. In this Summit lecture, he will present how the equine hoof develops, beginning from fetus through to maturity.

As the foot matures, Curtis will share important insight on hoof loading and growth. He’ll use microscopic studies and pressure mat data to deliver essential points to this lecture. This presentation will help bridge the understanding of Curtis’s other talks at the Summit.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:**
Understand how the hoof forms and changes over the lifetime of a horse.

3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
“More Trade Show Footcare Product Time.”

Here’s your second chance to talk over new products and existing product applications with key industry leaders.

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
“American Association Of Professional Farriers/International Association Of Professional Farriers Annual Meeting.”
— Hilton Netherland, Continental Room on the Mezzanine level

All Summit attendees are invited to the AAPF/IAPF’s annual meeting, where you will hear about the group’s previous year and look ahead to 2017-2018.
7:30 a.m to 5:00 p.m.  
“Registration Time.”  
— Duke Energy Convention Center, Second Floor

Pick up Summit materials, including additional gifts.

8:00 to 8:05 a.m.  
“Latest Summit News.”  
— Rooms 200-205

Get the latest International Hoof-Care Summit updates from American Farriers Journal staff members.

8:05 to 8:50 a.m.  
“Are You Considering More Than The Feet When You Trim And Shoe?”  
— Rooms 200-205

Many of the sessions at the Summit touch on the trim or different strategies to shoeing. But it is time to get back to the basics. Are you properly analyzing the horse before and during your work with it? What do you look for in its conformation?

In this presentation, Hall Of Fame farrier Mike Wildenstein will give a detailed presentation on conformation and what farriers should consider regarding the subject. He’ll also discuss other aspects of equine management, such as environment, that play critical roles in hoof and horse health.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: 
You’ll learn key approaches to thoroughly analyze each horse on your books.

8:50 to 9:50 a.m.  
“How Uneven Feet Affect Locomotion.”  
— Rooms 200-205

Left-right symmetrical distal limb conformation can be an important prerequisite for a successful performance, and it is often believed that asymmetric or uneven feet are important enhancing factors for the development of lameness. On a population level, it has been demonstrated that uneven footed horses are retiring earlier from elite level competition, but the biomechanical consequences are not yet known.

In this presentation, University of Central Lancashire biomechanics researcher Sarah Jane Hobbs will compare the functional locomotor asymmetries of horses with uneven feet to those with even feet. Her presentation will reveal fascinating results gained through hoof kinetics and limb kinematics.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: 
Learn how the conformational differences in forefeet affect the horse’s loading characteristics and the links to performance.

10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
“Your Last ‘Tool-Time’ Opportunity — Trade Show Wrap-Up.”

Here’s your final opportunity to check out new footcare products for 2017. Lunch will be available for purchase in the Trade Show area.

1:30 to 1:45 p.m. “Networking Break.”

Take a break after spending time at the Trade Show and share the product knowledge you gained before the next classroom sessions begin.

1:45 to 2:45 p.m.  
“5 More Hoof-Care Classrooms.”

From among 5 Hoof-Care Classrooms, select the one that will have the biggest impact on your footcare practice in 2017.

Hoof-Care Classroom #6  
“Dealing With Hoof Capsule Distortion And Dysfunction.”  
— Rooms 200-205

Hooves are not meant to be symmetrical, but should be free of distortion. Distorted capsules are an indication of abnormal loading, collapse, atrophy or disease.

In this presentation, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital vet Scott Morrison will outline the crucial role that farriers play in detecting these shape changes before they lead to more serious problems. The Hall Of Famer will pull from case histories to show the evolution of conditions that could be addressed sooner than later with proactive farrier involvement.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: 
Gain keen insight on your role in managing feet and detecting changes over your work with horses.
Hoof-Care Classroom #7

“Fluoroscopy: How Can We Learn Through Gait Analysis”
— Room 206

High-speed fluoroscopy kinematography is a novel technique in gait analysis. With the relative newness of this technology, we’re just beginning to scratch the surface on what we can learn.

Leipzig University researcher Jenny Hagen will outline this innovative tool, the methods for using it and link to equine podiatry. She’ll also forecast the possibilities with it, while also keeping everything grounded by outlining the limitations of this tool.

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**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:** Leave with an understanding of this emerging tool and how it will help our understanding of equine locomotion.

### Hoof-Care Classroom #8

“Career And Life Balance: 16 Years Of Lessons ... And There’s Still Work To Do.”

--- Room 207

One of the toughest challenges in the demanding career of farriery is balancing it with your family life. With active kids and a spouse’s career, the difficulties increase.

In this presentation, attorney Jamie Cooper and farrier Matt Cooper will share advice they’ve developed over 16 years of marriage and raising three active daughters. Over that time, they’ve learned more about communication, sacrifice and the need to compromise for the best outcome for a balanced career and home life.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:** Learn successful tactics to prioritize what’s most important in your life.

### Hoof-Care Classroom #9

“Morphometrics Of The Bones Of The Lower Equine Limb And The Relationship To Radiography.”

--- Room 211

A careful study of the shape of the bones of the lower equine limb is important in order to have the best possible understanding when trimming and shoeing the horse. Radiography is the most typically used and powerful tool that the equine practitioner has available to assess the conformation of any individual horse.

In this presentation, hoof researcher Monique Craig will summarize findings on the morphology of the bones and the lower-leg kinematics, and relate this information to aid in the best utilization of radiographs of the equine lower leg.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:** This talk will show you how to best find the axis of rotation of the coffin joint, pastern joint and fetlock joint from both lateral and dorso-palmar radiographs.

### Hoof-Care Classroom #10

“Principles Of Therapeutic Horseshoeing.”

--- Room 212

In the treatment of disease and injury, farriers will often turn to a go-to device. But how accurate is this solution in addressing the principles of good farriery?

Vacaville, Calif., farrier Kirk Adkins will borrow from his more than 40 years as a farrier and 16 years as the staff farrier at the University of California-Davis to deliver the considerations every practitioner should understand before selecting and applying a therapeutic solution.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:** Hone your thought process when dealing with a therapeutic case so that the decisions you make regarding a device work toward the best possible outcome.

2:45 to 3:00 p.m.

“Networking Break.”

Take a few well-deserved minutes to stretch, relax and swap footcare ideas with others before this afternoon’s general session gets underway.

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

“2017 International Halls Of Fame Induction.”

--- Rooms 200-205

The American Farriers Journal staff will introduce inductees into the 2017 International Horseshoeing Hall Of Fame. Come join us at booth 802!
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3:30 to 4:25 p.m.
“The Relationship Between Hoof Deformation And Underrun Heels.”
— Rooms 200-205

Underrun/collapsed heels are a common problem in horses and can cause decreased performance and lameness. Yet little is known about the mechanism behind this condition.

Peter Day of the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) will present research he’s participated within recent years on the subject. In particular, does hoof deformation decrease in feet with underrun heels vs. those that are more “normal.” By using cadaver limbs and diagnostic tools, Day and the RVC team were able to explore how felt with underrun heels show less hoof deformation in the heel region, decreasing the shock-absorbing effect and predisposing the foot to other pathologies.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:
Understanding this relationship can help you determine a principle-based solution for addressing underrun heels.

4:25 to 5:15 p.m.
“How Does Weight-Bearing And Loading Affect Hoof Wall Growth?”
— Rooms 200-205

This lecture will focus on research conducted by farrier Simon Curtis, who documented the amazing changes that take place during the development of the hoof capsule. Joining in this presentation will be Dr. Sarah Jane Hobbs.

At birth, the foal stands within minutes on a foot that is able to fulfill the functions of a mature horse. The hoof capsule undergoes considerable shape change during the first few months. It is believed that foal hoof grows quicker than mature horses, but this has not been recorded until now. This talk will document hoof renewal times and hoof growth rates.

We have not known whether the structure is the same as with a mature horse. A microscopic investigation will show how foals differ from mature horses. Plastic compression of horn has not been measured during hoof growth until this study, which examines this phenomenon.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:
You will take away from this lecture an understanding of the amazing changes that all hooves go through before reaching maturity. The discovery of a previously unreported factor affecting the hoof during its descent may lead you to reevaluate your trimming and shoeing techniques.

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Simon Curtis
Dr. Sarah Jane Hobbs
There are many models of practice for equine hoof care that all claim to produce desirable outcomes for the foot health of horses. These models are based, among other factors, on certain morphological features of the hoof capsule that can be manipulated, the application of a variety of external devices and encouraging wear and new hoof capsule growth in a predictable pattern.

While proponents of various models are confident in their particular methods and claim anecdotal evidence of their successful application, there appears to be little published evidence of the comparison of the effectiveness of methodologies in obtaining morphological changes to the hoof capsule and therefore affecting foot health and function. Pulling from a 12-month study of 22 horses, Australian researcher Brian Hampson will present the findings pulled from four footcare models.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:**
Be better prepared to discuss the efficacy of various trimming theories.

**ALL HOOF-CARE ROUNDTABLES ARE AT THE HILTON NETHERLAND HOTEL. MOST WILL BE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, BUT #24 WILL BE ON THE MEZZANINE LEVEL.**

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
“8 More Powerful Hoof-Care Roundtables.”

This is your opportunity to exchange the latest ideas and proven footcare strategies with fellow farriers. Find answers to your pressing footcare concerns — or become a hero to another farrier by offering solid advice based on your own hoof-care experiences. **Topics and moderators include:**

17. The Value Of Providing Perceived Value
   — Rosewood Room
   Daisy Bicking, Parkesburg, Pa.

   — Rookwood Room
   Danvers Child, Lafayette, Ind.

19. What Does Shoe Wear Tell You?
   — Salon H and I
   Adam Wynbrandt, Sacramento, Calif.

   — Salon F and G
   Tim Cable, Blasdell, N.Y.

21. How To Tell Clients Things They Don’t Want To Hear.
   — Salon D and E
   Cathy Lesperance, Fergus, Ontario

22. Strategies For Chronic Shoe Pullers.
   — Salon B and C
   Dean Mosher, Delaware, Ohio.

23. What Does Movement Tell You About How To Shoe?
   — Caprice 2 and 3
   Doug Anderson, Mt. Airy, Md.

24. How Will Changes In Horse Ownership Affect Farriers’ Ability To Grow Their Businesses?
   — Continental Room (On the Mezzanine Level)
   Dave Richards, Southern Pine, N.C.

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8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
“Final Call — Pick From 5 Highly-Intensive Hoof-Care Classrooms.”

Attend the Hoof-Care Classroom that will have the biggest impact on your 2017 footcare work.

**Hoof-Care Classroom #11**

“The Horse In Motion And How It Relates To Your Trimming And Shoeing.”
— Rooms 200-205

It is crucial for the hoof-care professional to recognize the cause and effect of the work performed on horses’ feet, and how physiology and biomechanics affect that work. In this presentation, Leipzig University researcher Jenny Hagen will survey fundamental knowledge about the biomechanics during the stance phase, scientific studies that examine the initial contact and mid-stance and breakover phases. She’ll provided recent fluoroscopic studies that will illustrate the effect of trimming and shoeing on the foot at these various stages.

*Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:* You’ll learn how the hoof care you provide for a horse influences and is influenced by the horse’s movement.

**Hoof-Care Classroom #12**

“It’s Not Personal ... It’s Marketing Gold!”
— Room 206

Is it OK, in this day and age, to acknowledge the differences that exist in the experiences of men and women farriers and also realize they are not unique to women? By nature of working in a historically male field, female farriers are disrupting stereotypical norms, and can encounter challenges to attaining success that men do not. However, being a minority has some advantages too. What’s more, feelings of inadequacy from some aspect is common for both men and women. Don’t take it personally, use it to your advantage.

Building her practice from scratch, Australian farrier Rachael Kane learned the common experiences that she and other farriers can capitalize on points of difference to turn the story to their advantage. These insights would be especially handy for those attendees who are just starting out or feeling...
discouraged and wanting to develop a future plan for business success.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:**
Learn powerful ideas to move beyond stereotypes and “own” your story.

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**Hoof-Care Classroom #13**

SHOEING FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS AND DISCIPLINES:  
“Working With Draft Horses.”  
— Room 207

Mike Wildenstein says that one of the key things in trimming and shoeing a draft or heavy horse’s foot is to remember what’s above it. In this presentation, the New York farrier will pull from decades of experience to review lessons in trimming and shoeing draft horses that will be as equally beneficial to the newbie as seasoned veterans.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:**
Learn trusted approaches to managing these animals’ hooves as part of your footcare practice.

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**Hoof-Care Classroom #14**

“The Farrier’s Role in Addressing Angular Limb Deformities In Foals”  
— Room 211

Every year, thousands of foals are born with or acquire angular limb deformities. Depending on the case, these can range from mild to severe. Vacaville, Calif., shoer Kirk Adkins will pull from his decades of experience in working with foals for this presentation. He’ll instruct on what farriers can — and can’t — influence when working with angular limb deformities. Likewise, if veterinary surgery is involved, what should the farrier be prepared to do post-surgery?

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:**
Learn tactics to help treat the angular limb deformities.

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All of Friday’s morning and afternoon IHCS educational sessions will be held on the second floor of the Duke Energy Convention Center. No educational events will be held at the Hilton Netherland Hotel on this day.
limb deformities you may encounter with foals.

Hoof-Care Classroom #15

“Be Ready To Think Outside The Box.”
— Room 212

When Culpepper, Va., farrier Dave Giza met Achilles, he knew the horse was in bad shape. Rescued from slaughter at the New Holland auctions, the likely outcome would be humane euthanasia.

But taking a different approach, Giza credits the fundamental skills he developed as a farrier along with new thinking on the resources available to help horses. Today, the horse is alive and well. This isn’t a simple case study, but instead is a lesson on how using creative thinking in therapeutic cases can make the difference.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:
Gain insight on the thought pattern for analyzing tough cases and how you might apply different approaches to conventional thinking.

9:00 to 9:20 a.m. “Networking Break.”
Talk with other attendees and share some points you picked up from the hoof-care classroom you just attended.

9:20 to 10:10 a.m. “Considerations For Shoeing The Caudal Aspects Of The Foot.”
— Rooms 200-205

The front half of the foot gets much of the attention in various shoeing protocols, but what about the landmarks and structures toward the back half?

In this presentation, Lafayette, Ind., farrier Danvers Child will illustrate how this area where the bony attachment ends is where things begin to collapse and provide various issues for farriers to manage. Furthermore, to properly address these issues, are we adequately discussing what is actually happening?

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:
Walk away with a fresh perspective on issues facing this anatomy and ideas on managing them.

10:10 to 11:00 a.m.
The Better Practices, Better Results Lecture, Presented by Kinetic Vet:
“Shoeing Strategies — Covering ‘Normal’ Through Pathologies.”
— Rooms 200-205

Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital vet Scott Morrison has been in practice for about 25 years. In that time, he’s earned keen insight on footcare strategies to work based on addressing principles of footcare.

In this fast-paced session, he’ll run through shoeing the normal horse to dealing with many pathology types. Spending just a couple minutes per topic, the Hall Of Famer will briefly discuss the origin of a problem and the dos and don’ts when managing it.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:
Leave with many take home tips on various podiatry conditions that will help you in your practice.

11:00 to 11:50 a.m.
“How Should We Apply The Findings On Hoof Growth And Hoof Compression To Our Farrier Work?”
— Rooms 200-205

Simon Curtis’s research shows that the hoof compresses during its descent of the hoof wall after generation at the coronary band triggered our further study into regional loading. This work indicates that uneven loading affected hoof compression and hoof growth. This talk will investigate current techniques used by farriers and discuss how we might further use this knowledge.
beneficially. Significant changes in loading will be demonstrated in a short series of quasi-static pressure mat experiments on mature horses.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:** This knowledge means that farriers could develop strategies to delay and halt detrimental hoof distortion and may be able to use trimming and shoeing techniques to reverse changes to hoof shape.

### 11:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
**Summit Friday Lunchtime Panel,**
**Presented By Delta Mustad Hoofcare Center — “Focusing On The Hinds.”**
— Rooms 200-205

Various issues affect hind foot and limb form and function. Management of these challenges force farriers to re-examine what they do and become creative with their approaches.

**For this Lunchtime Panel,**
our members will bring up specific issues they deal with and provide their thinking for overcoming what they are presented with.

**The panel includes:**
- Grant Moon, Rugeley, England
- Peter Day, Royal Veterinary College, Hetherford, England
- Kirk Adkins, Vacaville, Calif.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:** This session will give you insight for effectively managing some issues related to the hinds.

### 1:30 to 2:20 p.m.
**“The True Wild Horse: Physiology, Foot Morphology And Health In Przewalski’s Horses.”**
— Rooms 200-205

Recent research by Brian Hampson and others suggests that the feral horses of Australia and New Zealand have similar hoof pathologies to their domesticated relatives. Now, he has turned his attention to the Przewalski’s horse. This study investigated the foot morphology and foot health in a subpopulation of Przewalski’s horses roaming freely in the largest Central European steppe area. The Przewalski’s horse, also known as Mongolian wild horse or Takhi, is the only surviving wild relative of the domestic horse.

**Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:** You’ll leave with further insight on environment affects the horse overall and foot health.
30 Minutes To Prolong Your Career And Life

Burton, Texas, farrier Shon Callahan doesn’t just shoe horses — he’s also a licensed certified personal trainer. Over the years, he has honed his workout to improve his overall health and specifically target the fitness required to be a practicing farrier.

At the International Hoof-Care Summit, Callahan will hold two fitness sessions in which he will demonstrate exercises for attendees. He will also be available to answer questions. Investing time in these 30-minute early morning sessions will give you the tools to add longevity to your career. These are held in the morning so you can fit them in before the general sessions and classrooms begin at the Duke Energy Center.

These free sessions will be held in the Hilton Netherland Hotel on the 4th Floor in the Rosewood Room. Each session will cover the same material, but all are welcome to attend both.

• Session 1: Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00-7:30 a.m.
• Session 2: Friday, January 27 at 7:00-7:30 a.m.

2:20 to 3:10 p.m.
How To Enhance Soundness And Healing In Laminitic Cases Using The Steward Clog.” — Rooms 200-205

The wooden shoe, or known as the Steward clog, has become a popular device for addressing laminitis. In this presentation, the device’s innovator will focus on using it to treat cases of unilateral palmar laminitis. Shawnee, Okla., vet Mike Steward will discuss its use in a different/modified technique to load the unaffected wall in horses with marked unilateral displacement of the distal phalanx. Additionally, the wooden shoe used represents further development of the shoe as originally described. He’ll address the method of applying these shoes for the best outcome.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: You’ll leave with another tool to add to your box when dealing with laminitic cases.

3:10 to 3:25 p.m. Closing Remarks — Rooms 200-205

Bob Smith will close the 14th annual International Hoof-Care Summit with an inspirational talk that will fire you up to head home and use the knowledge you’ve gained.

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