



**ESPHM**

**EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM  
OF PORCINE HEALTH MANAGEMENT**

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**Full name:** European Symposium of Porcine Health Management

**Abbreviation:** ESPHM

**Website:** changing from year to year; this time [www.esphm2015.org](http://www.esphm2015.org)

**Description:** The first ESPHM was organized by the ECPHM in 2009 in Copenhagen (Denmark). Subsequent meetings were organized in Hannover (Germany) in 2010 and Helsinki (Finland) in 2011. After the creation of the European Association of Porcine Health Management (EAPHM) in 2010, the following symposia were organized in a three-party fashion, involving the EAPHM, the ECPHM and the local organizers. By means of this organizational formula, the ESPHM has been held so far in Bruges (Belgium), Edinburgh (United Kingdom) and Sorrento (Italy), in 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively. Therefore, the symposium is being consolidated, and the 7<sup>th</sup> edition will be held in 2015 in Nantes (France). Moreover, consolidation is not just a matter of a yearly organization but also on an increasing number of delegates, reaching the maximum number of around 1500 attendants last year.

The ESPHM is the expression of a long-standing need at a European level. The lack of a continental swine veterinarian congress like in North-America (American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting) and Asia (Asian Pig Veterinary Society), prompted first the ECPHM and then the EAPHM to organize a yearly meeting devoted to all subjects of porcine health management. The symposium philosophy consist of mounting a sound program, with cutting-edge scientific-technical knowledge, practically oriented, which is able to catch the attention of swine veterinarians all over Europe, but with full international vocation. The symposium's content includes invited lectures, initiating always with the state-of-the-art swine production in the organizing country, as well as oral communications and posters.

Importantly, the ESPHM is an excellent platform for introducing the ECPHM Residents into the scientific world, by presenting their studies (Resident oral communication session) and participating in the College activities organized around the symposium (i.e., Resident workshop, examination). In addition, the ESPHM must serve as a vehicle for potentiating networking among pig veterinary professionals all around Europe, and emphasize the global character of a borderless profession.

Also, Annual General Meetings of both EAPHM and ECPHM are organized within the program of the symposium, and facilitate that the critical masses of both organizations can joint together once a year.