

Great success of the 3rd International Symposium UNAM-Banfield-MARS on Continuing Education in Veterinary Medicine

With a packed auditorium on the 9th and 10th of November this year, the 3rd. International Symposium UNAM-BANFIELD-MARS was held at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Attended by nearly 600 Veterinarians, this event surpassed all previous editions. The original home of this event was the auditorium of the college of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science of the UNAM, but the great reception by the Veterinary community forced to hold the Symposium in a larger auditorium with greater capacity.

The opening ceremony was led by Dra. Maria Elena Trujillo Dean of the Veterinary College at the UNAM, and Dr. Luis Fernando Vazquez-Rojas Carrillo Director of International Development of Banfield and the representative of the group Mars Pet Care, Dr. Roman Delgado.

Banfield Pet Hospital and the Department of Continuing Education of the college of Veterinary Medicine of the UNAM took the lead in organizing the event.

This international symposium UNAM BANFIELD MARS is carried out within the framework of the strategic agreement between Mars Petcare and the UNAM. This relationship includes, among other things, the UNAM-Banfield Veterinary Teaching Hospital on campus and this symposium which is dedicated to offer continuous education programs to strengthening the veterinary profession in Mexico.

Thanks to the great support of Mars Pet Care (including Banfield pet Hospital, Eukanuba, Pedigree, Royal Canin) and other sponsors committed to the veterinary profession such as IDEXX-Maico and Holland Animal Health, as well as the great support from the veterinary college, it was possible to have the means to provide a high quality program.

The scientific program offered about 20 hours of Continuing Education of excellence with the presence of world-renowned speakers from American universities and the UNAM, such as the urologist Dr. David Polzin (nephrologist at the University of Minnesota), the veterinary gastroenterologist Michael Willard (Texas A & M University), Denis DeNicola clinical pathologist at IDEXX and the emergency medicine experts Dr. Luis Tello and Dr. Pedro Mora Ramirez of Banfield USA and Mexico respectively.

The sponsor companies offered participants great medical education as well as other benefits such as food and high quality fully illustrated proceedings in Spanish, and Books in Spanish on Gastroenterology on dogs and cats authored by Michael Willard and the Banfield Anesthesia and pain control manual.

The joint effort of the UNAM and the sponsor companies aims to strengthen the veterinary profession and allow pets to have healthier, happier and longer lives.

