



BRITISH VETERINARY POULTRY ASSOCIATION

**Spring Meeting 2026
March 26-27**

Poultry Viral Diseases

**Double Tree by Hilton, Harrogate Majestic Hotel & Spa,
Ripon Rd, Harrogate HG1 2HU**

THURSDAY, 26th March 2026 – Session: 11:00AM – 5:00PM		
10:30	Welcome Tea and Coffee	
Time	Presenter(s)	Title
10.50	Charlotte Commins <i>BVPA President</i>	Welcome and opening remarks
11:00	Matthieu Pinson	Recent Developments in Duck Production in France: The New HPAI Crisis and Other Emerging Issues The Keith Gooderham Waterfowl Lecture
12:00	Andrew Walker <i>Slate Hall Veterinary Practice</i>	UK chicken viral infections: past, present and future perspectives
12:30	Lunch Break	
1.30	Carlotta De Luca	Inclusion body hepatitis in chickens: pathogenesis to vaccination
2:00	Ganapathy, Kannan <i>University of Liverpool</i>	Infectious bronchitis virus: overview on vaccine and vaccination strategies
2:30	Stefka Meyer <i>Maple Leaf Farms</i>	Common duck viral diseases: prevention through better management, biosecurity, diagnosis and vaccination
3:00	Laszlo Korosi <i>Veterinarian Hungary</i>	Avian metapneumovirus in chickens: clinical experiences and case studies
3:30	Tea/Coffee Break	

Please contact the BVPA meeting secretary at gana@liverpool.ac.uk if you wish to present a scientific or technical talk at a future meeting

Thanksgiving honorary members		
4:00	Kenton Hazel <i>Aviagen</i>	Viral disease challenges in turkeys
4.30	Rob Williams <i>BVA President</i>	A Reformed Veterinary Surgeons Act: what you need to know
5:00	Announcements & Close	
5:10	BVPA Annual General Meeting – members only	
8:00	BVPA 2026 SPRING MEETING DINNER After Dinner Speaker: Rob Williams	

FRIDAY, 27th March 2026 – Session: 9:00AM – 12 NOON		
Time	Presenter(s)	Title
9:00	Sudhakar Bhandare <i>Nottingham University</i>	Development of phage biocontrol and bio-sanitisers to reduce the spread of AMR foodborne pathogens in the poultry food chain.
9:30	Dario Zammerini <i>IDEXX Laboratories</i>	Modern poultry diagnostics: integrating new technologies with modern approaches to ELISA and PCR
10:00	Emily Herschell Kelly <i>University of Liverpool</i>	Prospective investigation of infection dynamics, immunity and productivity in UK commercial free-range layer flocks: preliminary findings
10.30	Tea/Coffee Break	
Clinical presentations		
11.00	Alistair Chilcott & Kath Gillett <i>Poultry Health Services</i> & Laura Bower Booth <i>APHA</i>	Two suspect vaccine-induced Avian encephalomyelitis cases in broiler chicks
11.30	Tom Dutton <i>Elanco Animal Health</i>	Viral disease risks when rearing poultry for captive raptor diets'
11:45	Emma King <i>Howells Veterinary Services Ltd</i>	BVPA Bursary for Poultry CPD: an introduction and some inspiration
12:00	Announcements, end of meeting and closing remarks	