The 9th World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology began on October 21st 2020, launching both a virtual commercial exhibition and conference composed of nine symposiums. On October 22nd, the scientific program was underway providing more than 100 hours of training in dermatology. The conference will remain available online for six months, that is until April 2021.

The pandemic situation prevented the event from being held in person at the Sydney Congress Centre. Still, it has allowed the entire veterinary community to have the opportunity to attend this World Veterinary Dermatology Congress with access to extensive and complete training in veterinary dermatology and the latest advances and research in this discipline.

The Sydney spirit is present when delegates access the event through the doors of the Sydney Congress Center, with views of the bay and the opera house. Once at the venue, you can choose to go to the Auditorium, Exhibition, or the poster room. You can even watch the opening ceremony with fireworks.

Throughout the next six months of the congress LABOKLIN will be bringing you news from the event.

We begin with a summary of the contents that you can find in the nine symposiums on offer:

- Vector borne diseases including Heartworm, Babesiosis, Leishmaniosis, Borreliosis and tick borne rickettsial diseases.
- Pathobiology and treatment of allergic skin disease
- Adverse food reactions
- Nutrition in atopic dermatitis
- Meeting owners expectations: how to improve communication with the owner of our patients
- Canine otitis externa
- Cushing disease
- Tigilanol Tiglate a new treatment for mast cell tumours
- Human allergy to cats

This is just the appetizer from the scientific program, more information is available at <u>https://wcvd-9.com/</u>

In the **Exhibition**, you will find stands from the leading dermatology companies including **LABOKLIN-BattLab**, our clinical laboratory with its dedicated dermatology and allergy department. Visit us to find exciting information and materials for your work in dermatology.

LABOKLIN are also participating in this year's World Congress. We are presenting four research papers on allergy in a poster format that you can download when visiting the corresponding poster room.

- Prevalence of immunoglobulin E (IgE) against cross-reactive carbohydrate determinants (CCD) and impact of CCD blocking in serum from cats
- Prevalence of horses suspect of atopic dermatitis could be higher than that of insect bite hypersensitivity
- Prevalence of high levels of specific IgE against mites in dogs and cats from non-Mediterranean Europe
- Prevalence of high levels of specific IgE against pollens in dogs and cats from non-Mediterranean Europe