The conference will be held in conjunction with the Trauma, Critical Care & Acute Care Surgery Conference (March 23-25). While the target audience is DACVECCs, ACVECC residents, Emergency clinicians, allied specialists (ACVS, ACVAA, ACVO, ACVIM-neurology, ACVR, ACVSMR) and ECC technicians, all are encouraged to attend. This message will be posted to the ACVECC list, and sent to ACVECC residents-in-training. Feel free to circulate to others!

Tentative schedule:

**Saturday March 21st, 12-6pm:** VetCOT subcommittees and Veterinary Trauma Center (VTC) leads meetings – all welcome!

Topics to be covered include updates on the status of the trauma registry, plans for a veterinary advanced trauma life-support training course, review of the identification and verification process for VTCs, and updates from the VTC members.

**Sunday 8a-5p:** Year in Review – veterinary literature; Year in Review – human literature, trauma abstracts, M&M rounds, summary of registry data, brainstorming on the use of registry data for research projects, and discussion around methods to improve trauma patient care.

1. Hotel registration and flight arrangements can be made through the [Trauma, Critical Care & Acute Care Surgery website](#) (the recommendation is to book early, as the rooms do fill).

2. Registration fee: $125 DVMs, $50 technicians/residents; a link for registration will be shared shortly!

More details will follow soon. We wanted to get the word out so that potential attendees could make travel arrangements. A call for abstracts is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hall ([wilke022@umn.edu](mailto:wilke022@umn.edu)) or Claire Sharp ([Claire.Sharp@tufts.edu](mailto:Claire.Sharp@tufts.edu)).
Small Animal Resident and General Abstracts

The ACVECC VetCOT is soliciting abstracts for the inaugural Veterinary Trauma & Critical Care Symposium to be held in Las Vegas in March 2015.

Abstracts should represent original research not yet published or presented elsewhere and not to be published or presented prior to the 2015 Veterinary Trauma & Critical Care Symposium.

Deadline for abstract submission is 11.59pm (EST), Monday February 23rd, 2015.

Authors of successful abstracts will be notified via email by Monday March 2nd 2015 (or sooner).

Each presentation will be 12 minutes in length followed by a 3 minute discussion. Abstracts not accepted for oral presentation may be given the option to be presented as posters.

Authors of accepted abstracts must register for the veterinary trauma meeting; registration is not complimentary.

For questions, please contact Claire Sharp at Claire.sharp@tufts.edu.

Specific instructions are as follows:

1. The abstract should be 250 words or less, not including title, author names and affiliations.
2. Document formatting should be as follows:
   • Abstracts should be created in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format
   • Single-spaced typed using Times New Roman 10-point font
   • All page margins should be set at 1” (2.54cm)
   • Do not justify the right margin
3. The abstract must be organized in the structured format using the following subheadings in bold type: Introduction, Objective(s), Methods, Results, Conclusion.
   • Subheadings should be bolded and followed by a colon
4. No tables, figures, footnotes or bibliography should be included
5. Embedded symbols or formatting should not be used
   • Use words to spell out symbols
6. Title:
   • The entire titled must be bolded, capitalized (ie. In upper case letters), single-spaced and centered
   • Should be brief, clear and informative
7. Author(s) names:
   - Should be flush left
   - Immediately beneath the title
   - Should appear as last name followed by first and middle initials, with no space between the initials (eg. Sharp CR)
   - Do not list degrees or other titles
   - Presenter should be underlined

8. Author affiliations:
   - Institution / practice affiliation (department/section/school and institution/practice name) and address (city, state and country only) should be flush left immediately under the author(s)
   - If authors are from more than one institution / practice, use numerical superscripts after each name and place the appropriate number before each institution

9. Body of the abstract:
   - Begin 2 lines beneath the address line.

Abstract submission:

Please submit the abstract as an email attachment (Microsoft Word file format) to Claire.sharp@tufts.edu. In your cover email please include the statement “All authors have read the attached abstract and agree to its submission for presentation at the 2015 Veterinary Trauma and Critical Care Symposium.” The cover letter should also state whether the author is willing to present the abstract as a poster if not accepted for oral presentation.

If you are an approved ACVECC resident or veterinary student, please indicate so in your cover e-mail and provide your mentor’s name and email address (for residents this is your official DACVECC mentor).