

Dorothy Havemeyer Foundation Equine Ophthalmology Workshop
April 1 & 2, 2011
Marriott West Palm Beach, Florida

The second Havemeyer Workshop dedicated to Equine Ophthalmology was held on April 1 and 2, 2011 in West Palm Beach Florida. The 2011 Workshop was a follow-up to the very successful, first Havemeyer Equine Ophthalmology workshop that was held in April 2009 in Lexington, Kentucky. The 2011 workshop consisted of 10 scientific abstracts and 14 case discussions, two "state of the art" invited lectures from members of the International Equine Ophthalmology Consortium (IEOC), and a keynote lecture by Dr. Ernest Bailey, of the Gluck Equine Center at the University of Kentucky. There were 67 attendees, including 20 international attendees. Veterinary students, interns, ophthalmology residents, equine practitioners, university professors, and equine researchers were all amongst the workshop attendees, providing a diverse and interesting group.

The Workshop began with a welcome reception at the West Palm Beach Marriott on the evening of Thursday, March 31, 2011. On Friday, April 1, scientific abstracts were presented on eyelid surgery, squamous cell carcinoma, equine herpes virus, and fungal keratitis. The abstracts were followed by a state of the art lecture on practical equine clinical ophthalmology by Drs. Andy Matthews, Dr. Claire Latimer, and Dr. Susan Keil. In the afternoon, the entire group participated in the discussion of case presentations on orbital disease, periocular neoplasia, and unusual corneal disorders. On Saturday, April 2, we had scientific abstracts on corneal surgery, glaucoma, and ocular drug delivery, followed by an in-depth lecture on equine genetics by Dr. Ernest Bailey. In the afternoon, we had additional case presentations and discussions on ocular parasites, glaucoma, cataract surgery, and outcomes of various corneal surgical procedures. We also had an excellent state of the art lecture on equine congenital stationary night blindness by Dr. Lynne Sandmeyer.

On Saturday evening, we had the pleasure of having dinner at the Palm Beach International Equine Center and watched the Hunter Jumper Classic of the Winter Equine Festival. It was an enjoyable way to wrap up the meeting and allowed time to meet with colleagues prior to returning home.

The 2011 Dorothy Havemeyer Foundation Equine Ophthalmology Workshop provided the latest knowledge in equine ophthalmology. This small and intimate meeting allowed much personal interaction, sharing of information, and the development of collaborations. This meeting, held in the heart of the Florida equine circuit, also allowed the attendee to visit local equine facilities and soak up the South Florida Equine environment. This second equine ophthalmology workshop will continue the development of collaborations and sharing of knowledge to further enhance research and clinical advancements in equine ophthalmology.