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**International Feline Congress**

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**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.****Starts at 14:00 pm. | Location: Online | Cost: free****Registration:**<https://icatcare.org/event/isfm-international-feline-congress/>

**The Purina Institute Symposium.  
Virtual Feline Congress for Vets and Nurses**

The Purina Institute aims to be a leader in science education through sharing relevant scientific findings and groundbreaking research in companion animal nutrition with the global veterinarian community. With this goal, the Purina Institute has organized the **Purina Institute Symposium as part of the FIRST FREE virtual ISFM International Feline Congress for both Vets and Nurses.**

**Part 1 Purina Institute Symposium****8<sup>th</sup> August****A transformational approach to Managing Allergies to Cats**

The Purina Institute looks at how a novel immunological discovery can offer a new approach to a common problem for some cat-owners. Our invited speakers will share with us their perspectives around this novel discovery.

- Session 1. 14:00-14:20** "The impact of cat allergies on the cat and the human-animal bond – *the veterinarian's perspective*" with Dr. Andrew H. Sparkes. BVetMED, PhD, DipECVIM, MANZCS, MRCVS.
- 14:20-14:35** Q&A
- Session 2. 14:35-15:25** "Keep the cat, change the care pathway – a transformational approach to managing Fel d 1, the major cat allergen" with Dr. Ebenezer Satyaraj. PhD.
- 15:25-15:40** Q&A

**Part 2 Purina Institute Symposium****8<sup>th</sup> August**

The Purina Institute looks at how nutrition can make a difference in the hydration of cats. Our invited speakers will share with us their perspectives around this novel discovery.

- Session 3. 15:40-16:00** "Medical benefits associated with a higher water in-take in cats" with Dr. Andrew H. Sparkes. BVetMED, PhD, DipECVIM, MANZCS, MRCVS.
- 16:00-16:15** Q&A
- Session 4. 16:15-16:35** "An Innovative Approach to Hydrating Feline Patients" with Dr. Brian Zanghi. PhD, MS.
- 16:35-16:50** Q&A

**Part 3 Purina in Society - Ashoka Collaboration****8<sup>th</sup> August**

Purina presents with Ashoka, pioneers in the field of social entrepreneurship, our collaboration to harness the mutual positive power of the pet human bond to transform society. Our invited speakers will explain what is social innovation in this particular field and share the journey of one of these projects to reflect on the opportunity for veterinarians to contribute to social impact. In this session, we want to open the discussion on the question: What role can veterinarians play in advancing positive social change through the cat-human bond?

- Session 5. 16:50-17:10** "The pet human-bond through the eyes of social entrepreneurs: *Harnessing a powerful source of innovation to make change happen*" with Arianna de Mario, Director of Strategic Partnerships at Ashoka, MA.
- 17:10-17:25** Q&A
- Session 6. 17:25-17:45** "The Pet-human bond as a step towards inclusive lifestyles: *A reflective Journey from Sri Lanka towards a summit*" with Dr. Nalinika Obeyesekere. DVM, PhD
- 17:45-18:00** Q&A

**Speakers**

Dr. Ebenezer Satyaraj



Dr. Brian Zanghi



Arianna De Mario



Dr. Nalinika Obeyesekere