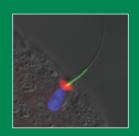
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'Bull Fertility, Theory to Practice' follows on from the hugely successful International Conference on Cow Fertility held in May 2014, the proceedings of which were

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published in Animal, Vol 8 Issue S1 May 2014 (see http://bit.ly/2sT6a8X).

Over the past 80 years most bovine reproductive physiology research has focused on

ways to improve cow fertility. Less emphasis has been placed on male fertility and few

meetings specifically dedicated to the specific subject of bull fertility have taken place;

this conference aims to fill that gap. The conference aspires to be a 'one-stop shop' for

academics, industry professionals and veterinary practitioners with an interest in bull

fertility. The breath of the conference extends from basic new knowledge / technologies

to the field application of this knowledge / technologies – hence the sub-title Theory to

Practice. Leading experts from academia, veterinary practice and industry from around

the globe will discuss the significant developments and challenges facing bull fertility

including male reproductive physiology, nutrition, puberty, to the way genomically-

assisted selection has revolutionised dairy cattle breeding and the role for sexed semen.

Views expressed in all contributions are those of the authors and not those of the society

or partners. The full reviews of invited contributions are published in Animal,

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