



2019

# NoVAS / IVAS BASIC COURSE ON VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE

Sundvollen, Norway and  
Sappee, Finland

Session I: February 20.-24.2019, Sundvollen

Session II: April 24.-28.2019, Sappee

Session III: August 21.-25.2019, Sappee

Session IV: October 9.-13.2019, Sundvollen

Work-shop/mentored internship: November 13.-14.2019,  
Sundvollen

Exams: November 16.-17.2019, Sundvollen

## A Superior Course

- The first comprehensive veterinary acupuncture course in the Western World. Most of the Western World's foremost veterinary acupuncturists, including researchers, teachers, course coordinators and authors, have been certified by IVAS.
- The lecturing faculty have a wide variety of professional backgrounds and clinical acupuncture experience including boarded veterinary specialists, veterinary college faculty, veterinarians who also have completed training and licensing in human acupuncture, licensed human acupuncturists and veterinarians who use acupuncture in the majority of their daily practice.
- IVAS encourages clinical research for greater understanding of this ancient healing art.
- The IVAS educational program continually integrates current, clinically useful information in the art and science of acupuncture.
- Classroom lectures begin with the anatomic, physiologic and historical aspects of acupuncture. As the course progresses, patient assessment and diagnosis from both a clinically Western scientific perspective and traditional Chinese medical theory approach are introduced.
- With a solid background in the varied integration of evidence based medicine (EBM) and traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) acupuncture theory, assessment, and treatment methods, the curriculum provides clinically useful ways to integrate the different approaches of acupuncture into veterinary practice.
- The laboratories teach hands-on palpation skills and acupoint location as well as exposure to different methods of patient assessment and treatment by experienced clinicians with live patients.

This course prepares the student for both the written and practical examinations that are required for IVAS Certification in veterinary acupuncture for both small and large animals. The IVAS Certification has been internationally recognized for over 35 years. The student will be prepared to begin integrating acupuncture into their practice immediately, and will have access to a worldwide network of IVAS certified practitioners.

## Educational Program

The curriculum of the course is not limited to the study of traditional Chinese medicine theory, but also incorporates current scientific acupuncture theory and biomedical science in its application and approach to patient assessment and treatment. A variety of methods of patient examination and treatment are taught and demonstrated. The program prepares the participant for integration of acupuncture into every day clinical practice.

[Western Acupuncture:](#)

Small Animal Acupuncture  
Equine Acupuncture  
Bovine acupuncture  
(Musculoskeletal, Dermatological,  
Gastrointestinal, Immunological,  
Respiratory, Cardiovascular, Neurological,  
Urinary, Endocrinology, Geriatry  
and Reproduction.)  
General Neurophysiology  
and Applied Neurology  
Incorporating Acupuncture  
into Your Practice  
Dealing with Failures  
Electroacupuncture, Laser, Gold wire/gold  
beads

### Traditional Chinese Medicine:

Fundamental Substances  
Zang fu Pathology  
Zang fu Organs  
Causes of Disease  
Special Action Points  
The Circadian Clock  
The Five Phases (Elements)  
The Eight Principles  
Bi and Wei Syndrome  
Empirical Point Use & TCM Applications  
Practical Canine & Equine Laboratories  
TCM, Points; Clinical Applications

### Miscellaneous:

Overview of the course and Chinese  
acupuncture  
History of Acupuncture and discussion (case  
reports, problems etc.)  
Practical Canine and Equine Laboratories  
TCM Case Workup  
16 hours of mentored internship

## The 2019 Norway / Finland Course

- Clinically relevant lectures that provide a foundation of referenced scientific and traditional Chinese medical information and incorporation of that information into patient assessment and treatment.
- Demonstration of acupuncture equipment such as needles, moxa, aquapuncture, electroacupuncture and cold lasers.
- Optional lectures about Chinese herbs, bovine acupuncture, gold wire treatments, research and study techniques.
- Unlike some courses that restrict the student's access to vendors, the NoVAS Course encourages vendors to attend in order to expose the student to acupuncture supplies, equipment and books.
- The course is divided into four sessions of 5 days that include lectures, supervised acupoint location laboratories, live examinations and demonstrations and mock exams.
- Integration of acupuncture into practice is discussed throughout lectures, laboratory and demonstrations.
- 16 hours of mentored internship prior to the certification sessions.
- Online study guides between sessions.

## Who can attend?

This course can be attended by licensed veterinarians and final years' veterinary students. Documentation must be provided.

## The Process:

In order to be IVAS certified (CVA-Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist)) you need to

- 1) attend all 4 sessions,
- 2) pass written and practical examinations,
- 3) submit a log of 10 cases within 6 months of completing the course,
- 4) and one peer-reviewed written case report,
- 5) conclude the 16 hour workshop/mentored internship.

## Course fee:

### The course fee includes:

All conference room expenses; lectures, lecture material, USB Flash drive containing canine and equine acupuncture points; online activities between sessions; three books (Maciocia, Giovanni: *The Foundation of Chinese Medicine 2<sup>nd</sup> ed*, Elsevier 2005, White, Adrian, Cummings, Mike and Filshies, Jacqueline. *An Introduction to Western Medical Acupuncture*. London: Churchill Livingstone Elsevier, 2008 and Xie, Huisheng and Preast, Vanessa. *Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine, Vol. 1: Fundamental Principles*. Reddick, FL: Jing Tank, 2002); examination fees (written and practical), 16 hours work-shop and membership in NoVAS and IVAS through June 30, 2020

The course fee also includes morning and afternoon snack breaks with tea & coffee during lecture or lab intermissions and lunch every course day. There will be social arrangements some nights and one BIG Dinner Party on the last evening of the session 2! This session coincides with NoVAS annual meeting for 2019. This will give you an opportunity to meet "old" and experienced veterinary acupuncture colleagues.

**Please note: The course fee does NOT include travel and lodging expenses.**

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE COURSE IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST ACCEPTED BASIS, WITH FULLY COMPLETED AND PREPAID REGISTRATION (SEE BELOW). ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED. HOWEVER, A MINIMUM OF 20 STUDENTS IS NEEDED TO ARRANGE THE COURSE.

COURSE FEE:  
8.100 €

PAYMENT CONDITIONS (please tick box for which alternative of payment you choose)

ALL: Deposit 1.200 EUR must be paid before December 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 (not refundable)

6.900 EUR rest of fee; must be paid either before January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 *OR*

Split fee: for Sessions I + II and Sessions III + IV (Rest-fee + 5%):

3.620 EUR *pay no later than* January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 and

3.620 EUR *pay no later than* May 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

PLEASE NOTE:

This application will not be processed without a photocopy of your passport main page (with picture) and a copy of your veterinary license.

## Location

Sessions I and IV + Workshops & Exams are held in

Sundvolden Hotell

Norway

[www.sundvolden.no](http://www.sundvolden.no)

Sessions II and III are held in Sappee, Finland

[www.sappee.fi](http://www.sappee.fi)

Lodging and Transport are not included in the course fee!

Students book their own rooms directly from Sundvolden Hotel (mention NoVAS/IVAS Course). Accommodation in Sappee will be organized by course coordinator.

## Students organize their transportation themselves

### “Old” students retaking sessions or exam

If you are an “old” NoVAS/IVAS course student and only want to retake some sessions or parts of them, prices are as follows: 1 session or 3 or more days: 900 EUR; and any 1 day 300 EUR. It includes course notes on a memory stick and possible additional lecture notes. It does not include books, point charts, membership, work shop or exam fees. Work shop-days 250 EUR/ day. If you are only taking the exam, the exam fee is 570 EUR.

Please contact the Course coordinator Netta Tammissalo ([netta.novas@gmail.com](mailto:netta.novas@gmail.com)) for registration.

Also please remember to book your hotels well in advance.

## Refunds

Total paid course fee except 150 EUR will be repaid if cancellation is made before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Total paid course fee except 400 EUR will be repaid if cancellation is made before the 15th January 2019. In force majeure situations, repayment can be discussed separately. No refund will be offered for dropping the course in progress or missing sessions for personal reasons.

In the unlikely event of NoVAS cancelling the course, all your course fee payments will be refunded to you.

## QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Requests for additional information, course curriculum or questions pertaining to registration should be addressed to one of the Course coordinators: Finland: Netta Tammissalo: [netta.novas@gmail.com](mailto:netta.novas@gmail.com), phone +358405227733, Denmark: Kim Samuelsen, e-mail: [mr.kim600@gmail.com](mailto:mr.kim600@gmail.com), phone +4530389222 or Birgitte Langvad: [birgittelangvad@nypost.dk](mailto:birgittelangvad@nypost.dk)

## Notes

All sessions start on Wednesdays at 10 am and finish on Sundays at 3 pm.

Thursdays and Fridays may run from 8 am to 8 pm. Saturdays and Sundays start at 9am; lecture hours on Saturdays varies.

## IMPORTANT!

The following MUST be enclosed with your mailed-in registration:

- 1) A copy of your receipt of the chosen payment (scanned or copied and sent by mail or e-mail)
- 2) A legible copy of your current veterinary license or other document establishing your status as an over 4<sup>th</sup> year student.
- 3) A color passport photograph. (DO NOT send snapshots or personal photos.) The photo is utilized in a participants list distributed to students and lecturers.
- 4) As a condition for accepting the application, the course applicant acknowledges that live animals will be used in this course during acupuncture point location labs and during acupuncture demonstrations by course instructors. Applicant should have their own insurance.

Send registration materials to Netta Tammissalo: [netta.novas@gmail.com](mailto:netta.novas@gmail.com)

(Photocopy or remove and return the two registration pages. Be sure to complete the back page and sign)

## History of NoVAS and IVAS

IVAS is the international “mother” organization of Veterinary Acupuncture. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting excellence in the practice of veterinary acupuncture, as an integral part of the total veterinary health care delivery system. The Society endeavors to establish uniformly high standards of veterinary acupuncture through its educational programs and accreditation examination. IVAS seeks to integrate veterinary acupuncture and the practice of western veterinary science. IVAS was formed and chartered in 1974. It is the only international veterinary acupuncture organization and has members from many countries. Consequently, it serves a networking and communication function. IVAS coordinates veterinary acupuncture activity on this international basis.

NoVAS is the IVAS sub-organization for the Nordic countries; Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. We also have members from Austria and Germany. It is a non-profit organization. NoVAS was founded in 1989.

The basic veterinary acupuncture course taught by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) and Nordic Veterinary Acupuncture Society (NoVAS) has the longest history of a comprehensive study of veterinary acupuncture in the Nordic countries. The curriculum of the course integrates a balanced background of the fundamentals of the scientific basis and application of acupuncture as well as a background in the fundamentals and applications of traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture. The course language is English.

Contact information:

THE INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE SOCIETY (IVAS) [www.ivas.org](http://www.ivas.org)

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Registration papers in separate document →