**Program announcement**

**International Working Dog Conference (IWDC) 1-5 September 2019 Stockholm, SWEDEN: *Speaking a common language***

We are pleased to announce the preliminary program for the 2019 International Working Dog Conference (IWDC) or the International Working Dog Breeding Association (IWDBA). The 2019 meeting will mark the 20th anniversary of these conferences and will take place at the Scandic Intra-City Hotel Upplands Väsby, just outside of Stockholm and a 15 minute taxi ride from Arlanda (ARN) International Airport (<http://scandichotels.visualizer360.com/scandic-infra-city#40533,40628,102.34,6.34> )

The 2019 IWDC has been designed to focus on the rich tradition of using a scientific approach taken with working dogs in Sweden and will occur in cooperation with local government working dog groups.

In addition to plenary lectures by world-renown speakers, the conference will feature invited talks, research talks, an extremely active poster session and inter-active, hands-on sessions each afternoon. There will be both a beginning and advanced training session for using the International Working Dog Registry (IWDR). These interactive afternoon sessions have been designed to specifically address new approaches to issues important to those involved on a day-to-day basis in working dogs (handlers, trainers, managers).

The call for research talks and posters will be appear in December, with detailed instructions. Abstracts for research talks and posters are due ***NO LATER than 1 April 2019***, and presenters will be announced ***1 May 2019***. Instructions will follow. This IWDC will feature a special poster section devoted to those who presenting research that has a commercial arm. *No commercial talks will be included in the daily research talks*.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 20th anniversary of the IWDC in Stockholm, Sweden in September of 2019!

For further information and updates go to <https://iwdc.iwdba.org/>