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## Equine Embryo Transfer

Just right before the new breeding season starts. Get all the knowledge you need to start your own business in equine embryo transfer or fresh up your skills.

For the first time we offer our course in the baltic region in Estonia. Join us for this top event and relax after a long day of wet labs at the spa facilities at the hotel.

Tartu is the culinary heart of Estonia. So you can expect exquisite nordic lunches and dinners.

We look forward to meet you in Tartu

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 Estonian University  
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**Date:** 27. February 2026 - 01. March 2026

**Location** V SpaaHotell OÜ  
Riia 2, Tartu, 51004  
Estonia

Estonian University of Life Sciences  
Equine Clinic  
F. R. Kreutzwaldi 62, Tartu, Estonia

[www.vspahotel.ee](http://www.vspahotel.ee) [loomakliinik.emu.ee](http://loomakliinik.emu.ee)

**Getting here** Tartu (TAY) airport. 2 daily flights by Finnair via Helsinki-Vantaa (HEL)

inbound: AY1045 00:10 - 01:00  
AY1047 13:25 - 14:15  
outbound: AY1046 06:00 - 06:55  
AY1048 14:40 - 15:35

Tallinn (TLL) airport: all major European cities served. approx 2.5 hours drive by car.  
There is a direct coach service operated by Luxexpress (10 Euro) from airport to Tartu.

Luxexpress provides coach service to Tartu from all major cities in Latvia and Lithuania

[www.finnair.com](http://www.finnair.com) [www.luxexpress.eu](http://www.luxexpress.eu)

**Registration fee** early bird (until 31.12.2025): 1421,00 Euro excl. VAT  
regular (from 01. 01.2026): 1590,00 Euro excl. VAT

Includes **3 nights accommodation/breakfast**, coffee breaks, 3 lunches, afternoon tea, 2 dinners, printed handouts

If you prefer not to stay at the conference hotel, the fee will be reduced by 360 Euro.

**Max no of participants** 30 (first come first served)

**Registration** [events.veticon.eu](http://events.veticon.eu)

## 26. Februar 2026

(at the hotel, bar area/restaurant)

from 18:30 Registration and welcome reception with Estonian beer tasting and Estonian specialties (fingerfood)

Thereafter, an informal get-together at the restaurant

## 27. Februar 2026

(hotel conference area Baltic rooms)

- 7-8:30 breakfast at the hotel
- 08:30 Opening remarks
- 08:45 History and future of equine embryo transfer (conventional flush, IVP, IVF, cloning)
- 10:00 From insemination, fertilization to the blastocyst stage. Early embryonic development  
What is the best stage to flush and transfer? How to improve embryo quality and viability
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 Management of the donor mare
- 12:00 Flushing the donor mare
- 12:30 Lunch break (Buffet menu with vegetarian option)
- 13:30 Delayed embryonic development
- 13:45 Embryo handling, packaging, shipping, and washing preparation for direct transfer.
- 14:15 Embryo evaluation
- 14:45 Embryo cryopreservation. Slow freezing vs vitrification. Handling and thawing of frozen embryos
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 Management of the recipient mare (examination, color doppler, etc.)
- 16:30 Transferring fresh embryos, conventional vs Whilsher
- 17:00 Monitoring the (successfully implanted) recipient: Twins, triplets, etc.)
- 17:45 Q&A
- 18:00 End of day one. Possibility to take a walk in the city, chat with colleagues, or use the spa facilities (not included in the registration fee)
- 20:00 Dinner buffet at the hotel

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28. Februar 2026

(hotel conference area Baltic rooms)

- 7 - 8:30 Breakfast at the hotel
- 08:30 Factors affecting recovery and pregnancy rates in the Equine Embryo Transfer Program
- 09:30 Clinical success of transfer of frozen-thawed IVP embryos: How does it compare?
- 10:00 ARTs in equine. Challenges, advantages, and restrictions. What is possible?  
What about animal welfare? How does it impact the genetic variation of certain breeds?
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 Pre-implantation genetic testing of equine embryos
- 12:00 Collapsing embryos
- 12:30 Protocols for using subfertile stallions: sperm selection, single-dose straws for successful inseminations/transfers.
- 13:00 Regulations on equine germplasm shipments
- 13:20 How to successfully implement equine embryo transfer into your practice.
- 13:45 Lunch break
- 15:00 Start of practical wet labs (dividing delegates into 2 groups)
- wet lab No 1:  
Materials and Methods used for ET, different gear, Microscopes, Instruments, automatic freezers, vitrification consumables, etc.
- wet lab No 2:  
case discussion on uterine conformation of mares, embryo quality, etc.
- 16:30 changing groups
- 18:00 transfer to the equine lab to visit the facility with emphasis on regulations, set up, etc.
- 19:30 transfer to the hotel
- 20:00 Dinner at the hotel

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01. March 2026

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7- 8:00	Breakfast at the hotel
08:00	Transfer to the Equine Clinic of the Estonian University of Life Sciences
08:15	Start of 3 parallel wet labs (Delegates will be divided into groups of 10) wet lab 3 Flushing mares, wet lab 4 Transferring embryos wet lab 5 searching, handling, and packaging embryos for fresh transfer
09:45	swapping groups (during swapping, drinks and cookies will be provided)
11:15	swapping groups (during swapping, drinks and cookies will be provided)
12:45	Lunch break at the university
14:00	Continuation of 3 parallel wet labs wet lab 6 slow freezing embryos and thawing slow frozen embryos wet lab 7 vitrifying embryos and warming wet lab 8 post mortem oocyte recovery
15:30	swapping groups (during, swapping drinks and cookies will be provided)
17:00	swapping groups (during swapping, drinks and cookies will be provided)
18:30	End of course
18:45	Transfer back to the hotel Departure
20:00	optional dinner at the hotel for those delegates who will stay for another night

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