



## 39. INTERNATIONAL RACING PIGEON FAIR Dortmund 2026

# 3.FCI Pigeon-Vet-conference

*Friday, 06.02.2026, Dortmund (Germany)*

*Dorint An den Westfalenhallen Dortmund, Lindemannstrasse 88, 44137 Dortmund*

9:00-17:00

6 ATF Stunden / 6 credit points

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<b>9.00</b>	<b>opening</b>
9.10	<b>Gunther Antonissen</b> , European Specialist in Poultry Veterinary Science, Chair of the Poultry Health Sciences Chair, Department of Pathobiology, Pharmacology and Zoological Medicine, Ghent University "Doping in Racing Pigeons: Scientific Foundations and Unresolved Challenges"
10.00 - 10.40	<b>Arno Piontkowski</b> , Federal Association of State Veterinary Officers, sec. Vice President "Pigeons in the german and european veterinary medicinal product law"
11.00	<b>Alessio Bortolami</b> , WOAH/EU and National Reference Laboratory for avian influenza & Newcastle disease, FAO Reference Centre for animal influenza and Newcastle disease, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie - "Pigeon-adapted avian paramyxovirus 1 (PPMV-1) in Europe: a distinct epidemiological problem requiring dedicated control measures in pigeons"
12.00 - 13.00	<b>Christian Grund</b> , Institute of Diagnostic Virology, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI), Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, Riems – "Alternative control strategies of Newcastle Disease in pigeons: a case study."
14.00	<b>Jonas Rose</b> , Neural Basis of Learning, Institute for Cognitive Neuroscience, Department of Psychology, Ruhr-University Bochum "on learning, diligence and the brains of pigeons"
14.30	<b>Daniela Müller</b> , Lawyer, specializing in veterinary medicine, animal professions, and animal husbandry, Bielefeld. Co-founder of the Animal Rights Academy in Bielefeld - "Transport of carrier pigeons – legal requirements, practical pitfalls and the role of TRACES"
15.20 - 15.45	<b>Roel Haesendonck</b> , Head of Microbiology and Birds and Exotic Animals in the veterinary laboratory Zoolyx, Visiting Professor "Salmonella: What's new?"
16.10	<b>Tomasz Stenzel</b> , Department of Poultry Diseases, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn "Evaluation of the correlation between the composition of the gastrointestinal virome and the occurrence of enteropathy in young racing pigeons"
16.30 - 17.00	<b>Dennis Rubbenstroth</b> , Institute of Diagnostic Virology, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI), Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, Riems – "Current knowledge on pigeon-type Rotavirus A (RVA) infection and classical 'young pigeon disease' (YPD)"

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