On behalf of the Faculties of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences of Ghent University, the Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Research (ILVO) and the Organizing Committee we cordially invite you to take part in the Eighth International Symposium on Hormone and Veterinary Drug Residue Analysis to be held in Ghent from 22 to 25 May, 2018.

The 2018 Symposium will attempt to continue the tradition of the meetings held in Ghent (1988, 1990, 1992, 2010 and 2014), in Bruges (1994 and 1998) and in Antwerp (2002 and 2006). It will consist of plenary lectures, presented by invited speakers outstanding in the domain, of contributed papers (20 min communications or posters), and of a technical exhibition of scientific instruments and related products.

As a result of a fair arrangement with the organizing committee of EuroResidue, the other most important conference series in the field, our meetings are organized alternatively every two years.

Attention will also be paid to the socio-cultural program. The town of Ghent is a major cultural, historical, economic and touristic centre, with easy access to other interesting sites in Belgium. The Flemish hospitality is well known to everyone who has been in the region before. It would be a great pleasure to welcome you at our conference in Ghent!

Prof. Lynn Vanhaecke and Dr. Els Daeseleire
Chairs of the organizing committee

TOPICS
The contributed papers (20 min communications or posters) will cover all aspects of drug residue analysis in FOOD, FEED, BIOLOGICAL and ENVIRONMENTAL matrices. More details on the topics will follow in the Announcement and Call for papers.

ABSTRACTS
Scientists wishing to present a paper are invited to submit a 1-page abstract of no more than 200 words before 15 January 2018. More details will be announced later.

REGISTRATION
Registration will be possible online from 1 January 2018:

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* In order to qualify for the student fee you must be a full-time postgraduate student. Please send us a copy of a valid student proof from your University.

This full registration entitles the participant to take part in the welcome reception and social activity on 22 May, the scientific sessions and lunches on 23 and 24 May, the scientific sessions on 25 May, Symposium dinner on 24 May, refreshments during the breaks and a copy of the Book of Abstracts.