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## Director's Letter

Greetings ,

The next **BioTherapy Live!** broadcast will air Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 am PST (12:00 pm New York time). The program, will feature **Dr. Sílvia González Monteiro**, who will discuss larval biotherapy in animals, and **Dr. Janaína Brand Dillmann**, who will share her experience treating injured horses, and her research with resistant bacteria.



Professor Silvia Gonzalez Monteiro graduated with a degree in Veterinary Medicine at the Pontifical Catholic University (PUCRS) of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil in 1992. She received her Master's degree and PhD in Veterinary Parasitology from the Federal Rural University (UFRRJ), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Dr. Monteiro has been a Professor of Veterinary Parasitology at the Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM), Brazil since 2002. She is currently a professor of the postgraduate program in Veterinary Medicine at UFSM, where she supervises and teaches masters and doctoral courses.

Dr. Monteiro is also a coordinator and founder the LAPAVET, a Veterinary Parasitology Laboratory located at UFSM, where she guides undergraduate and graduate students in carrying out tests and parasitological evaluations.

Dr. Monteiro has already published two editions of the book “Parasitologia na Medicina Veterinária” by GEN. She has been actively involved with veterinary biotherapy since 2017 and has created a laboratory that specifically breeds and supplies Calliphorid (blowfly) larvae.

Dr. Janaína Brand Dillmann graduated in Veterinary Medicine at the Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM), Brazil in 1992. She worked with horses during her undergraduate studies. She has a Master's degree (2016-2018) and a PhD (2018-2020) in Animal Health and Reproduction at UFSM. She began her biotherapy studies in 2018, using blow flies clinically to treat horse injuries. Subsequently, she extended her studies into the laboratory, where she tested the safety and efficacy of using a lesser studied blow fly *Lucilia cuprina*.

The Zoom link, for watching live, is below. If you can not participate in the live program, watch the recording on our [Facebook](#) page or our [YouTube](#) channel afterwards.

To join the meeting on Zoom, go to:

<https://uci.zoom.us/j/93862239768?pwd=cXl0K3FtMnJKT1htZ1Q4ZDZEa295dz09>

Meeting ID: 938 6223 9768

Passcode: 504239

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I hope you can join us as we continue our series of visits with maggot therapists from around the world.

*Advancing healthcare through education and research in biotherapy,*



## Human-Animal Interaction

### The next HAI webinar will be:

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Equine Assisted Therapy with Children and Families: Exploring Connection and Attachment

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 MDT

9:00 am - 10:30 am

1.5 CEU credits

Presented by:

Kate Nicoll, LCSW

#### Description

The integration of therapy animals into clinical work often allows families to work on the development of empathic connections in an environment that feels non-judgmental and more natural. This webinar will focus on ways that equine assisted/animal assisted psychotherapy can benefit children and their families by impacting affect regulation, attachment, attunement and affirmation. It will include specific interactive activities that youth and families, together with a psychologist, can do to promote attachment and connection.

To sign up, register at [this site](#).

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## Animal Assisted Interventions Webinar Series

Thu, Apr 6, 2023 MDT  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### Description

Monthly AAI webinar series; upcoming topic to be announced.

To sign up, register at [this site](#).

## Biotherapy Live! (and recorded!)

The next broadcast of Biotherapy Live! will be:

- March 21, 2023: BioTherapy Live! with **Dr. Sílvia González Monteiro** and **Dr. Janaína Brand Dillmann** of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Topic/Title: **Maggot Debridement Therapy in Animals**

To join the meeting on Zoom, go to:

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Want to suggest a topic or speaker? [let us know!](#)

Do you have something to share? A favorite therapist or researcher that you would like us to feature? [let us know!](#)

"Personally, I have always felt that  
the best doctor in the world is the



veterinarian. He can't ask his  
patients what is the matter . . .  
he's just got to know."

Will Rogers

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