

Welcome to DairyCare

Chris Knight and Carlos Pérez Marin

University of Copenhagen, Denmark: chkn@sund.ku.dk

University of Cordoba, Spain: pv2pemac@uco.es

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to this Second DairyCare Conference, and to the warmth and beauty of Andalusia and Cordoba. We shall borrow the words of José Carlos Gómez Villamandos, Rector of the University of Cordoba (UCO):

The UCO is heir to a centuries-old historical and cultural legacy as well as a passion for knowledge, tolerance, international renown and harmony among civilizations that have made the city that houses our institution a paradigm for humanity. This equilibrium and harmony is reflected in the three areas in which the UCO undertakes its activities: Food and Agriculture and Science and Technology; Humanities and the Legal and Social Sciences; and the Health Sciences; each with its own special characteristics. This balance is also manifested in quality teaching and research, ranking it among the top academic institutions in Spain.

Cordoba is indeed a historical city, home to wonderful Moorish architecture and a rich diversity of culture. Sitting in the magnificent Rectorate building, you might be forgiven for thinking the University was founded in 1613, but you would be wrong. That is the *other* University of Cordoba, in Argentina! We are in a new University, chartered in 1972, and acutely aware of modern and future needs and research priorities. The near-by Rabanales Campus is home to Veterinary and Agriculture students, amongst others. COST is all about networking, whether it be Cordoba Andalusia, Cordoba Argentina or Cordoba Vereda, Mexico. So enjoy your visit, and if you would like to spend more time here, remember that DairyCare has funding available for STSM visits

Acknowledgements

This article is based upon work from COST Action FA1308 DairyCare, supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology, www.cost.eu). COST is a funding agency for research and innovation networks. COST Actions help connect research initiatives across Europe and enable scientists to grow their ideas by sharing them with their peers. This boosts their research, career and innovation.