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Mark Your Calendars and Register for the 2022 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium

SYRACUSE, New York - Registration is now open for the 2022 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium: *Promoting dairy cattle welfare and ethics through science and implementation of best practices*. The program will be held on May 18-19, 2022 at the Marriott located in downtown Syracuse, New York. The Dairy Cattle Welfare Council (DCWC), a growing organization formally established in 2016, is hosting the event.

This symposium brings together dairy farmers, veterinarians, consultants, universities, and others in the dairy community. A comment from a past symposium, *"I think it is very rare that we manage to get minds with similar interests from different parts of the food chain together in one room. Made for very thoughtful discussion from different perspectives."* Another participant said, *"Networking, networking, networking. The discussions happening around tables and in the hallways are always one of the most enlightening and useful pieces of the event - which is saying a lot because the level of material presented is typically outstanding!"*

The first keynote speaker will be Dr. Caitlin O'Connell discussing "Animal Social Behavior". Other speakers will include Dr. Jennifer Van Os, Dr. Meghann Pierdon, Mr. Mike Weber, Dr. Saskia Bloemhof, Dr. Noa Roman-Muniz, Ms. Amy te Plate-Church, Dr. Gareth Arnott, Mr. Dan Rice, and Ms. Anne Phillips. The program will also include panel discussions, small and large group discussions, as well as short oral presentations on dairy welfare-related research by graduate students from various universities.

Cost of registration for the full program is \$300 until March 31st. Student registration is \$100 and is limited to 30 students. The two-day program will offer 12 hours of continuing education credits for veterinarians as well as credit from ARPAS, PAACO, and The FARM Program.

The full conference schedule, other details and online registration are available on the symposium's website at <https://dcwcouncil.org/symposium>

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