The equine tarsus and proximal metatarsus has a complex soft tissue anatomy that is often challenging to image. You will spend the morning exploring the pertinent anatomy, imaging and diagnostic blocks. You will discuss clinical cases with the instructors and talk about approaches to treating the equine athlete with clinicians who make a living doing just that. Different conditions are reviewed including: disease processes of the tarsus, key ligament desmopathies/enthesopathies and fractures.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Anatomy: Tarsus and Proximal Plantar Metatarsus (Gross, Radiographic and Ultrasonographic) – Dr. Kurt Selberg

Selected abnormalities of the bone and joint pathologic changes

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  Break

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Continued Anatomy: Tarsus and Proximal Plantar Metatarsus (Gross, Radiographic and Ultrasonographic) – Dr. Roland Thaler

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Case Presentations – Drs. Kurt Selberg and Roland Thaler

Presenting Complaints
Diagnostic Imaging
Treatment and Outcome

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

The afternoon will be spent in an intense exploration of ultrasonographic examination of the tarsus and proximal plantar metatarsus (proximal suspensory ligament) with specific goals. You will alternate between small groups with experienced instructors whose goal is to make sure you achieve your goal of competence in these challenging clinical areas. You will walk away with notes and the personal experience to better diagnose these problems and differentiate between normal and abnormal clinical issues back in your practice.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Ultrasound Technique Demonstrations

Tarsus – Dr. Kurt Selberg (12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Proximal Plantar Metatarsus – Dr. Roland Thaler (1:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Wet Lab (Divided into two groups and rotate between stations)

Tarsus – Dr. Kurt Selberg
Proximal Plantar Metatarsus – Dr. Roland Thaler