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## GET YOUR ENTRY IN FOR THIS YEAR'S EQVALAN DUO THESIS OF THE YEAR

**Nominations are now being sought for this prestigious annual award, sponsored by Merial Animal Health and given by the Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE). Top equine students from the UK and Ireland are encouraged to enter their theses for judging NOW**

Now in its thirteenth year, the Eqvalan Duo Equine Thesis of the Year Award, sponsored by Merial Animal Health, a world-leading innovation-driven animal health company, is given by the Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE) each year to recognise outstanding academic achievement in the equestrian field and to showcase the best academic research to the equestrian industry.

Applications are invited from first degree students on Honours Bachelor's courses from every agricultural and equine university and college in Great Britain and Ireland. The standard and quality of entrants last year was exceptionally high and demonstrated the quality of the UK and Ireland's equine students and all of the hard work that the colleges and universities put in to educate students.

The winner of the 2010 award was Declan Ryan from the University of Limerick with his thesis titled 'Haematological Parameters in Thoroughbred Horses.' After winning the Award he said "I had this competition in the back of my mind from the start. To be selected to represent my college was brilliant, and then to make the finals was a great feeling, but to win is a dream come true." Declan is currently working with racehorse trainer Bruce Hedley in California and hopes to return to Ireland to train National Hunt racehorses.

To submit a thesis, students should contact their equine course tutor or contact Katie Boon at:

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The deadline for submitting theses is Friday 22 July 2011 and the final shortlist will be announced in September.

#### **About RASE**

The Royal Agricultural Society of England, plays a leading role in the development of British agriculture and a vibrant rural economy through the uptake of good science and the promotion of best practice. [www.rase.org.uk](http://www.rase.org.uk)

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