



## *Svenska Polarhundklubbens Avelskonferens - "Hållbar avel för funktion".*

*Presentation av den första av våra föreläsare  
Sergio Maffi  
Leg. veterinär med specialistkompetens inom arbetande hundar.*

**Sergio Maffi** was born in 1960 and lives in northern part of Italy, not far away from the Alps, in Corte Franca (Brescia province). He obtained his degree and qualification in Veterinary Medicine from the State University of Milan in 1987. Since 1988 he has been medical director and owner of a veterinary clinic for dogs and cats, mainly interested in sports and working dog medicine (Sleddog, Canicross, Agility, Coursing, Search and rescue), nutrition and general and orthopedic surgery. In 2010 he also obtained the authorization to work as Veterinary Doctor in Norway and Sweden.

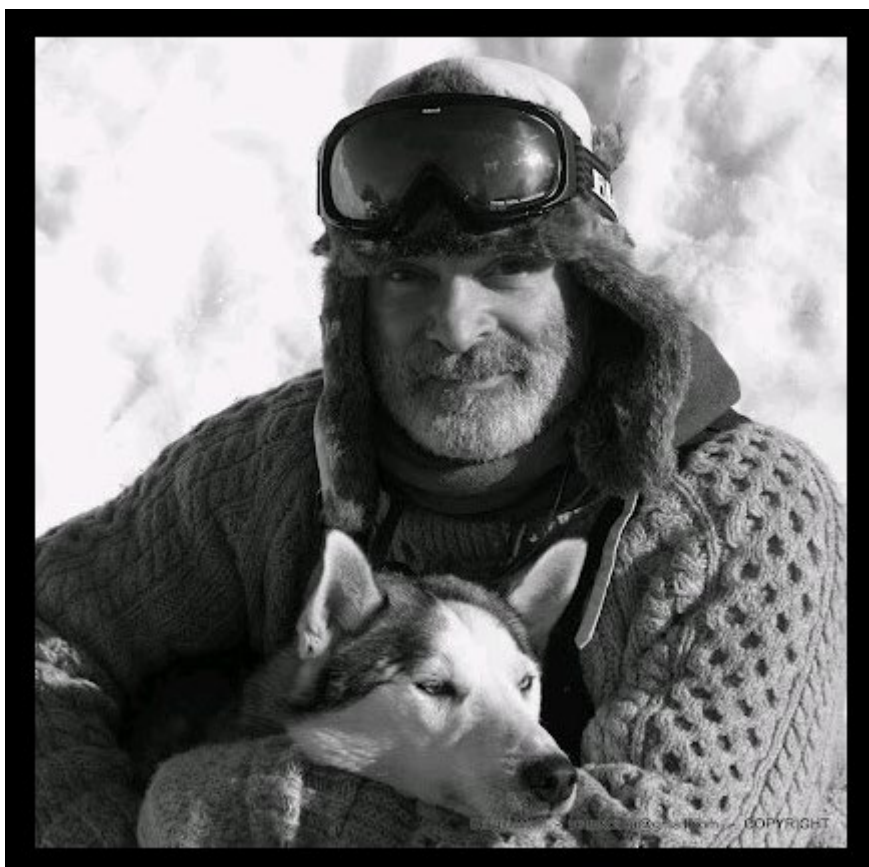
Sergio is a member of the board of directors of I.S.D.V.M.A. (International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association) and founding member of A.I.V.S.e C. (Italian Veterinary Association Sleddog and Canicross), A.Me.S.V.I. (Italian Veterinary Sports Medicine Association) and A.I.M. (Italian Mushers Association).

He has been the only veterinarian of Italian nationality to work as Chief Veterinarian in 3 Scandinavian long-distance sleddog races: Polardistans (since 2010), Vildmarksracet (since 2014) and Bergebyløpet N70 (since 2015).

In the last 16 years Sergio has also worked as Race Veterinarian in other long distance sleddog competitions in North America (Yukon Quest, Race to the sky, Hudson Bay Quest), Norway (12 Finnmarkslopet and 8 Femundlopet), Sweden (4 Amundsenrace and 2 Beaver-Trap Trail) and Spain (3 Soria Unlimited and 3 Spain Long Distance).

Sergio has worked also at sprint and mid-distance competitions, both on snow and dryland, as Chief Veterinarian or Race Veterinarian in several countries (Italy, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland) and he was responsible for the organization of veterinary services in some Italian, European and World Sleddog and Canicross Championships for various federations (IFSS, WSA, FISTC, ICF).

Sergio is a doping Control Officer for IFSS since 2010 and has been speaker, dealing with various topics related to dog sledding activities, in some seminars, webinars, meetings and conferences in Italy, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Russia and Spain. He has also been co-supervisor of doctoral dissertations on dog sledding for 3 students of Milan, Bologna and Brescia University and co-author of scientific papers about body temperature of competing sleddogs evaluated through infrared camera, during a middle-distance race and about veterinarians' sleep deprivation during a long distance sleddog race.



***Sergio Maffi. Hans stora passion är arbetande hundar!***

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med avel i fokus!