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ESVP President's Corner

Dear ESVP Members, dear colleagues, dear friends,

It is my pleasure to introduce this first issue for the year 2024 of our ESVP newsletter. This one is really a Spring issue, as we succeed (thanks to Ivana, Editor in chief, and Guillermo, Editor) to send it to you at the same time as the Japanese cherry trees are blooming ;-)

This publication comes just in time to remind you of several events that the Board of our society is happy to organize with the ECVP Council. Both these bodies are indeed working together more and more in harmony to provide the most valuable educative initiatives to our veterinary pathology community.

These will include new continuing education webinars in continuity of the ones provided on a very regular basis since several months, by the very efficient ECVP-ESVP webinar team.

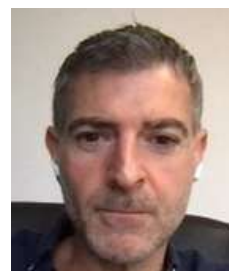
Then the ECVP/ESVP Education Committee will co-organize the 2024 Summer school, in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, from Monday 15 July to Friday 26 July 2024.

Last but not least, the Society and College will co-organize this year our annual Congress with our friendly partner, the European Society of Toxicological Pathology (ESTP) as the 5th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress, at Real Centro Universitario Maria Cristina from August 28th to 31st 2024 in San Lorenzo de El Escorial, close to Madrid, Spain.

As every 3 years, this Cutting Edge congress is special as the conference will be a joint venture between the European Society of Veterinary Pathology, the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology, and the European College of Veterinary Pathologists with an extensive program covering veterinary pathology as well as toxicologic pathology. The meeting will enable both disciplines of pathology to learn from each other's work and we hope it provides opportunities for new collaborative ventures between veterinary and toxicologic pathologists. It will be in addition a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the natural link between our communities.

We are particularly proud that, for all these initiatives, due to the contribution of you all as members of the society, the ESVP can provide energy for helping to the organization of these events and also financial support for helping our young colleagues, residents and PhD Students to attend either the Summer school and/or the Resident day of our Annual Congress, which is in our eyes a significant investment for our future.

I wish you all a fruitful spring and summer period. Looking forward to see you all either virtually during our webinars and/or in Cluj Napoca, and/or in San Lorenzo and/or wherever our paths will cross.



Jérôme Abadie





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ESVP Secretary's Corner

Dear ESVP members, the 2024 congress in the beautiful scenario of San Lorenzo de El Escorial is approaching! The scientific program is in place, with new funny and exciting initiative that will make your stay in San Lorenzo unforgettable. Please give the opportunity to your PhD students and residents to join this amazing event. In addition, remember that as a member of the Society you can register at a special price; so, encourage people who are still not members of ESVP to apply before the end of early bird registration (June 3rd, 2024).

In case you'd like to have fun, and an active role in the big "ESVP/ECVP congress organizing machine", I'm happy to announce an open position as a **councillor of the ESVP Board**.

The councillors are responsible for a variety of tasks, including but not limited to regular homepage updates; welcoming new Society members; maintaining links with national pathology societies and other relevant bodies; selecting and nominating new Board members; and updating the Board on plans for future meetings. All the activities will be assigned, of course, in agreement with you. As a member of the Board, you might also be part of the Scientific committee of future meetings.



The term of office for a councillor is 3 years, with the possibility to be re-elected twice. In addition, whilst you are in the board, and if you like it (and for sure you will) you could have the chance to apply also for other positions (treasurer, secretary and president, of course). Don't miss this great opportunity to have an active role in our community! The **application deadline is July 31st, 2024**. Send your candidature, including a letter of intent, to: secretary@esvp.eu

So, don't be shy, and apply!

I encourage especially new members of the ESVP to become part of the board. Since I've started my "career" in the board, I've not only developed good organization skills (that are also important in my daily job) but also I had the chance to meet and interact, in a friendly environment, with great professionals from all over the Europe (and beyond!) and I had the opportunity to learn from them. Looking forward to seeing you in Madrid!



Elena Riccardi



TASK FORCE FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI)

The DEI task force is thrilled to announce that the upcoming ESVP/ECVP/ESTP annual conference will host a **dedicated DEI session** open to all members. This session is designed to be dynamic, engaging, and inclusive. Instead of following a traditional lecture format, we plan to facilitate an interactive discussion where participants are encouraged to share their insights, experiences, and questions on DEI topics.

But we need your help.

We invite all of you to submit questions you would like to discuss during the session. These questions will shape the direction of our conversation, ensuring that we address the issues that matter most to you. This session is your chance to be heard! In addition, engaging with community members allows all of us to gain new perspectives, learn from shared experiences, and broaden our understanding of DEI topics.

CLICK HERE

to submit your questions by the **31st of May**.





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The **DEI task force** have also launched a survey to gather data from all members. Your responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. Specifically, the survey aims to gather demographic information to enhance our understanding of the diversity within our community and ensure our initiatives are inclusive and responsive of the needs of all members. Your feedback will also offer valuable insights into the level of DEI knowledge within our community and may identify areas where you might want to further explore DEI topics.

Participating in the survey is quick and easy!
[Simply click on this link](#) and take a few moments to complete it.

Let's embark on this learning journey together and create a lasting impact within our organisation and beyond!

DEI task force (Chiara, Daniela, Sarah, Emilian, Erika)



ESVP Bursaries for Residents Day and Summer School

We are most happy to announce that the ESVP will give out bursaries again for residents to attend the Summer School. In addition, this year for the first time, bursaries will be also given to residents that want to attend the Resident Day prior the annual ESVP/ECVP meeting.

The **Summer school of 2024** will be held in Cluj-Napoca from July 15 until July 26. For details on the program please visit the dedicated page on the [ECVP website](#)



Attendees of the 2023 Summer School

Conditions for application:

We have a maximum of 10 bursaries for the registration fee for residents who meet the following criteria

- Fully paid up member of ESVP
- A registered resident or PhD student in the field of veterinary pathology
- Priority will be given to members that did not receive this bursary before (not applicable this year)
- Application via the summer school application route

The **Resident Day** is a pre-congress day scheduled on Wednesday August 28th, in San Lorenzo de El Escorial in Spain. The topic this year is single cell pathology, imaging and general challenges. For full details see the [Congress website](#)

We have 5 bursaries of 200 euro for residents who meet the following criteria:

- Fully paid up member of ESVP
- Registered for the residents day before the money transfer; the resident is paying for the fee and will be reimbursed
- A registered resident or PhD student in the field of veterinary pathology
- The name and contact details of a supervisor are provided
- Priority will be given to members that did not receive this bursary before (not applicable this year)
- Final selection is the prerogative of the ESVP Board.
- Application is possible before **May 10th** via [Elena Riccardi, ESVP secretary](#)

Please share this opportunity with any residents in your network. The junior residents fee for the ESVP is 30 euros and application, when not yet a member, is possible here: [MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

Reinie Dijkman



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CEP Meeting 2024 at San Lorenzo de El Escorial (Madrid, Spain)



Local Organizing Committee

As has been announced on several occasions, the **5th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress** will take place from August 28th to 31st, 2024, in San Lorenzo de El Escorial (Madrid).

This congress is very singular as the conference will be a joint venture among the European Society of Veterinary Pathology (ESVP), the European College of Veterinary Pathologists (ECVP), the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology (ESTP) and the Spanish Society of Veterinary Pathology (Sociedad Española de Anatomía Patológica Veterinaria, SEAPV).

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is composed of members from the Histology and Pathology Unit/Veterinary Pathology Service of the Department of Animal Medicine and Surgery at the Veterinary Faculty of Madrid and the Veterinary Teaching Hospital of the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM).

The congress will host an extensive program of great interest to veterinary pathologists, toxicologic pathologists, residents, postgraduate students and scientists interested in veterinary pathology or toxicopathology.

The main aim of this Cutting Edge Pathology Congress is to provide a forum for colleagues working in toxicology and veterinary pathology in Europe and around the world, to exchange their expertise and future visions.

So, in addition to interesting ESVP/ECVP/ESTP joint plenary lectures, the congress will offer a wide range of updated veterinary pathology and toxicopathology topic sessions, covering diseases in both domestic and non-domestic animals, with special attention to neuropathology.

Engaging interactive workshops and educational sessions will be held, along with poster presentations and oral communications. In this way, we invite you to send your outstanding work and for that you must consider that the deadline for [abstract submission](#) is April 30th, 2024.

5th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress

28 - 31 AUGUST 2024
SAN LORENZO DE EL ESCORIAL (MADRID) SPAIN

Organized under the auspices of the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology www.estp.org
The European Society of Veterinary Pathology & The European College of Veterinary Pathologists www.esvp.eu | www.ecvp.org



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The chosen location for the congress, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, situated in the heart of the Sierra de Guadarrama, is just 50 kilometers from Madrid and is well connected by public transportation to downtown Madrid and to the airport.

This town boasts a unique architectural heritage declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, where the Royal Monastery and Royal Sites (Prince's Little House, Infante's Little House, Houses of Crafts, Historic Gardens, etc.) are located, as well as a privileged natural environment, highlighted by the Abantos Pine Forest and La Herrería Area, a protected natural area located about 2.5 kilometers from the urban core of San Lorenzo.

Likewise, San Lorenzo de El Escorial has an enormous gastronomic and cultural offering, with numerous tapas bars and restaurants where you can savor the world-renowned Spanish cuisine as well as Madrid-style and Castilian dishes.

Additionally, there are charming and cozy terraces to rest and enjoy the sunset over the Madrid mountains. It's a must to visit the Royal Monastery; if you're a member of the teaching staff, bring your ID, the visit will be free!



Royal Monastery of El Escorial

The congress venue is the Real Centro Universitario María Cristina (RCU María Cristina), a private University associated with the Complutense University of Madrid, located in "La Casa de la Compañía", which is part of the Royal Monastery complex. The construction of "La Casa de la Compañía" took place between 1590 and 1597 to accommodate, in a single structure, all the storage, services, and animals of the religious order entrusted with the care and maintenance of the Royal Monastery.

Every year in July, the important and internationally renowned Summer School of the UCM (Cursos de Verano de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid), takes place in this building.

Hence, we believe this congress will provide an excellent opportunity to meet and exchange science and knowledge with pathologist colleagues from across Europe and abroad. And, of course, there will be plenty of opportunities to interact with colleagues and friends, both formally and informally, because the congress also includes a very engaging social program during which you will enjoy a very special welcome reception and a formal congress dinner, followed by a "less formal" dancing party.

We strongly encourage you to attend this great scientific and cultural event held in such an emblematic town, and to book your accommodation as soon as possible, since San Lorenzo de El Escorial, as we have mentioned, is a highly sought-after tourist destination. We look forward to enjoying this event together with you!!!

Best regards,

The Local Organizing Committee

[CONGRESS REGISTRATION HERE](#)

New ESVP Board Member



Prof. Dimitra Psalla
(New) ESVP Councilor

I was born in Athens and graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in the northernmost part of Greece, where I am currently Head of the Laboratory of Pathology.





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I got to know the ESVP in 2002 when the annual meeting was held in Thessaloniki and as a new PhD student I helped my professors with the organization. It was a pleasant experience, which I appreciated at the time mainly because of its social aspect, as I was still very inexperienced scientifically.

Two or three years later, I presented the results of my PhD at the annual ESVP-ECVP meeting, and I remember the stress, but also the satisfaction I felt at the end, because I had presented my work to an expert audience.

At the 2003 meeting I came across the brochure for the 2004 Summer School and when I saw it, I immediately decided to attend and in hindsight I think that was one of the greatest gifts I gave myself. From there I realized that there was an organized way to learn Pathology and found my way to the residency program at the Institute of Animal Pathology in the University of Bern, Switzerland, where I met wonderful people, friends who I consider my teachers, people who became friends for life. In 2022, the annual ESVP-ECVP meeting was organized in Athens and during

the preparation I was in close contact with the ESVP Board and the representatives of the ECVP and the Scientific Committee. The preparation was not easy, as it was the first year after the pandemic that the meeting was to take place face to face. There was enough adversity, but we had a great team working with us and together we always managed to find the best solutions. I admired the commitment of the Scientific Committee, the fresh ideas for the continuous improvement of the conference theme and the desire for the annual meeting to highlight the novelties in the field.

I consider the interaction with colleagues working in other countries very important, and I believe that my participation in the ESVP-ECVP meetings has given me the opportunity to broaden my collaborations and find solutions to scientific issues that concern me. When it was announced in June 2023 that the position of a Councilor on the ESVP Board would become vacant, I applied and wanted to participate and offer myself to maintain and expand the communication of European colleagues.

Future Meeting Congress of the European Veterinary Pathologists in 2025



Welcome to the eagerly anticipated Congress of the European Veterinary Pathologists, taking place in the historic city of **Turin, Italy, in 2025!**

Esteemed colleagues and experts from around the globe will gather in this picturesque Italian city to explore cutting-edge advancements in veterinary pathology.

From innovative diagnostic techniques to groundbreaking research, this congress promises to be a platform for exchanging knowledge, fostering collaborations, and shaping the future of veterinary pathology. Join us as we delve into the forefront of veterinary pathology amidst the cultural richness of Turin, where science and tradition intertwine for an unforgettable experience.



Luca Aresu



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Updates on Webinars

Dear colleagues and friends,

We have already delivered 2 webinars in 2024:

- Roberto Bermúdez Pose on 14 February 2024 on the **Comparative and Functional Anatomy of Fish**
- Taryn A. Donovan and Daniel R. Rissi on 12 March 2024 on **Primary central nervous system neoplasms of dogs and cats: a quick update for diagnostic pathologists**

They were both well received, and we are working towards preparing a second webinar on fish, by popular demand.

Thank you for registering and taking the time to participate in our online continuous education activities. If you did not have a chance to attend the presentations or you want to go back and see the recordings, here is how: after logging in to ESVP website, in the **“members only”** area you can find the **Links & Education Resources** with previous **webinar recordings** and instructions on how to access them.

Stay tuned for invitation to come out for our **next webinar, on April 16th**, presented by Chiara Palmieri and Renee Laufer Amorim with the following title: **Beyond the surface: insights into urinary tract tumors**.

As part of our inclusive collaboration efforts with other societies and colleges, depending on the topic, some webinars were opened to other specialists: clinical pathologists (ESVCP/ECVCP) as well as ESTP and ECVIM members. We plan to continue this initiative to make our society and college more present and visible internationally. If you have a **suggestion about topics** for future webinars, scan the QR code below.



Pompei Bolfa

Upcoming events

Event	Dates	Location
Tumours of the urinary tract	16th April 2024	Webinar
21st ECVP/ESVP Summer School	15th-26th July 2024	Cluj-Napoca, Romania Website
5th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress	28th-31st August 2024	San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain
ESVP-ECVP Annual Meeting	2025	Torino, Italy
ECVP/ESVP/ECVCP/ESVCP Joint Congress	2026	Nantes, France

The opportunity awaits you to host the **6th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress in 2027**. By signing up to host this event, you can demonstrate your commitment to advancing the field, fostering collaboration, and driving innovation. Let's join forces to shape the future of veterinary pathology. Sign up now, show us the beauty of your country, and organize a congress that will remain in everyone's fond memories!

Let's make the Veterinary Pathology Congress in 2027 an unforgettable experience where science, culture, and history intertwine perfectly. Don't miss this chance to shine a spotlight on your country's wonders—apply now and be part of something great.

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