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ESVP President's corner

Jérôme Abadie

Dear ESVP Members, dear colleagues, dear friends,

Athens 2022 is behind us. It was the successful come back of our face-to-face Annual Congress and proved



how such event was crucial in terms of sociability and human interactions for our community. The number of young colleagues, residents and PhD Students attending the Conference, was also a promising feature and a strong encouraging signal.

Now Lisbon is waiting for us. At the end of the early bird registration period, we now know that the attendance would be among the highest of our Annual Conference since several years.

This Joint Congress, with our sister society, the European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP), will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the natural link between our communities. The LOC team, Pedro Faisca and Nazaré Pinto da Cunha with the help of our PCO Pauwels, has remarkably

organized this event. And the program that has been built by the Scientific Committee of the ESVP-ECVP-ESVCP will undoubtedly cover your expectations.

In addition of this major annual event, we have begun to organize for you in May and June new continuing education initiatives (webinars) thanks to our councillor Pompei Bolfa. As you will see below in this issue, the next topic in September will be dedicated to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in veterinary science. We aim indeed to build around Chiara Palmeri a task force in order to promote and support these important human values in the veterinary pathology community.

We wish that these actions reflect what we are and expect.

I wish you all in advance safe and happy holidays in the summer period. Looking forward to see you all in Portugal.



ESVP Secretary's Corner

Elena Riccardi



Dear colleagues and friends,

Lisbon meeting is approaching!

As a member of the Scientific committee, I'd like to bring your attention on the Mystery Slide Session, scheduled on September 2nd. This year, the Session is organized as a Second Opinion Round. We have already collected interesting cases. The scanned slides and the history of cases will be available on the congress website soon: please have a look at them before the session, bring your



coffee in the room on September 2nd, and enjoy the discussion.

As secretary of the ESVP, I'm happy to announce that the Society is growing, thanks to the numerous applications we receive every week. Please recommend being part of the ESVP community in case you know colleagues or students that are not members yet: among the benefit of being a member of the ESVP there are a reduced congress fee registration, and the opportunity to join the webinars organized by the Society.

And in case you'd like to have more 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; maintenance of a sponsorship list for future meetings; 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. 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. Don't miss this opportunity! Send your candidature by the **end of July**, including a letter of intent, to: secretary@esvp.eu

Looking forward to seeing you in Lisbon!



**ECVP-ESVP - Diversity, Equity
& Inclusion (DEI) task force**

Chiara Palmieri

The annual meeting in Athens was indeed a great success with interesting talks, dynamic discussions, and huge opportunities of networking, not to mention the social aspect of connecting people, building new friendships and consolidating old ones. But we also cannot forget that it was the first time our conference hosted a dedicated session to talk about diversity, equity and inclusion issues with a specific focus on the role of women in academia and research in veterinary science and veterinary pathology.

To follow this up, the ECVP/ESVP webinar team has organised another online webinar on *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in veterinary science: why it matters and what we can do about it* that will take place on the 26th of September. You will hear about data on gender representation in the STEM field, gender stereotypes and bias, and debunked myths that sneak back when it comes to explain the underrepresentation of women in science.

The webinar and this newsletter also represent the opportunity to announce another ESVP/ECVP joint initiative, the creation of an ESVP/ECVP DEI task force. ESVP and ECVP are both committed to creating a people-centred society and college that support and promote equity, diversity and inclusion for all. The DEI task force is perfectly aligned with this vision, aiming to implement strategies for promoting diversity and inclusion within ESVP/ECVP and their activities, raising awareness about cultural and professional challenges facing women, members of the LGBTQIA community and underrepresented minorities, as well as creating a support network for career development and professional growth in the field of veterinary pathology.

If you want to receive more information about the ESVP/ECVP DEI task force, please contact Chiara Palmieri (c.palmieri@uq.edu.au).

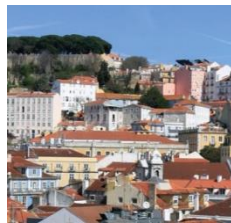


ECVP-ESVP - annual meeting

Pedro Faisca

The ESVP/ECVP/ESVCP/ECVCP Joint Meeting is just around the corner, and we are doing everything to make it a huge success. We are very thrilled with this event and hope you share our feeling.

This year's program is very diverse, reaching a broad range of Anatomical and Clinical Pathology subjects that will for sure be of your interest.



Resident Day

- Bioimage Analysis with a focus on AI using Qupath both in cytology and histopathology slides.
- Research Methodology, this year with a focus on how to design and conduct clinical studies in Veterinary Medicine.

Joint Sessions:

- Oncology and Oncopathology - an open discussion session that touches relevant aspects, particularly for diagnostic veterinary pathology, i.e. the interaction and collaboration between veterinary clinical oncologists, and anatomic and clinical pathologists.
- Sand fly borne-diseases in Europe - epidemiological overview and potential triggers for their emergence and re-emergence.
- Open AI resources: Exploring the Potential of Natural Language Processing in Veterinary Pathology: Applications and Insights from ChatGPT.
- Interactive session on Clinical cases through the lens of clinical and anatomical pathologists.

ESVP/ECVP Topics:

Keynote lectures on cutting-edge topics held by absolutely outstanding speakers:

- Parasitic diseases of relevance in aquaculture and wild aquatic fish in Europe and the impact of global warming.
- Livestock Pathology, with a focus on relevant avian infectious diseases.

Several additional sessions on the following topics: Animal models, Forensic Matters, New technologies, and Tumor Pathology where we invite delegates to submit abstracts and share their research.

- Mystery Slides session a Second Opinion Round.

ESVCP/ECVCP Topics:

Keynote Lectures on: Equine Haematology and Endocrinology, Pathophysiology and clinical pathology of bone and joint diseases, Repeat Patient Testing, Cytology grading schemes, Bone marrow evaluation, RBC evolution, and the always popular case and mystery slide sessions!

For more details keep an eye on the [website](#)!

Workshops

- Science Communication Workshop: Scientific Posters and Visual Abstracts – engaging visual messages for a quick pace world.
- Digital Gross Photography in Anatomic Pathology.
- Oral Communications
- Poster walks
- Poster Flash
- Awards for best oral and poster presentations





A brilliant **social program** included in the registration price: Fado concert, Port wine degustation, Gala Dinner with Dance Party, Free tickets to the second largest oceanarium in Europe, and much more.

Last but not least, an outstanding **congress venue** in the largest and most modern Congress Center and Hotel of the country.

Please check out the updated Congress **website** with many more details on the program, specific workshops and events, hotel accommodation, social program, travel, and registration details. https://www.esvp-ecvp-estp-congress.eu/esvp_ecvp_congress



ESVP Treasurer's corner

Reinie Dijkman

Dear members,

We, the ESVP, have different types of members that you could classify according to many different schemes. Last year we looked at an overview of country of origin and in this Newsletter I would like to elaborate on the different membership forms we have according to our constitution:

1. You are a **full member/ordinary member**. This is the most common type of membership and it means that you're a pathologist currently working and not in training.
2. You are a **junior member**. This means you are a pathologist in training or a PhD student in the field. According to the Society constitution, you can be a junior member for 5 years. After 5 consecutive years you will upgrade to a full membership.
3. You are a **retired member**. If you are retiring but like to keep in touch with the working field you can choose to become a retired member. Retired members do not pay membership fees and are not allowed to vote, but do get the updates on congresses, the newsletters and invitations for webinars. If you consider to become a retired member, please make sure that the Society has a viable (private) email address, because that is the main reason we lose contact with members (of all categories). You can send an email to treasurer@esvp.eu or secretary@esvp.eu; or change your own credentials via your member login on the website www.esvp.eu.

A self-respecting pathology grading scheme should have at least one subdivision so:



3B. We have **Honorary Members**. These are pathologists with an outstanding work done for Society and Pathology workfield and so appointed by the AGM (annual general meeting).

Officially, your **membership can end** for a number of reasons, but one is **outstanding membership fees for more than 3 years**. This can happen if you actively want to end the membership (please let us know via the email above) or if your email address is invalid and you are not reminded that the annual payment is due. We would like to be a Society for everyone so please make sure your membership fees are paid!

I hope to see many of you in Portugal this year for a fruitful congress,

With regards,



Updates on webinars

Pompei Bolfa

One of my missions after being elected as a board member in ESVP was to develop the delivery of webinars to our members and to the wider pathology community. A joint team from ESVP and ECVP has joined forces, and we are grateful to ECVP for providing the Zoom platform to host webinars.

At the end of June, we had Dr. Joshua Webster delivering the talk on **"Veterinary Pathology and the Scientific Publication Process"**. In June, Dr. Grant Maxie, Editor of "Jubb, Kennedy, and Palmer's Pathology of Domestic Animals" presented **"It is all in the words: clarity of expression in scientific writing"**.

Upcoming Webinars



Later in the year we plan to have the inaugural **One pathology series** focusing on **"Clinical pathology-histology correlates of liver disease"** where a clinical and an anatomical pathologist will go through cases. This will be co-hosted by Dr. Mary-Anna Thrall

and myself.

As part of our joint ECVP-ESVP commitment towards supporting and promoting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, we will be hosting the inaugural webinar **"Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in veterinary science: why it matters and what we can do about it"** on the 26th of September, presented by Dr. Chiara Palmieri. Members will also have a chance to get involved and participate in this initiative.

Communication between various specialties in veterinary medicine for a better patient outcome is core to our mission. These 2 webinars will be addressing this and suggest ways to build bridges between pathologists and different veterinary specialties. In November, Dr. Don Meuten editor of Tumors in Domestic animals, will talk about **"Standardization of oncology parameters in veterinary medicine"** and Dr. Paul Stromberg will address **"What clinician and pathologist need from each other"**.

Finally, please take a minute to respond to a short survey about topics for future webinars by clicking this [link](#) or scanning the QR code.





24th ISVD Annual Meeting

The objective of the ISVD is the advancement of veterinary and comparative dermatopathology. This is an organization composed of individuals with a professional interest in the microscopic interpretation of skin diseases.

On 30 August 2023, 24th ISVD Annual Meeting will be hosted as a satellite meeting of the Joint Veterinary Pathology meeting of the ESVP-ECVP & ECVCP-ECVCP. For more information, please visit their website.

For more information, please visit the following link:
<https://www.isvd.org/isvd-meetings/upcoming-meetings>

Portuguese Society of Animal Pathology

Sociedade Portuguesa de Patologia Animal



Tânia Carvalho, President

Hugo Pissarra, Vice-President

*Irina Amorim and Rute Noiva,
Secretary*

The Portuguese Society of Animal Pathology - *Sociedade Portuguesa de Patologia Animal (SPPA)* is a Portuguese association hosted by the Portuguese Society of Veterinary Sciences - *Sociedade Portuguesa de Ciências Veterinária (SPCV)*, a non-profit organization founded in 1902 with the determination of promote the progress of Veterinary Sciences, increase the general and professional culture of its

members, disseminate technical principles and ensure their practical application, with the purpose to dignify the profession, promote wealth and the prestige of the Nation (Article 3 of the Statutes). In this line, SPCV also publishes a scientific [Journal](#), with peer reviewed manuscripts versing all areas of veterinary medicine, on a quarterly basis.

SPPA was created in 1976 by a group of 21 members of this society and started its regular and publicly visible activity in 1989, when 29 new members joined the founding partners. The new Board, chaired by Professor Costa Durão, set aims to provide the academic community with its own space for discussion, dissemination and learning; to stimulate interest in Veterinary Pathology; to give students the opportunity to get in touch with science and to find out more about career options.

SPPA members are dedicated to a wide variety of fields: diagnostic, teaching, research; in academia, research institutes, diagnostic labs. SPPA goals are based on 3 main pillars:

1. promote Veterinary Medicine and the subspecialty of Animal Pathology;
2. promote a close association and cooperation between its members, as well as with the medical-veterinary and scientific community in general;
3. clarify and inform the public about the importance of Animal Pathology and its role in promoting animal and human health.

SPPA also organizes an annual meeting for an audience of veterinarians working in anatomic pathology, focusing on current topics and covering its



different aspects: spontaneous animal pathology, comparative pathology, experimental models and research paths. During the annual meeting, in addition to Portuguese speakers, the scientific committee usually invites one or several international speakers. In 2022, we welcomed Dr Lorenzo Ressel (University of Liverpool, UK), in 2018 Drs Jerrold Ward (Global VetPathology) and Jeff Wolf (Experimental Pathology Laboratories), in 2017 Prof Joy Archer (Royal Veterinary College, London, UK), among many others, over the past few decades. In 2023, the SPPA annual meeting will be replaced by the Joint Congress of the ESVP/ECVP/ESVCP/ECVCP that will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in August. We are waiting for you! Find out more [here](#).

One can contact the SPPA board committee via the following e-mail address: sppatologiaanimal@gmail.com. SPPA communicates regularly with its members via email, using this platform to share knowledge, e.g. case discussions, and to disseminate events and career opportunities.

Future meetings

San Lorenzo del Escorial 2024, Spain

Laura Pena

The 5th Cutting Edge Pathology meeting, the Joint meeting of the ESVP, ECVP and ESTP, will be held in the historic site, World Heritage Site UNESCO, of San Lorenzo del Escorial in Madrid, Spain, from 28th to 31st of August, 2024.

More information about the location: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Lorenzo_de_El_Escorial

A team composed of local organizing committee and scientific organizing committee visited the site earlier this year. See some images below.



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