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## ESVP President's Corner

Dear Colleagues, dear Friends,  
 It is my pleasure to introduce the Spring issue of our **ESVP Newsletter**, the first one of the year 2025. If you are reading this letter, it means that you are already a member of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology (ESVP). As such, you are probably familiar with many of the initiatives developed and proposed by the ESVP Board, and you already know why being a part of our Society is so worthwhile. However, it seems that for some of our colleagues within the veterinary pathology community, continued membership in the ESVP—particularly after passing the European College of Veterinary Pathologists (ECVP) examination and becoming an ECVP diplomate—may appear less meaningful. This perception may stem from the fact that, today, the ESVP Board and the ECVP Council work closely together in a harmonious and complementary manner. Many initiatives are now co-organized and mutually supported, with the shared goal of offering the most useful and valuable actions to our veterinary pathology community. Nevertheless, it is important to remember that the Society and the College are distinct organizations with complementary missions. Being a member of both, and contributing to the life and activities of each, greatly strengthens our community without creating redundancy. For example, the organization of our Annual Congress—the major scientific and social event for our community—is primarily the responsibility of the ESVP. The Society invests significant energy and time to support and assist the Local Organizers and the Professional Congress Organizers.

Meanwhile, the ECVP works closely with us to shape a strong scientific program. Together, we also collaborate with other organizations when co-organizing joint congresses, such as with the European Society/College of Clinical Pathology (as will be the case in Nantes in 2026) and the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology (ESTP) in 2027. These partnerships offer wonderful opportunities to strengthen the natural bonds between our communities.

We look forward to seeing you all in Torino, August 27–30, 2025! (More information: [Congress Website](#) and see below.)

The Congress is just one example of our initiatives that we are especially proud to organize, with the contribution of all our members. The more members we have, the more energy and resources we can dedicate to scientific and educational events. Additionally, with a stronger membership base, we can better support our younger colleagues—residents and PhD students—by helping fund their attendance at the Summer School, Resident Days, and the Annual Congress. This is a key investment in the future of veterinary pathology in Europe and worldwide.

There is still much to build together—and what we will build will not be walls, but bridges between us.

I wish you all a fruitful spring and summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon—virtually during our webinars, in Torino, or wherever our paths may cross.

Sincerely,

**Jérôme Abadie**





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## ESVP Secretary's Corner

As every year, when the annual ESVP/ECVP meeting is approaching, we are receiving many new membership applications: your contribution as members is an important source of energy for the ESVP.

We closed the CEP meeting in San Lorenzo de El Escorial with an important question for our Society: why is it important to be a member of the ESVP? This was one of the topics on the table at the Face-to-Face meeting of the Board of the ESVP held in Nantes last March.

We have collected ideas and proposal, summarized in the article published in this newsletter. I would be pleased if you could take time to look at that, because this is what you, as members, are doing.



**Elena Riccardi**

The ESVP is involved in the organization of the annual ESVP/ECVP meeting, and it is also an important sponsor of the congress itself. For this reason, starting from Torino 2025, the ESVP will show up in the congress venue with an exhibition booth. The members of the Board will be available to meet the members of the Society, especially the new ones, and to give information about the Society, answer to your questions, concerns and collect your proposal. Check this out in the Congress Program!

Looking forward to seeing you in Torino in August!



## ESVP Treasurer's Corner

### The benefits of being part of something larger



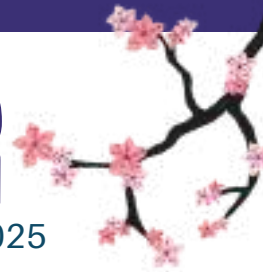
**Reinie Dijkman**

Many worthy pathologists have paid their annual subscription fees already, and some even paid several years in one go. Easy as is nowadays, with all the digital ways to transfer money. Until the worthy pathologist is living in a country that is classified as "abroad" (which is not synonymous with outside of Europe).

When living in a country that is not a part of the league of banks, the transfer of money is slow, expensive and sometimes even impossible. That is one of the reasons that the good old cash payments at the congress are still in place. The other being that the congress prizes do also consist of an envelope with some cash. In the last decades we have become accustomed to an increase in nearness with our counterparts abroad and, even from a strictly Treasurer point of view this is a huge asset.

I truly hope that we can maintain the international cooperation, that, with a sense of purpose allows us to further our profession. Even if measures have to be so plain and boring as the transfer of money. Diagnoses made with the ability to communicate and exchange across borders are so much more valuable. So, again, thank you all for your consideration of our Society and please, recommend membership to your fellows.

A strong pathology community in a healthy European environment is what we need. And should the banks ask fees that are too high for your taste, please come find me in Torino in August !



## The importance of being an ESVP member



### What is the ESVP?

- A non-profit organization established in 1951 by veterinary pathologists for veterinary pathologists
- It is open to everyone interested in the field of veterinary pathology, with no age, role, degree, discipline, or specialization restriction.

### How has the ESVP supported the veterinary pathology community in Europe in the last 5 years?

- Offering 200 € yearly scholarships to ESVP member trainees to attend the Resident Day session of the Annual ESVP/ECVP Congress
- Offering yearly scholarships to ESVP member trainees to cover the registration fee of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School
- Organizing approximately 10 webinars/year, together with the ECVP webinar committee. The webinars are recorded, upon speakers' agreement, and available in the Members Only area of the ESVP website

### What YOU GET as a member of the ESVP?

- Early access to ESVP news in advance (e.g. future meetings or events, summer school, agenda of webinars etc.)
- Privileged access to files and documents shared on the Members Only area of the ESVP website (including educational material)
- Free access to educational webinars and webinars recordings
- CPD points (4 points per year of membership) for National and International Colleges or Societies re-certification

### What are some roles of the ESVP?

- To be the forefront body of the Annual European Veterinary Pathologists Congress (ESVP/ECVP) organization (in charge of venue, scientific program and many more activities)
- To welcome graduates in Veterinary Medicine, residents in Veterinary Pathology and PhD students in the scientific community of European and non-European veterinary pathologists
- To provide financial support to learning initiatives (bursaries for trainees)
- To provide scientific support to continuing educational initiatives (webinars organization, collection of online educational resources)

### What can YOU DO as a member of the ESVP?

- Give back to the Veterinary Pathology community your time by being a volunteer member of various initiatives
- Contribute financially and scientifically to learning and continuing educational initiatives by paying your membership dues, i.e. 30 Euro as a trainee/junior member and 50 Euro as a full member
- Participate to the life of the ESVP by voting
- Join the Annual European Veterinary Pathologists Congress (ESVP/ECVP), a great place to learn, share and grow, at a reduced fee
- Participate in the Scientific Committee of the Annual European Veterinary Pathologists Congress and in the Board of the ESVP

Please visit the [ESVP website](#) for more information about the Society

If you are not yet a member of the ESVP and you'd like to join the community:

[click HERE](#)



Elena Riccardi and Lluís Luján





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

### New Publication from the DEI Task Force: Advancing Equity and Belonging in Veterinary Pathology

We're thrilled to share that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force has just published an important article in *Veterinary Ophthalmology* as part of a special issue dedicated to DEI in veterinary medicine. This collaborative piece represents a significant milestone for our task force and an invitation for ongoing dialogue, self-reflection, and action.

Titled **"Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Veterinary Pathology: Insights and Initiatives from a European Veterinary Specialist DEI Task Force"**, the article captures the Task Force's journey since its inception in 2023, highlighting achievements, challenges, and strategic goals.

The publication situates veterinary pathology within the wider academic and biomedical sciences landscape, where systemic inequities continue to affect career progression, visibility, and access. The authors emphasize that addressing these disparities isn't just about compliance or policy—it's about building stronger, more innovative, and representative veterinary pathology communities.

Some of the core themes explored include:

- The importance of data: From gender disparities in senior academic roles to underreporting of neurodivergence and other marginalized identities, the paper underscores the urgent need for better demographic data to inform targeted DEI actions.

- Listening and learning: The Task Force has prioritized safe spaces for members to share experiences—whether related to race, disability, gender identity, or socio-economic background. These stories provide the qualitative depth often missing in institutional metrics.
- Moving from intention to action: Initiatives like inclusive language guidance, resident support mechanisms, and DEI awareness at conferences are just the beginning. The article calls for long-term investment and cultural shifts within our organizations.

We encourage all members—regardless of seniority or background—to read the paper, reflect on its messages, and consider how we can all contribute to a more equitable future in veterinary pathology.

You can access the article here:



We also welcome your feedback, stories, and ideas. **DEI is everyone's responsibility**, and together, we can foster a profession where all voices are heard and valued.



**Chiara, Daniela, Erika,  
Emilian, Sarah, Roberta**



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## 2nd Announcement – ESVP/ECVP Congress 2025, Turin



Dear Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

The ESVP and ECVP, together with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), are delighted to invite you to the **ESVP/ECVP Congress 2025**, which will be held in the vibrant and historic city of Turin, Italy. This year's congress promises to be a dynamic and inclusive scientific event, bringing together veterinary, toxicologic, and comparative pathologists at all career stages, from trainees to senior experts, for several days of cutting-edge science, professional growth, and international collaboration.

The scientific program will showcase a rich selection of sessions led by esteemed keynote speakers, leading researchers, diagnostic specialists, and emerging voices in the field. **Two central themes** will guide the congress: **the transformative role of artificial intelligence in diagnostic and research veterinary pathology**, and the rapidly advancing field of **comparative canine cancer genetics**, with a focus on the shared oncological landscapes of dogs and humans. These themes will be explored through keynote and industrial lectures aimed at sparking forward-thinking discussions and interdisciplinary engagement.

In the field of **large animal** and **wildlife pathology**, the congress will highlight current developments in influenza, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, and marine mammal pathology, offering crucial insights into emerging diseases and conservation-related research.



Looking ahead, dedicated sessions on **virtopsies** and the evolving concept of **Circular Health** will explore innovative approaches and the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. These sessions aim to challenge and inspire participants to reflect on the broader role of pathology in an ever-changing world. A selection of **interactive workshops** will provide opportunities for hands-on learning, peer discussion, and skill enhancement. Topics will include **dermatopathology**, **forensic pathology**, **diagnostic uncertainties**, the **pathology-clinical oncology interface**, as well as specialized sessions such as the **WISDOM** panel neuropathology case rounds and mystery case presentations.

The congress will also highlight methodological innovations, with sessions focusing on **advanced imaging technologies** used to validate non-animal models, underlining the key role of pathology in the refinement, reduction, and replacement of animal use in research.



# TURIN 2025 ANNUAL ESVP-ECVP CONGRESS





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## 2nd Announcement – ESVP/ECVP Congress 2025, Turin

A special **Resident Day** will provide tailored content for pathologists in training, including focused seminars and workshops designed to support board exam preparation and specialty development.

The congress will be complemented by a **trade exhibition** featuring the latest advancements in laboratory services, equipment, and diagnostic innovations.

Participants will have the opportunity to present their work through **oral and poster presentations**, including flash poster sessions, covering all areas of veterinary pathology.

We strongly encourage **abstract submissions** from all attendees, regardless of career stage.

For full congress details, abstract submission, registration, and information on trainee sponsorships, please visit the official website:

[https://www.esvp-ecvp-estp-congress.eu/esvp\\_ecvp\\_congress](https://www.esvp-ecvp-estp-congress.eu/esvp_ecvp_congress)

On behalf of the scientific and local organizing committees, it is our great pleasure and honor to **welcome you to Turin**. We look forward to your contributions and to sharing this exciting scientific journey with you.

Sincerely,  
**Prof. Luca Aresu, Chair of the LOC**  
**Prof. Raffaella De Maria, Co-Chair of the LOC**  
**Prof. Tiziana Cannizzo, Co-Chair of the LOC**



## ESVP Bursaries for Residents Day and Summer School

The Society wants to contribute to the education of new veterinary pathologists and one of the ways is providing bursaries for attending educational events

**Reinie Dijkman**

The **Summer school of 2025** will be held in Liverpool from July 20th until August 1st. For details on the program please visit the dedicated page on the [ECVP website](#)



Conditions for application:

- 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
- Application via the summer school application route
- For full details check: [ECVP summer school](#)

The **Residents Day** is a pre-congress day scheduled on Wednesday August 27th, in Turin, Italy. For full details and topics of this year, please see the [Congress website](#).

The ESVP offers **5 bursaries** of 200 euro/each for residents who wish to attend the Resident Day and who meet the following criteria:

- Fully paid-up member of ESVP (in case you are not an ESVP member yet, please apply [here](#)).
- To be registered for the Resident Day before the money transfer (the candidate is paying for the fee and will be reimbursed).
- To be registered as a resident or PhD student in the field of veterinary pathology

The name and contact details of a supervisor should be provided. Priority will be given to members that did not receive this bursary before.

Final selection is the prerogative of the ESVP Board.

Application is possible before End of June (June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025) via Google-form at this [LINK](#).

For any inquire, please contact the ESVP Treasurer at [treasurer@esvp.org](mailto:treasurer@esvp.org)



## Italian Association of Veterinary Pathology Associazione Italiana di Patologia Veterinaria

Valentina Zappulli, President  
Orlando Paciello, Vice-President  
Raffaella De Maria, Secretary

The **Italian Association of Veterinary Pathology – Associazione Italiana di Patologia Veterinaria (AIPVet)** is a non-profit association founded in 2004 from the Italian Association of Veterinary Pathologists, which has been active since the early '90s. AIPVet is also part of the Italian Society of Veterinary Science – Società Italiana delle Scienze Veterinarie (SISVET), a Federation gathering veterinary associations and societies working in veterinary medicine.

AIPVet includes professionals from academia, public and private institutions, diagnostic laboratories, and pharmaceutical companies. AIPVet advances scientific knowledge, promotes research activities, and organizes events on topics related to General and Veterinary Pathology. The association fosters collaborations with national and international organizations, public administrations, research centers, and private entities. These collaborations aim to highlight the importance of Veterinary Pathology in veterinary and human health surveillance under the One Health perspective.

AIPVet also focuses on the standardization of diagnostic criteria and reporting guidelines for specific diseases through dedicated working groups.

The association supports young professionals with targeted activities, such as scholarships, research opportunities, career calls, and training activities. AIPVet has introduced online seminars where young researchers can present their work and engage in discussions with senior members.

Over the years, AIPVet has become a reference at national and international levels. The new Board embraces modern technologies, innovative education tools, and novel communication and recruitment strategies to expand expertise and impact.

Every year, AIPVet organizes an **annual congress** with dedicated sessions, authors' contributions, and invited speakers adapted to address current topics in veterinary pathology.

During the congress, a prize is awarded to young veterinary pathology professionals for the best oral presentation, supporting the candidates in participating and presenting their research at the ECVP-ESVP Congress.

The next AIPVet congress will be held in Padova from the 26th to the 28th of June 2025.

[Congress Website](#)

More information and contacts are available on the **AIPVet website** and social media.

Additionally, AIPVet will be also present at the next **SISVET congress** in Giardini Naxos, Sicily, Italy from 10th to 12th the of June 2025.



Valentina Zappulli  
Guido Pietroluongo  
Giuseppe Giglia





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## Updates on Webinars

Dear friends and colleagues,

Thank you for participating in the webinars organized by the joint **ESVP/ECVP webinar team** during 2024 and 2025 to date.

Your participation and engagement make them interesting and interactive. You, the ESVP members, are the reason we are striving to provide interesting and diverse topics, complimentary to the annual meeting and the Summer School, that would spark your interest!

After a full year in 2024, we kicked off in January and we managed to successfully deliver 3 webinars on a broad range of topics, from geriatric pathologies across different zoo species, to equine pathology or cytology for the anatomic pathologist.

If you missed any, don't worry: there should be an opportunity to watch the recordings that can be found in the members only area of the ESVP and ECVP websites. 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.

Coming up, for the rest of the year 2025, stay tuned for the announcements of future webinar topics and dates, as the committee is actively working towards that.

Here are some topics to be expected:

- **Brucellosis**, updates into pathogenesis, species differences and diagnosis
- **Fish pathology** part 2 (after a successful part 1)
- **Reptile pathology**
- Getting the best results from **endoscopic biopsies**
- **Odontogenic tumors**, updates on diagnosis and classification

If you have a **suggestion** about topics for future webinars, please contact one of the members of the webinar team.

Our mission is to continue bringing interesting webinars that are targeted to different levels of career, from trainees, residents, early-career to more experienced veterinary anatomic pathologists.

**Pompei Bolfa**

## Upcoming events

Event	Dates	Location
22nd ECVP/ESVP Summer School	20th July - 1 August 2025	Liverpool - <a href="#">Website</a>
ESVP-ECVP Annual Meeting	27th - 30th August 2025	Torino, Italy - <a href="#">Website</a>
ECVP/ESVP/ECVCP/ESVCP Joint Congress	2026	Nantes, France



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