



# ESVP NEWSLETTER

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## ESVP President's Corner

Dear Members, dear Colleagues, dear Friends,

As many of us experienced firsthand, the 2025 ESVP-ECVP Congress in the beautiful city of Torino, Italy, at the end of August turned out to be an amazing scientific adventure and a fantastic opportunity to meet, chat, and share wonderful moments with colleagues from all over Europe (and beyond!). Personally, I was delighted to see so many bright young residents and wise, experienced pathologists — all gathered in one place, creating the perfect blend of enthusiasm and expertise.

The Local Organizing Committee, brilliantly co-chaired by Luca Aresu, Raffaella De Maria, and Tiziana Cannizzo, truly outdid themselves. The scientific program, crafted by our ESVP-ECVP Scientific Committee, was nothing short of inspiring. With over 400 attendees — including an impressive number of residents, PhD students, and young pathologists — the congress reached new heights for a non-joint meeting. This level of participation sends a very encouraging message for the future.

And speaking of the future — mark your calendars! Our next big adventure will take us to Nantes, France, in mid-September 2026, where we'll join forces with our sister society and college, the ESVCP and ECVCP.

It's going to be another exciting milestone, as highlighted by the words of the Local Organizing Committee in this newsletter.

In the meantime, the ESVP Board remains fully committed to supporting our wonderful community. We'll continue organizing engaging educational events — including webinars with the ECVP Educational Committee — and providing bursaries to help residents attend congresses and summer schools. We'll also keep supporting initiatives close to our hearts, such as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force (see below in this issue), because our field thrives when everyone feels welcome and valued.

We hope these efforts meet your expectations — and as always, we're all ears for your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions to make our society even stronger and more connected.

With warm regards,



**Jérôme Abadie**



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## ECVP President's Corner



Dear ESVP members,

Following an extensively stimulating and enjoyable few days at our annual congress in Torino, Italy, we, as your ECVP Council, wish to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to the organisation of this meeting and future meetings such as our annual congress in Nantes, France, next year, and the 6th Cutting Edge meeting in 2027 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

We welcomed 17 new ECVP Diplomates this year who sat the certifying examination in February in Paris, France. Our exam is now nearly fully digital, except for the use of glass slides in the Histology part of the exam. We continue our work in fully digitising the exam in the next 5-6 years while also ensuring a smooth transition and maintaining a high level of quality, security, transparency and validity. This process includes important regular feedback from our residents, and another survey to gather feedback from supervisors and programme directors will be distributed soon.

The next certifying examination will be held at the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Germany from 2nd until 4th of February, 2026. All further information such as the application deadline is available on our ECVP website.

We also welcomed four new Certificate holders for Forensic Veterinary Pathology, ensuring an increasing number of experts in this important and challenging field whilst re-certifying a good number of previously certified specialists; proving not only a growing number but also increasing experience in Forensic Veterinary Pathology in and outside the courts of justice.

Lastly, I would also like to mention an incredibly successful Summer School in Liverpool this year with excellent feedback throughout and warmly thank everyone involved in the organisation of and contribution to this year's and next year's Summer School in Liverpool. These unique, vibrant and excellent training and networking opportunities, including enjoying the local social scene, make us stand out on an international level. The energy, expertise and passion for pathology truly embodies the spirit of our international College and Society.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restorative and happy festive season and wonderful start of the New Year.

With best wishes,

**Kerstin Baiker**



## ESVP Secretary's Corner

Dear colleagues and dear friends, the ESVP/ECVP meeting in Torino has been a great success and the Society is already working to organize the next event in Nantes. In Torino, we have approved 28 new members; the number of applications is increasing, and not only from the European area! This means the "fame" of the Society is spreading.

Looking ahead: I've been appointed as Secretary of the ESVP in 2022, and August 2028 should be the end of term. It is time to start thinking at a "heir". I'm proud to have contributed (and keep contributing) to the maintenance of the Society; thanks to my role, I have developed new skills revealed to be helpful also in my job.





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The Secretary role can be challenging, but gratefully I have the chance to collaborate with the colleagues of the Board who are extremely supportive. I strongly recommend everyone, especially to the young generation pathologists, to do this work experience. If you are interested to have more information about this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, or have a chat with me at the next meeting in Nantes. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Looking forward to hearing from you!

**Elena Riccardi**



## New ESVP Board Member

I was born in Lorraine, Northeast of France and I graduated from the Veterinary School of Alfort, France in 2001. I obtained a master's degree in toxicology from the University of Paris in 2003. During my 5th year at the Veterinary School of Alfort, I also worked in several busy small animal private practices covering night and weekend emergency duties. Following my master's degree, I completed a 3-year Residency Program in Anatomic Pathology at the University of Bern, Switzerland. I am diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Pathologists (ECVP) since 2007. After my specialization, I moved back to France to work at the Institut Clinique de la Souris (ICS/IGBMC) in Illkirch. I then joined IDEXX as an Anatomic Pathologist in April 2011. My professional interests are general diagnostic pathology with a special interest in dermatopathology and comparative pathology in biomedical research and laboratory animals, especially mice.

I got to know the ESVP in 2005 when the annual meeting was held in Naples, Italy and, as a second year Resident, I could present a poster. It was a very pleasant experience, which I greatly appreciated because of both its scientific content and its social aspect.

I attended the third Summer School of the ESVP/ECVP, which took place in Padova, Italy, in July 2005, where I met wonderful people and colleagues who became friends for life.

In 2024, the annual ESVP-ECVP meeting was organized in San Lorenzo de El Escorial, close to Madrid, Spain. A call for applications had been already launched since June 2024 for a vacant Councilor position on the ESVP board. I wanted to participate in the volunteer live of the ESVP board and, during this annual ESVP-ECVP meeting, I went into close contact with the ESVP Board members. Several ESVP board members proposed my candidacy, and I was co-opted on ESVP board from October 2024. I am grateful and proud to have been officially elected as a Councilor on the ESVP board in September 2025.

We have a great team working together. I admire the commitment of all the ESVP board members and of the Scientific Committee, the fresh ideas for the continuous improvement of the content of the conference and the desire to highlight the novelties in the veterinary pathology field.

**Stephanie Muller**





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## ESVP-ECVP Pathology Congress 2025

### Turin 2025 Congress: Science at the Center

Sure, we all love to attend the annual meetings for seeing old and making new friends, for enjoying extraordinary congress centers and cities and for getting away from our everyday's work. And, truly, the Turin meeting was just perfect in all these aspects. Nevertheless, it's the science part that adds prime value in terms of continuing education, professional orientation and transboundary networking. So here is a brief report from the perspective of the scientific committee (SC), installed by the ESVP and ECVP and put in charge of designing and organizing the scientific contents of our annual congresses.

Two main focus areas dominated the Turin meeting: (1.) Recent developments and the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our field and (2.) current progress in - primarily molecular and genetic - Oncology. Overall, one third of the meeting pictured **invited lectures by outstanding experts** (n=18 from six European countries plus USA), another third offered **workshops** on various topics, including interaction between clinicians and pathologists, forensics and diagnostic insecurities, and the last third consisted of **oral contributions by participants** on various topics (n=31). In addition, 196 posters were put up and six poster flashes were presented on outstanding but short observations. The different formats covered virtually all topics of our field, including pet/companion, livestock, zoo and wild life animals, horses, experimental pathology / lab animals as well as fish and other specialities.

Particularly valuable elements "on the side" were the Resident's Day, addressing specific demands of veterinary pathologists in training, including aspects of personal career development, and the Wine-Infused Slide Discussion On neuropathology Mysteries (WISDOM) panel.

A novelty at the Turin congress was a designated "Closing Lecture" at its very end, held by Ilaria Capua, entitled *From One Health to Circular Health to face contemporary challenges*, with impulses and take-home messages on how our profession and each one of us can contribute to a better future.

To foster and encourage particularly young colleagues, several prizes were awarded for best oral and poster presentations, endowed with career-boosting certificates and a free registration to one of the next three year's annual congresses.

In every respect of the scientific contents, we tried to balance gender, diversity and country affiliations as far as possible.

As chair person of the SC, I am deeply grateful to and highly appreciate the substantial and high quality contributions of the following SC members who prepared and structured all this during the entire past year: **Anna Oevermann** (Bern), **Chiara Brachelente** (Perugia), **Pompei Bolfa** (St. Kitts), **Pedro Faísca** (Lisbon), **Laura Peña** (Madrid), **Frederique Nguyen** (Nantes) and particularly **Luca Aresu** as Local Organizer (Turin). Special thanks go to **Lluís Luján** (Zaragoza) for repeatedly impressive management of the awards.

Finally, this is also a call to all members of the ESVP and ECVP to let any of us know your proposals and wishes for scientific topics, focus areas, workshops and speakers for the 2026 congress in Nantes.

See you there!



**TURIN 2025  
ANNUAL  
ESVP-ECVP  
CONGRESS**



**Achim Gruber**  
Chair of the Scientific Committee



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## ESVP-ECVP Pathology Congress 2025 AWARDS TO ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTERS

Again in Torino 2025, the collection of oral presentations and posters presented during the congress was awesome. Excellent presentations that brought the congress level a step forward. It is rewarding to see this tendency in the ESVP/ECVP congresses year after year: it can only mean good news for the future of Veterinary Pathology. The Scientific Committee of the congress and the ESVP board would like to sincerely congratulate all participants that joined the meeting in Torino.

This year, the ESVP board decided to unify the prizes and from now on the only award will be a free registration at the ESVP/ECVP congress for the presenting author. This voucher will be valid for the following three years to the congress where the awards was obtained.

For judging and selecting the Torino prizes, a group ESVP members from the Scientific Committee and the ESVP board joined forces to do a job that can only be qualified as under pressure, intense, and very difficult. Of course, the selection cannot please everybody but you should remember that the main focus of these awards are young pathologists in training presenting a work, that are selected from the widest possible array of countries. This year, the committee was formed by Elena Riccardi, Achim Gruber, Pompei Bolfa, Reinie Dijkman, Ivana Vučićević and Lluís Luján.



Curious about all the winners? Head to the next page for the complete list!



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### AWARDS TO ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTERS

#### BEST ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- **1. Mariana Monteiro.** Champalimaud Foundation, Portugal. *Deep learning-based classification of C-kit immunohistochemical patterns in canine cutaneous mast cell tumors.*
- **2. Nora Gerhards.** Wageningen Bioveterinary Research, The Netherlands. *Transmission and pathogenicity in ferrets after experimental infection with HPAI H5N1 clade 2.3.4.4B viruses.*
- **3. Giada Giambone.** University of Messina, Italy. *Characterisation of TLSS maturation stage in canine mammary carcinomas.*
- **4. Caterina Romanello.** University of Milan, Italy. *“Lymphom-AI”: A preliminary application of deep learning for lymph nodes and canine lymphoma classification.*
- **5. Álex Gómez.** University of Zaragoza, Spain. *First clinicopathological characterization of an extreme body wrinkle phenotype in merino sheep and its association with orf virus infection.*



#### BEST POSTERS

- **1. Mitsuhiro Ikeda et al.** University of Nihon, Japan. *Is yolk embolism really caused by yolk? A proteomic analysis in a milk snake (*Lampropeltis triangulum*)*
- **2. Basma Tarek et al.** University of Bern, Switzerland. *The role of Clostridium perfringens beta-toxin in the pathogenesis of porcine necrotic enteritis.*
- **3. Joanna Fiedorowicz et al.** University of Warmia and Mazury, Poland. *Renal dysplasia associated with PTGS2 gene mutation in a Border Collie puppy.*
- **4. Cristina-Diana Borfalau et al.** University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania. *Gastric Kaposiform -like hemangioendotelioma in a cat: pathological findings and follow-up.*
- **5. Katharina Landmann et al.** Free University of Berlin, Germany. *Molecular and cellular characterization of equine vanins – Putative biomolecules in equine asthma.*
- **6. Estela Pérez et al.** University of Zaragoza, Spain. *Bridging pathology and material sciences: Macrophage-mediated crystallization of aluminium oxyhydroxide adjuvant in vaccine granulomas.*



We hope to see you all next year!



Lluís Lujan and the prizes committee



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## Future Meeting Congress of the European Veterinary Pathologists in 2026



The Buren's rings

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the next joint European Congress of Veterinary Pathology and Clinical Pathology (ESVP/ECVP /ESVCP/ECVCP), taking place from 16–19 September 2026 in Nantes, France.

### Congress link

Since our recent meetings — the 2025 individual congresses in Torino (ESVP/ECVP) and Bristol (ESVCP/ECVCP), and the last joint edition in Lisbon in 2023 — we've all been reminded of something essential: Zoom or Teams are useful... but nothing replaces meeting face-to-face. Sharing science, ideas, a laugh, a coffee — and yes, the occasional debate about staining artefacts — simply works better when we're together. In 2026, Nantes will be that place for us.

clinical data. Joint discussions, integrated approaches to disease mechanisms, and cross-disciplinary case work enhance our understanding, strengthen diagnostics, and drive innovation and elevate our science.



Nantes island

Our two Societies and Colleges will join forces for the first time in France. Expect a rich and exciting program designed to highlight the synergy between veterinary pathology and clinical pathology: state-of-the-art joint sessions, inspiring keynotes, educational talks, hands-on workshops, and plenty of opportunities to connect, discuss and collaborate. Science, learning, curiosity — and maybe a glass of Muscadet too.



Nantes island machines – the elephant

Bringing veterinary pathologists and clinical pathologists together is more than a tradition, it is evidence: it reflects our shared mission and daily practice.

Many of today's diagnostic challenges live at the interface between morphology, biological and



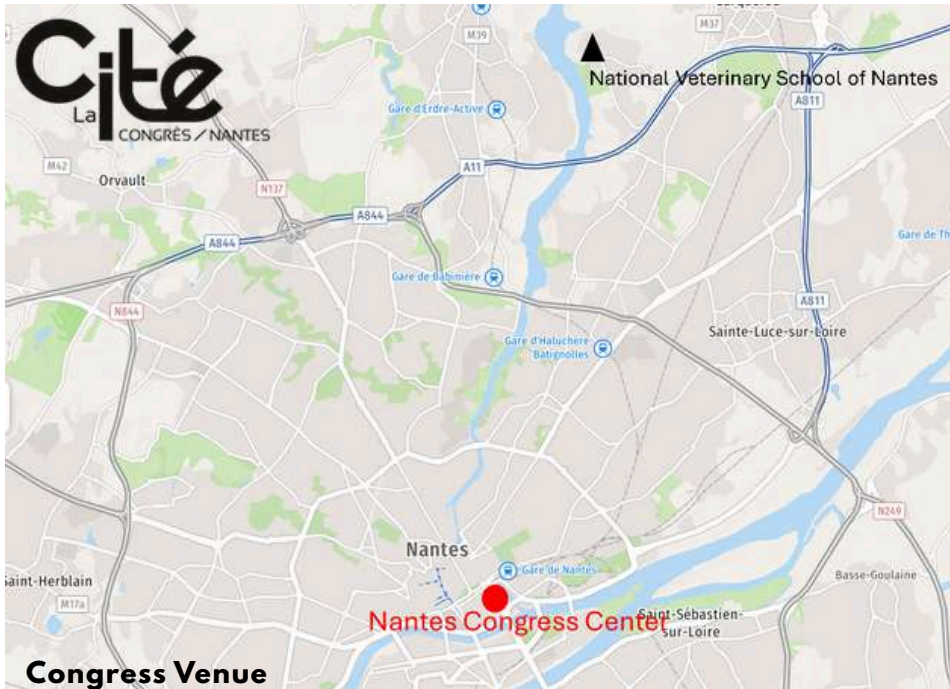
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Nestled along the Loire River, Nantes is one of France's most creative and forward-thinking cities — historical yet modern, elegant yet playful (where else can you hop on a giant mechanical elephant between sessions?). From 18th-century architecture to vibrant research hubs, from leafy parks to cutting-edge cultural spots, Nantes combines innovation, culture, and a laid-back lifestyle that makes it a pleasure to explore.

With its dynamic university scene, strong biomedical community, fantastic food (seafood lovers, get ready), easy access from across Europe, and friendly atmosphere, the city offers the perfect setting for a memorable scientific experience — and a few unforgettable moments beyond the lecture halls.

We truly look forward to welcoming you to Nantes — for science, for community, and for the joy of being together again.

See you in **September 2026 in Nantes!**



**Laetitia Jaillardon (DipECVCP) & Jérôme Abadie (DipECVP)**  
on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee



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## Upcoming events

Dear colleagues and friends,

Thank you for participating in the webinars organized by the joint **ESVP/ECVP webinar committee** during 2025. All of you that make them interesting and engaging!

The joint ESVP/ECVP webinar committee managed to successfully deliver 5 webinars on a broad range of topics, from Geriatric pathology entities across zoo species to equine, fish and reptile pathology. If you missed any webinars, there is good news: they can be found in the members only area of the ESVP and ECVP websites.

Check the **FUTURE EVENTS** for more details. Topics to expect include Getting the best results from endoscopic biopsies in dogs and cats, including scoring and use of ancillary tests, odontogenic tumors and more.

Event	Dates	Location
Gastrointestinal biopsies in dogs and cats	12th November 2025	Webinar
ECVP/ESVP/ECVCP/ESVCP Joint Congress	September 2026	Nantes, France
6th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress	2027	Gothenburg, Sweden

If you have a suggestion about topics for future webinars, do not hesitate to write to us.  
In addition, please remember to check the:

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