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ESVP President's Corner

Dear ESVP Members, dear colleagues, dear friends,

A great success. It has been a great success.

My first and most important feeling today is that this 2023 year was successful.

As expected, the 5th Cutting Edge Pathology (ESVP-ESTP-ECVP) Congress, which has been held in the beautiful city of San Lorenzo de el Escorial, Spain, from the 28th to the 31st of August 2024 has been an amazing scientific event and a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the natural link between all the veterinary pathologists in Europe and elsewhere. I have been personally more than happy to see and discuss with so many young residents and experienced pathologists, either working in diagnostic pathology, in academia, or in toxicological Pathology. And thus at the same place and at the same time, to meet so many new people and to see so many old friends.

The Local Organizing Committee team, head by Laura Peña, with the help of our PCO Pauwels (special thanks to Mirel Kostons), has remarkably organized this event. And the program that has been built by both Scientific Committees of the ESVP-ECVP and of the ESTP was really amazing. The number of attendees, more than 500, including a lot of young pathologists, residents and PhD Students was a strong encouraging signal and a promising message for the future.

The future, at least for our annual meetings, will be our next ESVP-ECVP congress in Torino, Italy, end of August 2025 and the next after in Nantes, France, mid September 2026, this one as a joint venture with our sister Society of Clinical Pathology (ESVCP).

In the meanwhile, we will, in the ESVP Board, try to increase our commitment for the benefit of all members of our community. We will continue to provide educational events, including the webinars we co-organize either with the Educational committee of the ECVP or with toxicological societies (ESTP-BSTP-SFPT). We will support through bursaries the training of our veterinary pathology residents, helping them to joint and participate to congress and summer schools. We will further promote initiatives, which are important in our eyes for our community, such as supporting as strongly as we can the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion task force, chaired by Chiara Palmieri (see below).

We hope that these actions are in agreement with our expectations and we are available to capture all your thoughts and proposals for improving our actions and enhancing our links.



Jérôme Abadie





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Our 5th Cutting Edge pathology meeting held in San Lorenzo del Escorial, Spain is few weeks away now. Science, people and emotions fused, making this congress an unforgettable event. On behalf of the ECVP, I like to express again a warm thank you to all those contributing to the organization of this event and to our sponsors. We are now contemplating the 2025 congress in Torino, Italy, and I know the organization teams actively engaged in preparing a most vibrant and interesting program.

We welcomed 19 new ECVP Diplomates this year following the 2024 ECVP examination held in Maisons-Alfort, Paris, France. Our exam is now fully digital, except for glass slides and gross picture projection. The next exam will be held in Maisons-Alfort again, 27th-29th Jan 2025. A high number of eligible candidates are lining to cross the finish line and we wish them a successful preparation and examination.

Digital pathology is broadening to the entire profession and we are carefully assessing the technical feasibility of moving from glass to digital slides for the exam in a few years.

Scientific presentations at our last congress demonstrated that artificial intelligence is becoming a daily companion like in several fields of our profession and its spread shall be cleverly managed to maintain highest standards in diagnostics. Whilst developing analytical precision further, let's make sure we keep in mind that we, are the teachers of machines.

Looking at the coming months, I like to mention the exciting training opportunities that will take place with the 2025 Summer School in Liverpool and several on line and live workshops and webinars organized jointly by our Society and College. Also, let's spread the word of the several bursaries available to fund young talents willing to become pathology specialists. All information is available on our internet sites.

Stay well and see you very soon.



Alexandre Bidaut



ESVP Secretary's Corner

Dear ESVP members, the Cutting-Edge Pathology congress 2024 is over and has been a great success, thanks to the fabulous scenery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, the high level of lectures and oral and poster/poster flash communication, and the great PEOPLE. Yes, because without PEOPLE, motivated, curious, and fun, our community would not survive. The ESVP is growing: in 2024, 16 new members have been accepted, mostly as junior members and

some of them coming from eastern European countries as Poland, Latvia and Lithuania (Europe is expanding, and the ESVP is keeping up). Being part of the ESVP is the first chance for young pathologists, PhD students, residents, and non-ECVP diplomate colleagues to be part of a scientific community of veterinary pathologists and make connections.





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One of the purposes of the Society, since its establishment in 1951, is to promote connections among national societies and associations in Europe, and continuing educational activities through the annual congress and, nowadays, webinars (see the dedicated session of the newsletter). Everyone in the Society can take advantage of the activities promoted and is free to contribute to them with their knowledge. That's the reason why it is important to be a member of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology, a community made by PEOPLE for PEOPLE.

Keep you updated of the ESVP initiative using the [website](#), the [newsletter](#) and the emails, and spread the news 😊

Elena Riccardi



ESVP Treasurer's Corner

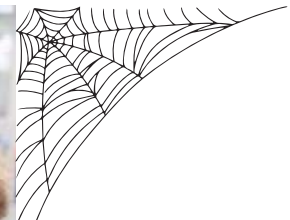
Dear members,

The ESVP is a Society that was grounded in Germany, and therefore liable to German tax laws. Every three years we have to show that the money we obtain from you, dear members, is used for good and progress and not squandered or used to make even more money.

One of the ways we want to make sure to have a money turn around is by helping younger colleagues and residents with their education and network. We have stipends for people that want to join the Summer School that is a yearly educational 10 days organised by ECVP and for people that want to join the Residents day, that is a fairly new extra day added to the yearly ESVP/ECVP congress. This day is aimed at residents (hence the name) to handle topics that are not discussed at summer school. The Summer School is aimed to discuss the different pathology subjects more or less by organ system, the residents day can go into topics like "scientific value of publications", next generation sequencing, how to make good photographs and so fort.

We are hoping to broaden our base of members by trying to convince ECVP and ACVP diplomates in Europe to also join, or stay joined with the ESVP. Please be our ambassador to get more members, to reach out to a greater part of our veterinary pathology community.

As a treasurer, every payment that is made gives a bit of personal contact with the member involved, at the very least I get to read the names. I am very proud and happy to be so uniquely involved with so many Europeans (and people all over the world). If you want to get in touch, please use treasurer@esvp.eu to contact me.



Reinie Dijkman



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ECVP-ESVP-ESTP 5th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress 2024 Post-Congress impressions from the Local Organizing Committee



The CEP congress was not easy to organize. The three organizing bodies—ESVP, ECVP, and ESTP—sometimes had differing opinions on how the congress should be conducted or what should take precedence: for example, economic assistance for residents versus the convenience of transport from the airport, accommodation in high-end hotels, or fancy conference center rooms. Overall, the logistics of the CEP meeting were also quite challenging; at least three parallel sessions with large capacities were needed, yet we had a limited budget, which in this case prevented us from holding the congress in a conference center in downtown Madrid. However, the historical venue of San Lorenzo de El Escorial met all the requirements, except for one: the weather. In San Lorenzo de El Escorial, where temperatures are usually cool (even cold) and there is no rain in the latter part of August, we experienced a terrible heatwave on the first day of the congress and very rainy, stormy weather in the following days. None of this diminished the congress; the wonderful social activities were able to take place, and the sessions ran smoothly. It was fantastic to reconnect with friends and colleagues on Wednesday evening at a magnificent cocktail reception, which seemed never-ending, in the venue's gardens after a wonderful welcome concert featuring flamenco-jazz fusion music.

The number of **attendees, over 450** from around the world, and sponsors exceeded all expectations. In fact, registration had to be closed a week before the congress. The scientific sessions, according to feedback received in the survey, were highly appreciated, thanks to the excellent work and hard efforts of the two scientific committees: the Scientific Committee ESVP/ECVP and the ESTP committee. **Thank you very much** to the many people who, in a completely selfless manner, made it possible to hold this high-level conference.

After several days of congress, it concluded with a splendid gala dinner at the Miravalle restaurant, where awards were presented for the best presentations and posters, and we were able to dance (or at least move around trying to keep up with the rhythm!). It was a lot of fun!

Although challenging to organize, we do believe that the CEP meetings, besides the high scientific level, are a great opportunity to interact and reconnect with colleagues “from the other sides of Veterinary Pathology.” So we would like to encourage future organizers to take on the challenge of a new CEP in three years, and we hope to gather again at the next CEP meeting in 2027!



Laura Peña and Juana Mª Flores
on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee



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ECVP-ESVP-ESTP 5th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress 2024 AWARDS TO ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTERS

The ESVP-ECVP Congress (5th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress) in San Lorenzo de El Escorial was greatly enjoyed by a crowd of veterinary pathologists that gathered there at the end of August. One of the many attractions of the congress was the competition for the best posters and oral communications, that were given at the congress dinner, on the Friday.

This year the number of presentations was very impressive as there were a total of **190 abstracts accepted** to the congress, **38 as oral communications**, **140 as posters** and **12 as poster flash**. The task of judging them all was very difficult, especially for posters as the quality and the presentation was excellent. The prizes committee was formed by Andrea Groene, as the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the meeting, together with four members of the ESVP board, Reinie Dijkman, Ivana Vučićević, Dimitra Psalla and Lluís Luján.

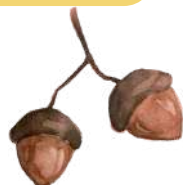
The task was hard and the final selection of prizes was:



All of them received a Diploma and a prize of 100€. The prizes committee wants to congratulate to all participants for their commitment in improving the quality of the presentations year after year and making our congress very attractive for veterinary pathologists.

We hope to see you all next year!

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





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BEST ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Marcos Isidoro-Ayza**, University of Wisconsin-Madison. THE SKIN I LIVE IN. THE INTRACELLULAR LIFESTYLE OF *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* DURING WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME OF BATS
- **Luisa Vera Muscatello**, University of Bologna. MULTIPLEX IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY AND SUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING FOR IMMUNE CELLS TOPOGRAPHY IN CANINE PDL1 TESTED UROTHELIAL CARCINOMA
- **Emma Thilén**, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Swedish Veterinary Agency. EVIDENCE OF RUSTRELA VIRUS-ASSOCIATED FELINE STAGGERING DISEASE IN SWEDEN SINCE THE 1970s.
- **Min Chun Chen**, Texas A&M University, City University of Hong Kong, North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Finn Pathologists, School of Veterinary Medicine, Taipei, UC Davis. ASSOCIATION BETWEEN DOMESTIC CAT HEPADNAVIRUS AND FELINE HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA
- **Margherita Polidori**, University of Bern. DISTINCT SUBCELLULAR DYNAMICS OF *Listeria monocytogenes* IN MICROGLIA AND MONOCYTE-DERIVED MACROPHAGES: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PATHOGENESIS OF NEUROLISTERIOSIS



BEST POSTERS

- PATHOLOGICAL STUDY OF A GAS BUBBLE DISEASE MODEL IN FISH. **Alicia Sofía Velázquez-Wallraf**. Unive, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Stirling.
- CANINE MAST CELL TUMORS: PREDICTION OF THE C-KIT EXON 11 GENOTYPE BY PHENOTYPE - HUMAN OBSERVER VS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. **Chloé Puge**. Freie Universität Berlin, Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt, Michigan State University, Michigan, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg.
- INTESTINAL HISTOPLASMOSIS IN A SHETLAND PONY: CASE REPORT AND LITERATURE REVIEW. **Aline Daniela Luna-Sánchez**. National Autonomous University of Mexico.
- CLINICOPATHOLOGICAL, IMMUNOHISTOCHEMICAL, AND MOLECULAR CHARACTERIZATION OF A CANINE TESTICULAR T-CELL LYMPHOMA. **Ana Teresa Machado**. INNO Veterinary Laboratory, University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, Regua Vet, Cedivet, University of Porto, University Institute of Health Sciences.
- CONCOMITANT INTESTINAL PERIPHERAL NERVE SHEATH TUMOR (SCHWANNOMA) AND GANGLIONEUROMATOSIS IN A DOG. **Pedro Mendívil**. Universidad de León.



POSTER FLASH AWARD

- STAT3 PATHWAY IN CANINE ORAL MELANOMA: A POTENTIAL THERAPEUTIC TARGET? **Adriana Lo Giudice**. University of Perugia.

We hope to see you all next year!

Lluís Lujan and the prizes committee





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ESVP/ECVP TASK FORCE FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI)

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) task force held a well-attended session on Thursday, with strong participation both in person and online. The task force members presented the results of an online survey distributed earlier this year, alongside a brief presentation on neurodiversity and the impact of DEI issues on mental health. This was followed by a very interactive and engaging discussion, with written feedback and ideas collected at the end of the session. Key issues raised during the session included support for neurodiversity, respect for gender identity, residents and members stress management, exam-related concerns, language discrimination and residency training centres issues.

In light of the increasing awareness of neurodiversity it was suggested that ECVP/ESVP develops specific guidelines to enhance inclusivity at future events. Similarly, respecting gender identity at ECVP/ESVP events (such as conferences and summer school) was recognised as essential for fostering an inclusive environment for all participants. To address these matters the DEI task force is preparing recommendations for ECVP/ESVP to aid the development of appropriate guidelines.

The session also highlighted the significant stress residents and members of the veterinary pathology community are experiencing, which is negatively affecting their mental health and wellbeing. A major source of stress stems from the exam process and the need for a revision of the exam was emphasized. Similarly, the hierarchical culture prevalent in residency training centers was openly recognised and discussed, signaling the need for a cultural shift in our community. The DEI task force plans to collaborate closely with the residents' committee to implement measures aimed at improving residents experience within the training programs.

Lastly, language discrimination emerged as a concern, particularly for residents training in non-English-speaking countries as they may face disadvantages during the exam.



A proposed solution is to introduce a consistent English-language education requirement across all ECVP training programs, and the DEI task force will add this proposal to the recommendations document.

The session received overwhelmingly positive feedback and there is a growing enthusiasm around the constructive dialogue that has begun on DEI issues. The DEI task force is committed to translating these conversations into a series of actionable points and, with this objective in mind, a series of recommendations is currently being developed. Moreover, to facilitate progress, subcommittees have been formed, with Chiara, Emilian and Sarah responsible for gender issues, Erika, Daniela and Chiara focusing on neurodiversity and Daniela, Emilian, Sarah and Roberta (new DEI task force member) looking after residency programme-related matters.

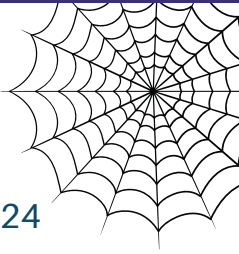
All ECVP/ESVP members are encouraged to reach out to any member of the task force directly with any issues or concern they may have. Current members of the DEI task force are Chiara Palmieri, Daniela Denk, Erika Abbondati, Sarah Kischner-Kitz Emilian Malek and Roberta Rasotto.

Chiara Palmieri



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Future Meeting Congress of the European Veterinary Pathologists in 2025

Dear Esteemed Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

The European Society of Veterinary Pathology (ESVP) and the Local Organizing Committee from the University of Turin's Department of Veterinary Sciences are thrilled to announce the upcoming European Congress of Veterinary Pathology (ECVP 2025), taking place from **August 27–30, 2025**.

Within the prestigious buildings of **Campus Luigi Einaudi (CLE)**, a broad range of scientific fields awaits veterinary pathologists. Veterinary pathologists will share insights with molecular biologists, geneticists, and clinicians, while industry pioneers unveil the latest technological advancements.

For four days, **Turin** will become more than just a city; it will transform into the epicenter of veterinary pathological innovation, where your contributions could spark the next breakthrough in animal pathology.

From the cobblestone streets steeped in history to the cutting-edge facilities of CLE, every moment in Turin will inspire. Whether you're presenting your latest research, participating in dynamic panel discussions, or networking with colleagues from around the globe, ECVP 2025 promises an unparalleled platform for professional growth and scientific advancement.

This is our invitation to be part of something extraordinary—a gathering where every conversation could lead to a collaboration, every presentation could inspire a breakthrough, and every connection could shape the future of veterinary pathology.



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Chair: Dr. Luca Aresu

Co-Chair: Dr. Raffaella De Maria

Co-Chair: Tiziana Cannizzo



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Upcoming events

Event	Dates	Location
Lymphomas in domestic animals	November 2024	Webinar
ESVP-ECVP Annual Meeting	August 27th-30th 2025	Turin, Italy
ECVP/ESVP/ECVCP/ESVCP Joint Congress	September 2026	Nantes, France

ESVP website



For more details about upcoming webinars, meetings, and publications, be sure to check out the **ESVP website**. Additionally, visit the **congress website** for more information and to register later on.

