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**ESVP President's corner**

*Wolfgang Baumgärtner*

**We did it!**



Dear colleagues,  
Several vaccines have passed the final check and are broadly applied, at least in Europe, US and China, providing hope for the people that we will have our lives back again. No more restrictions, instead vacations, family reunions, parties and the most important for us, "real meetings with real people". Although our meeting will be a digital conference this year, I am convinced this will be the last time that this will happen. In a few years we will mention this and other similar meetings with words like "once upon a time" or "do you remember?" The next generation will wonder about our reminiscing and wonder what we/you are talking about when you refer to the meetings and the situation in 2020 and 2021.

Despite all the joy and the feeling of relief coming with the successful generation of the vaccines and their application to us and our loved ones we should remember: this was and still is a pandemic. There are numerous countries and millions of people who are not yet vaccinated and, most likely, will not be vaccinated in the coming months. In other words, this is not only a global health crisis it is also a crisis of humanity and solidarity. It is my impression that each country aims to ensure that its people will be protected first. We should not forget that an ongoing uncontrolled pandemic will result in the generation of new mutations that might escape the protection triggered by the currently available vaccines. In other words, vaccination failure could occur even in vaccinated countries by the spread of virus mutations in such a scenario. Moreover, we can feel safe only when the whole world has access to protective vaccines. I am also convinced that SARS-CoV-2 and its friends will be with us for many more years.

Still we are looking forward to our next Cutting Edge meeting together with the ECVP and our sister society ESTP. As shown in the flyer circulated by the Scientific Committee, we have generated a great programme with numerous keynote lectures, oral presentations and various options to improve and enhance our scientific network. We still try to make this event as communicative as possible despite the ongoing global pandemic. Yes, we are becoming better at using digital communication tools, but they cannot replace face-to-face meetings and, also importantly, they will never represent a substitute for social interactions. The latter are often the first step for future successful scientific collaborations. We will also offer another highly stimulating residents' day on the Wednesday prior to the official start of the meeting.

Of course, we hope we can welcome all of you and members of the ECVP and ESTP at this meeting. Keep in mind we are doing such a digital meeting for the first time and I can assure you that everybody involved in



the arrangement of the meeting including the local organiser, the professional congress organisation, the boards of the ESVP, ESTP and ECVP and especially the Scientific Committee are doing their best to make this another successful meeting. Looking at the programme, they were extremely successful.

I am looking forward to welcome you at our annual meeting, stay healthy and think positive

Yours

Wolfgang

**PS: a personal note.** This is my last comment in the “President’s corner” and I will hand over the Presidency to Jérôme Abadie. He will be the new president of the ESVP. I have known Jérôme for many years, he is also a convinced European, ECVP diplomat and experienced ESVP board member. In other words, he is the ideal candidate to move the ESVP to the next level and to ensure continuity. I have really enjoyed the last 6 years as president of the ESVP. Why? Firstly, we have a great group of enjoyable board members. They are committed to their work, focus on essentials and are prepared to try new concepts. It is always fun to work together with people who have similar ideas and visions and are willing to implement new concepts. In this respect, I think we were very successful in recent years to develop a European platform for pathology jointly together with the ECVP council members. Thanks.



**ESVP Secretary’s Corner**

*Gail Leeming*

I hope everyone is keeping well, and that we will actually be able to meet up in real life next year. This pandemic has gone on a lot longer than most people

wanted to even consider when it started. However, there have been some silver linings, such as the increase in opportunities for online CPD, giving access to speakers and discussions that were not freely available before; we hope you have enjoyed those that the Society has been involved in.

During this time, electronic and digital communications are more important than ever; please ensure that your contact details are up to date. You can check by logging onto the members’ only pages of the ESVP website [here](#). If you are not registered to access these on the website, you can do this [here](#). You will only be able to do this if your membership fees are paid up to date, and this will be checked before you are given access. Please ask colleagues to do this too, as if their details are out of date, they will not receive this newsletter!



The Society’s AGM will be online again this year. There will be invitations sent out nearer the time, but the date for your diary is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021, at 5pm CEST.



**ECVP-ESVP-ESTP annual meeting**

The European Society of Veterinary Pathology (ESVP), jointly with the European College of Veterinary Pathologists (ECVP) and the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology (ESTP), is pleased to invite you to the 4th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress, which will be held virtually from Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th September 2021. For more details and to register,



please visit the [Congress website](#). Early bird registration is open until 31<sup>st</sup> July.

The ESVP/ECVP will hold sessions on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September dedicated to the themes of global health and emerging infectious diseases, novelties in oncology, forensic pathology and molecular techniques in veterinary pathology. In addition, there will be a half-day seminar on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September for residents and/or PhD students on “Skills in Oral Communication and Poster Design”.

The parallel ESTP sessions will be on biomarkers and organ toxicity, with focus on the development and use of biomarkers in the process of preclinical development of new medicines, associated organ toxicity and their translatability to man.

Joint keynote lectures will be held on subjects with broad appeal, including biomarkers in pathology, coronavirus disease and discussion of interesting cases.

Please visit the [abstract submission page](#) if you wish to submit an abstract for a poster or an oral presentation. Prior to submitting your abstract, read the [instructions for authors](#), and note that the deadline for abstract submission is 3<sup>rd</sup> July and will not be extended! Submitted abstracts will only be included in the Congress abstract book if the presenting author is registered to attend the congress by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. The abstracts of any presenting authors who do not attend the congress will not be published following the congress.

The final decision on the format of each presentation will be made by the Scientific Committee. Details regarding oral and poster communications will be included with notification of acceptance of the abstract. If your abstract is accepted for a poster, this must be submitted electronically by 25<sup>th</sup> August.

Please note that all posters will be in landscape format (16:9 ratio), maximum 4 megabytes (4MB) in size, and in PDF format with images/photos, graphs and tables be included in the e-poster. Oral presentations will be 10 minutes in length, and there will also be three-minute flash presentations of posters as selected by the Scientific Committee.

### **We look forward to seeing you all online!**

Best wishes,

On behalf of the ESVP/ECVP Scientific Committee, ESTP Scientific Organising Committee, and the Local Organising committee,

*Jérôme Abadie, Raffaella Capobianco, Pierluigi Fant, Anna-Lena Frisk, Enrico Bollo, Bartolomeo Biolatti*



**ESVP Treasurer's corner**

*Reinie Dijkman*

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### **Summer School Stipends for trainees!**

The ESVP was pleased to hear that the Summer School will take place this year, albeit in a hybrid format. The ESVP will be sponsoring five bursaries of €400 each for trainees who are attending the ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Zagreb, Croatia, in person this summer. ECVP registered trainees can apply for this Summer School stipend.

Priority will be given to those applicants who a junior member of the ESVP and have no outstanding membership fees, are attending the face to face meeting in Croatia, and did not previously receive a bursary from either ESVP or ECVP. However, all



applicants will be considered and are encouraged to apply.

We wish the summer school organizers and all trainees attending virtually or in real life a very successful hybrid event!



### Upcoming webinars

Starting from 2021, the ESVP board is pleased to be able to provide the members of the Society a great chance of continuing professional education, helpful for professional veterinary pathologists but also strongly recommended for residents and students.

On behalf of the anatomic pathology department of IDEXX UK, members are invited, to join the monthly **Lymphoma Meeting case review**. This is a 30 minute meeting where interesting lymphoma cases from the routine diagnostic caseload are presented and discussed.

Hannover Vet School offers the unique opportunity to take part to their monthly rounds on **Neuropathology** and **Ophthalmology**. These are joint meetings of clinicians and pathologists. At each meeting, two cases of are presented from the perspective of clinicians and pathologists to refine interdisciplinary communication and raise awareness for chances and pitfalls of ocular and neurology diagnostics.

Due to the informal nature of these meetings, all the ESVP members are invited to participate at the discussion, to raise questions or queries, to provide opinions based in their experience on the topics: the goal of these meetings is to have the opportunity to learn together and share knowledge.

The ESVP board would like the members of the Society to be active in this project: for this reason, you will find below and on the website a link to a survey in which you are kindly invited to participate. The aim of the survey is 1) to collect your feedback on this initiative and to understand if we are going in the right direction, and 2) to have from you new ideas for future meetings.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KNPPJF3>

### Associazione Italiana di Patologia Veterinaria (AIPVet)

[www.aipvet.it](http://www.aipvet.it)



The Italian Association of Veterinary Pathology (Associazione Italiana di Patologia Veterinaria - AIPVet) was formed in 2004, originating from a previous Association of Italian Veterinary

Pathologists.

The Association has a scientific background, pursues cultural purposes, independently promoting research activities, studies and conferences on issues of Veterinary General Pathology, Pathological Anatomy and on related topics. It aims to attract members by offering professional quality meetings and create an environment for cultural interaction.



The Association is part of the Italian Society of Veterinary Science (Società Italiana delle Scienze Veterinarie – SISVet), has more than 200 active members and organises an annual Meeting.



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The current President is Prof. Enrico Bollo from the University of Torino, and the Council includes

veterinary pathologists from academia, industry, and public and private diagnostic laboratories.

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