



Annual General Meeting of The European Society of Veterinary Pathology Belgrade September 10th, 2010, 4.45 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology started at 4:45 p.m. and the agenda was as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Obituary
3. Minutes of the AGM in Krakow
4. Election of new ESVP members
5. President's and Hon. Secretary's report
6. Hon. Treasurer's report
7. ESVP constitution
8. Scientific committee
9. Journal of Comparative Pathology Educational Trust
10. ESVP grants
 - (a) Summer school 2010
 - (b) Fall meeting in Belgrade 2010
11. ESVP web site
12. Future meetings
13. Any other business

From the circulated attendance list, it was deduced that 73 Members were present, in addition to the President of the Society, Prof. Cinzia Benazzi, and Council Members of the Society.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Prof. Felix Ehrensperger, Dr. Seamus Kennedy, and Prof. Brian Sheahan.

2. Obituary

The Society remembered in silence Prof. Wim Misdorp from the Netherlands who passed away October 7, 2009 and Dr. Pete Ossent, Zurich, who died in March 2010.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Krakow September 11, 2009

The Minutes had been posted on the web site of the Society. No additions or corrections were noted.

4. Election of new ESVP Members

The following 29 new Members were elected by acclamation:

Last Name	First Name	Proposer	Second
Rodriguez	Irene	L. CARRASCO OTERO	J. MARTIN de las MULAS
Gomez	Magdalena	L. CARRASCO OTERO	J. MARTIN de las MULAS
Morandi	Federico	GIUSEPPE SARLI	CINZIA BENAZZI
Sierra Pulpillo	Eva	LLUIS LUJAN	FREDERIQUE NGUYEN
Queseda Canales	Oscar	LLUIS LUJAN	FREDERIQUE NGUYEN
Jasik	Agnieska	MICHAEL REICHERT	JOSEF SZAREK
Castiglioni	Vittoria	EUGENIO SCANZIANI	PAOLA ROCCABIANCA
Hagner	Karoliina	PERNILLA SYRIA	ANTTI SUKURA
Cahalan	Stephen	SEAN CALLANAN	FELIX EHRENSPERGER
Garza	Ma Carmen	ROSA MARIA BOLEA BAILO	CRISTINA ACIN TRESACO
Sarasa	Rocio	CRISTINA ACIN TRESACO	ROSA MARIA BOLEA BAILO
Curtseid	Selda	MANUELA MILITARU	EMILIA CIOBOTARU
Vasian	Linda	MANUELA MILITARU	EMILIA CIOBOTARU
		WOLFGANG	
Bono Contioso	Vanessa	BAUMGAERTNER	CHRISTIA PUFF
		WOLFGANG	
Gerhauser	Ingo	BAUMGAERTNER	FRAUKE SEEHUSEN
		WOLFGANG	
Haist	Verena	BAUMGAERTNER	PETER WOHLSEIN
Binanti	Diana	MARCO RONDENA	PAOLA ROCCABIANCA
Klose	Patricia	Achim GRUBER	O. KERSHAW
Martinez			Ma CARMEN FERRERAS
Fernandez	Beatriz	CLAUDIA PEREZ MARTINEZ	ESTRADA
Karol	Agnieszka	FELIX EHRENSPERGER	ANDREAS POSPISCHIL
Beha	Germana	CINZIA BENAZZI	GIUSEPPE SARLI
Meyer	Anja	ACHIM GRUBER	OLIVIA KERSHAW
	Ricardo	JUANA MARTIN de las	ELENA MOZOS MORA
Mendes	Evandro	MULAS	
Borel	Nicole	ANDREAS POSPISCHIL	FELIX EHRENSPERGER
Lopuszynski	Wojciech	JOSEF SAREK	ISABELLA BABINSKA
Dolka	Izabella	JOSEF SAREK	ISABELLA BABINSKA
Pompei-Florin	Bolfa	CORNEL CATOI	MANUELLA MILITARU
Marian-Aurel	Taulescu	CORNEL CATOI	MANUELLA MILITARU
Andras-Laszlo	Nagy	CORNEL CATOI	MANUELLA MILITARU
Flaviu-Alexandru	Tabaran	CORNEL CATOI	MANUELLA MILITARU

The new Members originate from eight European countries: 7 from Spain, 6 from Romania, 5 from Germany, 4 from Italy, 3 from Poland, 2 from Switzerland, 1 from Finland, and 1 from Ireland.

5. President's and Honorary Secretary's report

The following items were the most important activities and developments since the last fall meeting in Krakow 2009:

- The ESVP established a new website under www.esvp.eu. The President thanked Prof. Giuseppe Sarli, Bologna, for the work he put into establishing the new website. This issue is discussed separately under item 11.
- As a result of efforts by the Treasurer, the Society is now able to offer the facility of payments by credit card by Members.
- Since the last Meeting in Krakow, the annual fees have been reduced to 50 Euros for accredited and senior pathologists and 30 Euros for trainee pathologists. Those Members who paid the old amount for 2010 will have any over-payment offset in 2011.
- The new constitution of the ESVP. The draft has been brought to the attention of all members with the letter of the Treasurer and by posting on the news page of the web site: both the old and new constitution are accessible to members after registration. A ballot has been run and any proposal for modification had to be sent to the Hon. Secretary and later on at this general meeting all the members will be asked to vote. The feedback was rather poor so far (about 20 members did reply), but all members who had responded did approve the new constitution without further modifications. Therefore, according to the current by laws (article 12), the new constitution has to be approved by the majority of delegates at two consecutive AGM's. The approval of the new constitution will be discussed at item 7.
- This year as in the previous year, the Journal of Comparative Pathology Educational Trust (JCPET) has offered to sponsor a plenary lecture at the annual meeting to be named Journal of Comparative Pathology Plenary Lecture. This year the Trust decided to sponsor the lecture by a Society member, Dr. Thijs Kuiken, entitled: New viral diseases in wildlife
- The JCPET also offered 5 bursaries (valued 500 British pound each) for young pathologists to cover travel expenses. Finally, the Journal of Comparative Pathology has agreed to publish the abstracts of the Belgrade meeting with no costs to the Society. Sincere thanks to the Trust for the generous contribution offered.

6. Hon. Treasurer's report

Honorary Treasurer's report presented at the AGM will be available available on the web.

The Society account is 113'905.28 Euros.

But, our last fiscal year brought more expenditures than takings:

16'000 € takings vs 36'000 € expenditures.

At 01 Aug 2010, only 43% of all members had NOT paid their fees.

The Auditors Report was presented and approved by acclamation.

7. ESVP constitution

The board member Prof Rod Else explained the need to update the Society constitution and described of the proposed changes. Main changes will be to Member categories and terms of service of the ESVP board members.

Four Membership categories were proposed: ordinary members, junior members, honorary members and retired members. Compared the old constitution retired member will be a new category. The status of retired member gives the opportunity to benefit from privileges of the ordinary members (except the right to vote) without the burden of the costs: no annual fee is charged to retired members.

The term of office for the president is reduced to two years followed by two years as past president during which he/she acts as vice-president.

Also the term of the honorary secretary is changed: two years, with re-election possible twice, up to a maximum of 6 years only. The aim is to facilitate better continuity and reduce the workload on each secretary.

The changes were accepted unanimously and the finalised new Constitution will be presented for final discussion and approval at next year's AGM in Uppsala.

8. Scientific committee

A grateful thank you goes to all the members of the Scientific committee for their hard but fruitful work during the past year.

The 2010 Committee comprised Luis Llujan (Chair), Rod Else, Federico Valenza, Jenny McKay, Milijan Jovanovich (representing the local organizers of this year meeting), Carl Hård af Segerstad as Chair of the organizing of next Congress in Uppsala, and retiring Member Jozef Szarek who contributed his experience of organizing two of the past meetings.

As written in the terms of reference for the Scientific committee, the committee had to decide on the acceptability of registration fees proposed by the LCOC and the acceptability of general conference arrangements including the balance of scientific and social programmes.

The committee was acknowledged for their successful work. Prof. Luis Llujan gave his report of the scientific committee for the Belgrade meeting and the Committee was acknowledged for their successful work.

9. Journal of Comparative Pathology Educational Trust

Prof. Rod Else presented bursaries of £500 each on behalf of the JCPET .

10. ESVP grants

The ESVP also has given 10 bursaries (400 Euros each) to cover the registration fee for young pathologists already members and applicants to the 2010 summer school. As 30 applications were received, The Secretary proceeded to a ballot.

It is anticipated that a similar number will be given next year.

The ESVP granted ten bursaries (300 Euros each) for the participation of pathologists at an early stage of their career (**members or applicants**) in the Belgrade meeting. A similar number will be granted next year for the meeting in Uppsala.

11. ESVP web site

The Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Jakob Walter, presented the new website and encouraged Members to register on the web page. In the future it will be the main interface for society Members.

Prof. Giuseppe Sarli is the web master and has made major effort to developed the web site. The Board proposes to offer Giuseppe a little present as acknowledgement of his valuable job. The audience unanimously approves.

12. Future meetings

Uppsala, Sweden, 2011

Leon, Spain, 2012

Venice, Italy, 2013

13. Any other business

- As in previous years, a small committee to decide the awards for the best poster at the Annual Meeting had been convened. This year Prof. Peter Schmidt, Dr. Sanja Aleksic-Kovacevic and Dr. Udo Hetzel judged the large number of posters. Four prizes (300 euros each) were awarded and presented at the Conference dinner.
- Dr Carl Hård af Segerstad cordially welcomed the audience to 29th ESVP/ECVP in 2011 Uppsala, Sweden (see the information at: <http://www.esvp.eu/>). He has provided a very interesting and informative presentation of city of Uppsala and meeting venue.

The Meeting was closed by the President at 6.30p.m.

The (Deputy) Hon. Secretary

Prof. Antti Sukura

The President

Prof. Cinzia Benazzi