



EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF VETERINARY PATHOLOGY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology Edinburgh, September 1st, 2006, 5.00 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology started at 17:00 hours and the agenda was as follows:

1. Agenda

Obituaries: In memoriam of Prof. Joachim Pohlenz, Hannover, Prof. Joachim von Sandersleben, München, Prof. Hugo Stünzi, Zürich, and Prof. Horst Loppnow, Berlin.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Naples, Sept 9th, 2005, 3.30 p.m.
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From the circulated attendance list, it is deduced that 75 members were present at this meeting. Prior to commencing the meeting, several members of the ESVP who died during the previous year were remembered:

Prof. Joachim Pohlenz, Hannover, Germany
Prof. Joachim von Sandersleben, Munich, Germany
Prof. Hugo Stünzi, Zürich, Switzerland
Prof. Horst Loppnow, Berlin, Germany

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Prof. François Crespeau (France).

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Naples, Sept 9th, 2005, 3.30 pm.

The minutes had been sent to all members with the annual circular. No additions or corrections were noted.

4. Election of new members

The following 52 new members were elected by acclamation.

Country	Surname	Name
3 Belgium	Garigliany	Mutien-Marie
Belgium	Van Den Heyden	Sara
Belgium	Vandenberghe	Valerie
1 Bulgaria	Metodiev	Nikola
1 Canada	Maslej	Peter
1 Croatia	Vickovic	Ivan
2 Czech Republic	Fictum	Petr
Czech Republic	Skoric	Misa
2 Denmark	Mortensen	Alicja
Denmark	Nielsen	Ole Lerberg
4 Finland	Airas	Niina
Finland	Isomursu	Marja
Finland	Palojärvi	Pälvi
Finland	Schulman	Kitty
6 France	Chanut	Franck
France	Ferreira Neves	Patricia
France	Gervais	Frédéric
France	Lejeune	Typhaine
France	Maliver	Pierre
France	Nicolier	Alexandra
4 Germany	Huisinga	Maike
Germany	Schmiedeknecht	Gisa
Germany	Seibel	Henrike
Germany	von Bomhard	Wolf
1 Ireland	O'Donovan	James
4 Italy	Defazio	Rossella
Italy	Gregori	Michela
Italy	Recordati	Camilla
Italy	Ressel	Lorenzo
2 Japan	Akihara	Yuko
Japan	Shimoyama	Yumiko
1 Lithuania	Pockevicius	Alius
2 Norway	Kai-Inge	Lie
Norway	Sørby	Randi
1 Slovenia	Paller	Tomislav
8 Spain	Bolea	Rosa
Spain	Delgado Perrier	Laeticia
Spain	Garcia Gonzales	Beatriz
Spain	Martinez Martinez	Jorge
Spain	Miranda Blazquez	Sonia
Spain	Raya Bermúdez	Ana Isabel
Spain	Salazar	Eider
Spain	Soto	Sara
3 Switzerland	Café Marçal	Valéria
Switzerland	Keller	Stefan
Switzerland	Wiener	Dominique
6 United Kingdom	Barley	Jason
United Kingdom	Freel	Kerry
United Kingdom	House	Jackie
United Kingdom	Hughes	Katherine
United Kingdom	Morrison	Linda
United Kingdom	Nuñez	Alejandro
United Kingdom	Rayner	Emma

5. Reports

a. President's and Hon. Secretary's report

As the President and Honorary Treasurer worked closely together during the year, a joint report was presented by the President, Prof. Manfred Reinacher. The following items were the most important activities and developments since the last fall meeting in Naples in 2005:

1. The ESVP has established a new website at www.esvp.eu. The President thanked Dr. Peter Brown, (then at Bristol and now at Nottingham), for his long-lasting help with the first website as well as Dr. Giuseppe Sarli, Bologna, for the work he had put into establishing the new website.
2. Eight participants of this year's ESVP/ECVP summer school in Helsinki were supported financially by the ESVP.
3. A joint standing scientific committee has been formed by the ESVP and the ECVP. It consists of 2 members from each organisation and representatives of the local organizers of the annual ESVP conference.

The current President has now served the ESVP for nine years, (six years as Honorary Secretary and three years as President,) and is, according to the Bye-Laws, not re-electable. He expressed his sincere thanks for all the support and help which he had received, especially from the other officers of the ESVP during this time: Andreas Pospischil, Zürich, and Rik Ducatelle, Ghent (Presidents), Cinzia Benazzi, Bologna, (Secretary), as well as Gerd Königsmann, Frankfurt, Klaus Krauser, Berlin/Abbott Park, IL, USA, and Jakob Walter, Berlin, (Honorary Treasurers), and the Board members François Crespeau, Alfort, Jaap van Dijk, Utrecht, Thor Landsverk, Oslo, Brian Sheahan, Dublin, Antti Sukura, Helsinki, Jozef Szarek, Olsztyn, and Roderick Else, Edinburgh. Furthermore, he reminded the members present of the meetings that had taken place during his presidency and expressed his gratitude to all those involved in the organization of the fall meetings in Lillehammer, Nantes, Amsterdam, Thessaloniki, Torino, Dublin, Olsztyn, Naples, and now in Edinburgh.

b. Hon. Treasurer's report

The **Annual Financial Summary** for the period **August 2005 to July 2006** is as follows:

	for the membership account:	for the fund account:
Beginning Balance (August 2005)	EUR 34,079.75	EUR 14,023.37
Receipts within the period	EUR 21,111.75	EUR 0.00
Expenditure within the period	EUR 3,741.30	EUR 69.30
Closing Balance (July 24, 2006)	EUR 51,450.17	EUR 11,154.07

The **expenditure** from the membership account was:

Accounting fees EUR 41.30
Grants EUR 3,200
PC for Summer School EUR 500

The Balances (membership and fund account) **were audited by**
Prof. Monika Welle, Switzerland
Prof. Ric Ducatelle, Belgium

Unidentified receipts were received as follows:

Novartis EUR 75

Bayer CropScience EUR 75

Zagreb EUR 218

Universidad de Leon EUR 450

Portugal EUR 40

??ELAIN?? EUR 75

„VIA DEI CHOSI“ EUR 40

If anyone can clarify the origin of those receipts, please contact the Honorary Treasurer, Jakob Walter.

The **expenditure** from the **FUND** account amounted to EUR 69.30.

Members 2006 and 2005:

Total in 2005 592

Total in 2006 602 +1.7 %

Honorary members 15 (16)

Full members 466 (458) +1.7 %

Pathologists in training 50 (47) +6.4 %

Retired members 71 (68) +4.4 %

Deleted from the files 49 (6)

Members w/o sufficient e-mail address 73

Country	Members
Germany	129
Italy	81
Spain	57
Switzerland	54
UK	54
France	45
Netherlands	29
Belgium	19
Poland	12
Sweden	12
Other	68

6. Election of a new President

The Board thanked Prof. Reinacher for his extremely valuable work as President of the Society. The Board recommended that Dr. Seamus Kennedy, Belfast, be the incoming President of the ESVP. Dr. Kennedy is a graduate in Veterinary Medicine of University College, Dublin. He has worked in diagnostic and research pathology at the Veterinary Science Laboratory at Stormont in Northern Ireland for the past 25 years. His research interests have included viral diseases of pigs and morbillivirus infections of aquatic mammals. He is currently Director of the Stormont laboratory.

Dr. Kennedy was unanimously elected by acclamation.

7. Costs of Fall meetings

The cost of the Fall meetings was raised at last year's AGM. As mentioned in the President's report, it was agreed to create a joint ESVP-ECVP Scientific Committee formed by two Society members, two College members, and two local organizers of the annual ESVP conference. One of the tasks of this committee would be to investigate ways of reducing the registration costs of the annual conferences. Additional suggestions were invited from members on how to reduce the costs of these meetings.

8. European College of Veterinary Pathologists (ESVP-ECVP interaction, including website and annual meeting)

As mentioned above, a new Scientific Committee has been established. Two Society members and two College members will be elected for a period of 5 years, and the two local organizers for one year. Their main task will be to quality-control the standard of papers presented at the annual meetings, and to evaluate the costs proposed in detail, in order to try to keep them as low as possible.

The members present were asked to approve this proposal for the Society and the College Boards to form a joint Scientific committee. The members unanimously approved.

It was mentioned that the Society has a new web site www.esvp.eu constructed by Prof. Giuseppe Sarli and updated by Mrs. Julie Fitzsimmons, who is also the webmaster of the ECVP website.

9. Summer School 2006

Dr Anja Kipar, Head of the Education Committee, presented a detailed report about the Summer School 2006. This year the event was organised in Finland, on the lakeshore in Gustavelund, 20 km from Helsinki and close to the airport.

This year the participants were asked to pay 400 Euro, since facilities, accommodation, and travel expenses were covered by an EU grant that had been obtained, thanks to Anja's great efforts. Eight grants were awarded by the ESVP to cover the 400 Euro cost for young pathologists with no income.

Anja showed some beautiful pictures of the venue and of the participants and lecturers, accompanied by funny sketches of the latter drawn by one of the participants! The Summer school had received the enthusiastic approval of the participants, with high praise for the quality of the lectures and lecturers, the accommodation (all single rooms), and food. The mock exam, conducted by Prof. Monique Wyer from Nantes, was very much appreciated by the participants who found it extremely useful.

As the Congress centre which hosted the Summer school will undergo renovations in 2007, next year's Summer School will be held about 15 km from Helsinki, on the seashore. It will be postponed a few days (the end will be on August 3rd, instead of July 29th) but will last two weeks as always. The themes will be: liver, gross pathology, avian pathology, rodents, skin, ultrastructure and cytology.

The 2007 Summer School will be the last hosted in Finland, since the **Marie Curie Actions** grant from the European Commission does not allow the Summer School to be hosted in the same country for more than two years. Therefore the next location will be Barcelona (Spain).

10. Future meetings

Munich will host the Fall meeting in 2007, and Prof. Walter Hermanns was invited to address the AGM about the meeting. It will begin on August 29 and end September 1. Prof. Hermanns gave information about the principal topics of the conference, which will be haematology,

neuropathology and modern methods in veterinary pathology. He also showed beautiful pictures of the attractive city of Munich.

For 2008, an official invitation has been received from Dubrovnick/Zagreb, and from Belgrade for a next future .

11 Any other business

As in the past years, three “best posters” were selected by a jury composed of colleagues Marion Hewicker-Trautwein, Federico Valenza, and Josef Szarek. The topics were decided by the jury as follows: value of presentation (2 posters), and case report. The prizes would be awarded at the Conference dinner. The Board and the members present at the AGM thanked the jury for their service to the Society.

The meeting ended at 18.00

The Hon. Secretary
Cinzia Benazzi

The President
Manfred Reinacher