



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology
Munich, August 31st, 2007, 6 p.m.**

The Annual General Meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology started at 18:00 hours and the agenda was as follows:

1. Obituary: Prof. Gerard Trautwein
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the ESVP, Edinburgh, Sept 1st, 2006
4. Election of new ESVP members
5. President's and Hon. Secretary's report
6. Hon. Treasurer's report
7. Terms of reference for joint ESVP-ECVP scientific committee
8. Summer school 2007
 - ESVP grants
 - Report 2007
9. Future meetings (Belgrade 2010, Uppsala 2011 and Leon 2012)
10. Proposal to publish agreed schedule for future conferences on ESVP website
11. Membership resignations
12. Annual payment for ESVP website
13. Any other business

From the circulated attendance list it was deduced that 78 members were present.

1. Obituary: Prof. Gerard Trautwein

Prof. Gerhard Trautwein, who died in March 2007, was remembered. During the meeting, the ESVP had been informed of the recent death of an ESVP applicant, Dr. Enrica Rossetti. The meeting observed a few moments silence in their memory.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Prof. Roderick Else (UK), Dr. Elena Mozos (Spain), and Dr. Daniel Roth (Switzerland).

3 . Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the ESVP, Edinburgh, Sept 1st, 2006

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

4 . Election of new ESVP members

The following 42 new members were elected by acclamation:

	Country	Surname	Name	Proposer	Seconder
1	Lithuania	Aniuliene	Albina	Szarek J.	Babinska I.
1	Belgium	Van Dosselaer	Iris	Chiers K.	Ducatelle R.
3	Bulgaria	Petrova	Reneta	Bradatan G.	Metodiev N.
1	Czech Republic	Novotny	Ladislav	Halouzka R.	Jelinek F.
1	Croatia	Hohšteter	Marko	Grabarević Z.	Artuković B.
2	Finland	Headley	Selwyn	Sukura A.	Syria P.
	Finland	Nylund	Minna	Isomursu M.	Syrjälä P.
2	France	Balme	Emmanuelle	Bernex F.	Crespeau F.
	France	Bauchet	Anne-Laure	Bernex F.	Crespeau F.
7					Baumgaertner W.
	Germany	Braun	Josephine	Gruber A.	
	Germany	Herrmann	Annika	Reinacher M.	Burkhardt E.
				Baumgaertner W.	
	Germany	Jacobsen	Bjoern		Beineke A.
					Baumgaertner W.
	Germany	Mundhenk	Lars	Gruber A.	
	Germany	Saenger	Kerstin	Teifke J.P.	Pospischil A
				Baumgaertner W.	
	Germany	Seehusen	Frauke		Beineke A.
	Germany	Wasieri	Jasmin	Reinacher M.	Burkhardt E.
1	Greece	Doulberis	Michael	Kaldrymidou E.	Loukopoulos P.
4				Castagnaro M.	
	Italy	Caliari	Diego		Cavicchioli L
	Italy	De Leo	Marcello	Papparella S.	Paciello O.
	Italy	Militerno	Gianfranco	Marcato PS	Benazzi C.

	Italy	Radaelli	Enrico	Scanziani E.	Roccabianca P.
1	Latvia	Berzina	Dace	Sukura A.	Benazzi C.
1	Nigeria	Akanbi	Olatunde	Benazzi C.	Sarli G.
4	Romania	Ciobotaru	Emilia	Catoi C.	Papaioannou N.
	Romania	Militaru	Manuella	Catoi C.	Papaioannou N.
	Romania	Soare	Teodoru	Crespeau F.	Catoi C.
	Romania	Tirifon	Eugenia	Reinacher M.	Benazzi C.
5	Spain	De Martino Rodriguez	Alba	De Las Heras M.	Lujan L.
	Spain	Galindo Cardiel	Ivan Jose	Luian L.	Badiola J.
	Spain	Gómez-Laguna	Jaime	Carrasco O.	Raya A.
	Spain	Perez Ecija	Rafael Alejandro	Mozos E.	Raya A.
	Spain	Quereda Torres	Juan José	Bernabé Salazar A.	Navarro Camara J.A.
1.	Switzerland	Puorger	Maria	Ehrensperger F.	Pospischil A.
2	The Netherlands	Kimpfler	Simon	Groene A.	Grinwis G.
	The Netherlands	Kuiken	Thijs	Kennedy S.	Benazzi C.
4	UK	Hanshaw	Daren	Kennedy S.	Benazzi C.
	UK	Heier	Annabelle	McKay J.	Betton G.
	UK	Scurrrell	Emma	Williams A	Smith. K.C.
	UK	Smith	Johanna	Else RW	Rhind S
1	USA	Parry	Nicola	Kelly D	Else R.W.

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

The report was relatively brief because many of the items had been listed separately on the agenda.

In February the President, Dr. Seamus Kennedy, represented the Society at a meeting of the ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control) in Stockholm (Sweden) upon invitation of the ECDC. Around 30 professional societies were represented and the aim of the meeting was to develop closer links between the ECDC and the various societies involved in public health in Europe. The ESVP was the only veterinary society represented.

The ECDC requested that members of the various societies apply to them to be considered as experts in relevant areas of public health delivery. As many ESVP members have experience of public health topics, such as influenza, TSEs, mycobacteria, leptospira, and salmonella, this is an important opportunity for members to contribute to the work of the ECDC.

Prior to the meeting, the Society had received an e-training proposal from Prof. Andreas Pospischil, Institute of Veterinary Pathology, Zurich. The Board agreed that this type of educational initiative should be considered for support as it had the potential to be of benefit to ESVP members. There might be other institutes involved in similar initiatives, and the President suggested that the concept should be explored further and a report brought to next year's AGM.

The Society had extended an offer to the ACVP for its members to attend the 2007 ESVP annual meeting at the same registration rates as for ESVP members. The ACVP, ECVP and ESVP were supportive, in principle, of organising a joint specialty topic meeting.

The President reported that at the recent ESVP Board meeting (which the outgoing President of the College, Prof. Wolfgang Baumgärtner, the incoming ECVP President, Prof. Luís Llujan, and the ECVP Acting Secretary, Prof. Anja Kipar, had attended for discussion of three agenda items), Prof. Baumgärtner had stated that several ECVP diplomats had questioned the current requirement for diplomats to be members of the ESVP. In response, the ECVP Board had decided to ballot its members on this question in February 2008.

The President thanked Prof. W. Hermanns, president of the local organising committee and member of the joint ESVP-ECVP Scientific Committee, for the excellent conference organisation. Three members who had played a determining role in the foundation of the Society had been invited to the meeting: Prof. F. Guarda (Italy), Prof. J.M.V.M Mouwen (The Netherlands), and Prof. A. Parodi (France). Unfortunately only Prof Guarda was able to attend.

The President also thanked the members of the ESVP council, particularly Cinzia Benazzi and Jakob Walter for their hard work and support during his first year as President.

6 . Hon. Treasurer's report

Summary of the Balances

Details

In:

Surplus Edinburgh 4.362,91 €
 Membership Fees 15.407,88 €

total 19.770,79 €

Out:

Stipends 3.200,00 €
 Poster Award 2006 900,00 €
 Accounting Fees 13,45 €
 12,90 €
 19,35 €
 11,80 €
 10,50 €
 Homepage 70,00 €

total 4.238,00 €

Account Balance Audit

The Balances were audited by

- Dr. Andreas Kirchhoff, Germany
- Dr. Joachim Weikel, Austria

Both do verify the accuracy and do agree the accounts

Cryptic Receipts

Sanofi, France
 AstraZeneca, UK
 GlaxoSmithKline, Italy

"Sociology"

total in 2006 602

total in 2007 602
Australia

Europe America Near East

562 48 11 2

	ESVP account	Fund Account
Balance August 2006	51.450,17 €	11.154,07 €
Receipts	19.770,79 €	-
Expenditure	4.238,00 €	147,60 €
Balance August 2007	75.458,96 €	11.006,47 €

honorary members 12 (15)
 full members 454 (466)
pathologists in training 61 (50)
 retired members 75 (71)
members w/o sufficient e-mail address 73

Members per country

Country	Members
Germany	127
Italy	83
Spain	58
Switzerland	50
UK (Scotland)	44 (10)
France	46
Netherlands	32
Belgium	20
Poland	12
Sweden	13
Other	68

7 . Terms of reference for joint ESVP-ECVP scientific committee

The President reported on discussions during a meeting of the joint ESVP-ECVP scientific committee that had been held before the present meeting. The meeting had been attended by the Society and College committee members together with this year's local organizer, Prof. Walter Hermanns, and a representative of the local organisers of future conferences, namely Prof. Zeljko Grabarevich (Dubrovnik, 2008), Prof. Jozef Szarek (Krakow, 2009), Prof. Valentin Perez (Leon, 2012) and Prof Massimo Castagnaro (Venice, 2013). Prof. Grabarevich outlined

his suggestions for next year's meeting in Dubrovnik. The President stressed the importance of keeping registration fees as low as possible.

Prof. Hermanns described his experience in organising this year's meeting and what, in his opinion, should be the role of the Scientific Committee. The President tabled a paper outlining draft terms of reference (TOR) for the joint scientific committee. This paper was accepted by those present. Dr Kennedy would seek approval from the ESVP Board to formally issue this document. Prof. Kipar and Prof. Lluian provided suggestions for a meeting layout, topics of keynote lectures, satellite meetings, presentations and talks.

The ESVP Board had at its meeting yesterday, approved Dr S Kennedy's draft TOR for the joint scientific committee.

8. Summer school 2007

ESVP Grant

The ESVP had provided 9 scholarships to members/applicants of the ESVP who had required such a stipend because their financial circumstances made it difficult for them to pay the registration fee for the 2007 summer school.

Report 2007

Prof. Anja Kipar, Head of the Education Committee, presented a report on the Summer School 2007. Anja described the coastal location on the outskirts of Helsinki. She then reported on the feedback from the 83 participants, and the topics of the lectures. The participants highly rated the quality of the lectures, overall learning experience and organisation.

This was the second year that the school had been held in Finland. According to the requirements of the Marie Curie Actions grant from the European Commission the school could not be held at the same location for a third year. In 2008, the Summer School will be held in July in Jaca, in the Pyrenees region of Spain, 120 km from Zaragoza. The local organiser will be Prof. Lluís Luian. Among the topics of the lectures will be infectious diseases, the gastro-intestinal, respiratory, musculoskeletal and nervous systems, primates and reptiles. The course will include a mock examination.

Anja requested the ESVP to continue sponsorship for next year's Summer school. The ESVP Board requested the members present at this annual general meeting (AGM) to agree to the provision of ten scholarships (400€ each) for the Summer School 2008. Furthermore, if the proposal of the Board is approved at the AGM, the Board proposes a change of the registration form for 2008 as follows (in colour): "Furthermore, if your financial circumstances make it difficult for you to pay the registration fee **and you are a member of the ESVP and at an early stage of your career as a pathologist**, you can apply for a stipend from the ESVP to cover the registration fee. This will require a letter **in which you state you are not receiving any other form of financial support, that** you are asked to send to the ESVP secretary, Prof. Benazzi (cinzia.benazzi@unibo.it).

The proposal for the grants and the modification of the application form were unanimously agreed.

9. Future meetings (Belgrade 2010, Uppsala 2011 and Leon 2012)

The site of the 2008 Fall meeting will be Dubrovnik (Croatia) from September 17 to 21. Prof. Grabarevich will be invited to introduce next year's conference at the end of the AGM.

Krakow (Poland) will host the 2009 ESVP meeting, Belgrade in 2010, and Uppsala (Sweden) which will be celebrating the centenary of the National Veterinary Institute in 2011. The 2012 annual meeting will take place in Leon (Spain), and the 2013 meeting in Venice (Italy).

10. Proposal to publish agreed schedule for future conferences on ESVP website

The above mentioned venues for future meetings will be published on the website of the ESVP, according to the agreed schedule.

11. Membership resignations

Resignations were received from the following members:

- Dr. Richard Norman, New Zealand, who resigned “because of the difficulty of sustaining numerous foreign currency subscription from a Southern Hemisphere base.”
- Dr. Lars Mecklenburg, Germany, as he is no longer working in diagnostic pathology;
- Dr. Tamara Bleier

12. Annual payment for ESVP website

The payment for the ESVP website for the year 2007 was €27.19.

13. Any other business

a – Like the Summer School, the ESVP annual meetings are important educational events. The ESVP meetings are also important educational events, and in order to support young pathologists in particular, the Board proposes to the AGM that the ESVP provide ten scholarships (€300) to members of the ESVP at an early stage of the career as pathologists to help cover travel and/or accommodation expenses. This will require a letter with the title of one or more abstracts accepted for presentation at the meeting.

This proposal was unanimously approved by those present.

b – As in previous years, a Committee for the best poster award had been convened. Thanks to Manfred Reinacher, Brian Sheahan, and Walter Hermanns who had kindly accepted the task of judging the large number of posters. Three prizes (€300 each) will be awarded at the Conference Dinner.

c – Prof. Zeljko Grabarevic made a presentation on the 2008 ESVP conference which will be held in Dubrovnik (Croatia).

The meeting closed with the final remarks of the President at 7.10 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary

Cinzia Benazzi

The President

Seamus Kennedy