



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The European Society of Veterinary Pathology Krakow September 11, 2009 – 4 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology started at 4:00 p.m. and the agenda was as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Obituary: Prof. Hugo Burtscher, Vienna
3. Minutes of the AGM in Dubrovnik (September 20, 2008)
4. Election of a new Board member
5. Election of new ESVP members
6. President's and Hon. Secretary's report
7. Hon. Treasurer's report
8. Election of a new President and nomination of a new Hon. Secretary
9. ESVP constitution
10. E-learning agreement
11. Scientific committee report
12. Journal of Comparative Pathology Educational Trust
13. ESVP grants
 - (a) Summer school 2009
 - (b) Fall meeting in Krakow 2009
14. ESVP-ECVP interactions
15. Future meetings
16. Any other business

Before commencing the meeting, the President proposed that an additional item concerning ESVP member fees be added to the agenda.

The members agreed to this proposal.

From the circulated attendance list, it was deduced that 74 members were present.

1. Apologies

There were none.

2. Obituary

Before commencing the meeting, the Board remembered in silence Prof. Hugo Burtscher, from Vienna, who had died during the past year.

3. Minutes of the Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting in Dubrovnik (September 19th and 20th, 2008).

The Minutes had been sent to all members with the annual circular and posted on the web site of the Society. No additions or corrections were noted.

4. Election of a new Board member

The members of the ESVP Board unanimously welcomed Prof. Juan Francisco Garcia Marin as a new Board member. Prof. Garcia Marin replaces Prof. F. Erhensperger who was to be proposed as the new Hon Secretary to replace Prof. C. Benazzi who had finished her second term and is not re-electable.

5. Election of new ESVP members

This year 12 applications had been received from the following countries:

Austria (1), Germany (1), Italy (4), Spain (4) and the UK (2) as follows:

No.	Country	Surname	Name	Proposer	Seconder
1	Austria	Richter	Barbara	Loupal G.	Nehrbass D.
1	Germany	Plog	Stephanie	Gruber A.	Kershaw O.
4	Italy	Banco	Barbara	Grieco V.	Roccabianca P.
		De Zan	Gabrita	Castagnaro M.	Zappulli V.
		Jottini	Stefano	Corradi A.	Roccabianca P.
		Vinci	Annachiara	Sarli G.	Benazzi C.
4	Spain	Guil Luna	Silvia	Martin de las Mulas J.	Gomez Laguna J.
		Ramírez Rivero	Gustavo	Vilafranca Compte M.	Garcia Gonzales B.
		Rodriguez Gómez	Irene Magdalena	Carrasco Otero L.	Gomez Laguna J.
		Martinez Cáceres	Carlos Manuel	Luján L.	Nguyen F.
2	United Kingdom	Denk	Daniela	Kipar A.	Hermanns W.
		Papoula=Pereira	Rita	Kipar A.	Sukura A.

The new members were elected by acclamation.

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

This report was short as most of the items of report had been included elsewhere on the agenda for the meeting. The President reported on a meeting of the Turkish Association of Veterinary Pathology to which he had been invited in late 2008 to speak on the organisation of veterinary pathologists in Europe. He said that the standard of presentations at the meeting by pathologists from Turkey and some neighbouring countries had been high. He also reported that there was a strong interest by pathologists from several veterinary schools in Turkey in ensuring that the most effective pathology training structure was in place in Turkey. Disappointment had been expressed at the ECVP requirement for prospective ECVP examination candidates to train under the guidance of a diplomate as none were currently located in Turkey.

The President also reported on a meeting at the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention at which he had represented the Society. There was an opportunity for ESVP members to register their availability as experts in public health via the ECDC website.

Dr Kennedy thanked Prof. Benazzi and Dr Walter for their excellent help and support during his presidential term and wished Prof. Benazzi success as proposed incoming President.

7. Hon. Treasurer Report

[TreasurerReport2009.pdf](#) (To view the report, please click on the name of the link with the right button).

8. Election of a new President and nomination of a new Hon. Secretary

On behalf of the members, the Board thanked Dr. Kennedy for his expert guidance of the Society during his three-year term. The Secretary expressed her thanks for his supportive and prompt help over the past three years in relation to issues that had arisen while doing the secretarial job. The Board unanimously proposed Prof. Cinzia Benazzi as the incoming President of the ESVP. Prof. Benazzi would become President at close of the Krakow Conference. Prof. Benazzi was elected unanimously by acclamation

As Hon. Secretary the Board proposed Prof. Felix Ehrensperger. Prof. Ehrensperger was nominated unanimously by acclamation.

9. ESVP constitution

Dr. Jakob Walter, Hon. Treasurer reported that he had found an appropriate bank for the transfer of the ESVP account. The Board proposed a few modifications to the by-laws as follows: the President will serve for a two- year term followed by another year as Past President with the intention of supporting the newly elected President; the term of the Hon. Secretary will be reduced to 2 years with the possibility of a second term of 2 years (currently 3 + 3 years). The Board agreed that these changes would facilitate better continuity and also reduce the workload on each Hon. Secretary. The proposal was unanimously accepted by the members.

10. E-learning agreement

The e-learning agreement with the University of Zurich had been signed by the President, Dr. Seamus Kennedy, as a representative of the ESVP, and Prof. Andreas Pospischil, as a representative of the University of Zurich. All ESVP members will be provided with a personal username and password to access a reserved area of the ESVP website from which the e-learning module can be opened. The on-line programme is intended to assist ESVP members in improving their knowledge of veterinary pathology. Slides used for Summer Schools would be scanned in first.

11. Scientific committee

The President thanked Prof. Brian Sheahan (Chair) and other members of the scientific committee for their hard work during the year. Brian Sheahan was now retiring from the committee and would be replaced by Lluís Lujan. Zeljko Grabarevich would also retire from the committee and be replaced by Milijan Jovanovich, Chair of the organising committee of the 2010 Belgrade meeting. Prof. Rod Else was unanimously elected as new member of the Scientific committee.

12. Journal of Comparative Pathology Educational Trust

The Trust has offered the ESVP to establish a named plenary lecture (the *Journal of Comparative Pathology* Plenary Lecture) at the annual conference. This would provide financial support for travel costs and the production of a bronze medallion for the Plenary Lecturer. The Krakow conference and plenary lecture will feature in an editorial in the November 2009 issue of the journal. The Trust also intends to offer several bursaries to junior veterinary pathologists in training to allow them to attend and present at annual conferences from 2010 onwards. Finally, the *Journal of Comparative Pathology* had agreed to publish the abstracts from the 2009 conference onwards. There would be no cost to the ESVP for publishing the abstracts. The Board proposed acceptance of this generous offer and the AGM unanimously approved.

13. ESVP grants

(a) Summer school 2009

The ESVP had offered 10 bursaries (400 euro each) for the 2009 Summer school. However, only 7 suitable applicants had applied. The bursaries were assigned to the following members: Banafshe Gholamhoseini, Diego Caliari, Inga Pigińska, Iwona Otrocka-Domagala, Josephine Braun, Mariarita Romanucci and Dace Berzina.

For 2010, the Board proposed for 2010 10 bursaries of the same amount (400 euro) for ESVP members at an early stage of their career as pathologists.

Prof. Anja Kipar had requested to the Board that non-members who apply to the summer school for the first time be considered for the ESVP bursaries provided that they also apply to the Society for membership. The Board supported this request which was approved by the AGM.

Prof. Kipar then reported on the successful 2009 summer school which had been held in Spain and had been very much appreciated by the participants.

Next year the summer school will be hosted in the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Zurich (Switzerland) from Monday 19 July to Friday 30 July 2010

(b) Fall meeting in Krakow 2009

The ESVP had assigned 10 bursaries (300 euro each) for participation in the ESVP meeting in Krakow to the following members: Alejandro Alfaro, Anna Szczotka, Banafshe Gholamhoseini, Corinna Hohloch, Daniela Malatesta, Iwona Otrocka-Domagala, Ulrike Fisher, Vladimir Kukolj, Olatunde Akanbi and Anna Resendes.

The President thanked Prof. Szarek and his colleagues in Poland for organising an excellent congress in Krakow. Prof. Szarek agreed to provide his finalised budget for the conference as soon as possible.

The Board proposed to assign 10 bursaries for the same amount (300 euro) for the Belgrade 2010 Fall meeting. It also proposed that applications for bursaries be accepted from non-members who had not previously received a bursary for a Fall meeting,

provided that they also apply for membership of the Society. The proposal was unanimously approved.

14. ESVP-ECVP interactions

The President reported on the Hon Secretary's and his participation in part of the ECVP Council's meeting on Wednesday. The ECVP had requested financial support from the society to the 2010 summer school.

Dr Kennedy reported on his visit to a meeting of the Turkish Association of Veterinary Pathologists in late 2008 and relayed the difficulties faced by Turkish veterinary institutes wishing to train residents for the ECVP Board examinations by the requirement for training to occur under the tutelage of an ECVP diplomate when no diplomates were currently based in Turkey. The Council referred to an "ambassador programme" (to be announced at the College's AGM) which would make it easier for institutes that did not have a diplomate on staff. The ECVP Council strongly indicated its displeasure at the ESVP Board's decision to accept an offer from the Journal of Comparative Pathology to publish abstracts from the Krakow meeting. They indicated that they had intended to request Veterinary Pathology to publish abstracts of the annual meeting.

15. Member Fees

In view of the healthy state of the ESVP finances, the Board proposed a decrease in membership fees from next year: 30 euro for pathologists in training and 50 euro for full pathologists. The assembly unanimously agreed.

16. Future meetings

Future ESVP-ECVP meetings will be held in Belgrade (2010), Uppsala (2011), Leon (2012) and Venice (2013). Other proposals for the years from 2014 onwards are welcome. Proposals should be made to the ESVP Honorary Secretary for subsequent consideration by the ESVP Board. The President invited members to indicate to the ESVP Board their views on the most appropriate format for future meetings.

17. Any other business

1. As in previous years, a Committee for the best poster award had been convened. This year prof. Brian Sheahan, and Dr Jenny McKay, in liaison with the chairs of the poster sessions, judged the large number of posters. Three prizes (€300 each) would be awarded at the Conference Dinner for the best posters.

2. Prof. Milijan Jovanovich made a presentation on the 2010 ESVP conference which will be held in Belgrade (Serbia).

The meeting closed with the final remarks of the President at 6.00 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary

The President

Prof. Cinzia Benazzi

Dr. Seamus Kennedy