

European Society of Veterinary Pathology Annual General Meeting

Friday 27th September 2019, 17.30 to 19.00

Knoefzaal
Burgers' Zoo
Arnhem, The Netherlands



In addition to these minutes, a copy of the PowerPoint presentation given during the AGM is available on the Members' only page of the ESVP website.

Members in attendance: Wolfgang Baumgärtner, Gail Leeming, Carl Hård af Segerstad, Polona Juntas, Jerome Abadie, Lluís Lujan, Achim Gruber, Sanja Aleksić-Kovačević, Pierre Maliver, Sara Belluco, Elena Riccardi, Giancarlo Avallone, Krzysztof Wąsowicz, Ioanna Stylianaki, Guillermo Valdivia, Javier Asin, Martina Dettwiler, Agnieszka Karol, Martina Croci, Nicole Borel, Cinzia Benazzi, Orlando Paciello, Alessandro Sammarco, Valentina Zappulli, Francesco Prisco, Susanne Alldinger, Christine Puff, Inga Piginka-Vjačeslavova, Koen Chiers, Andrea Gudan-Kurilj, Richard Blundell, Monika Hilbe, Laura Peña, Annabelle Heier, Andrea Gröne, Sladjan Nesic, Pedro Faisca, Marian Taulescu, Raluca Marica, Roxana Popa, Gina-Corina Toma, Mona Aleksandersen, Johan Høgset Jansen, Ranieri Verin, Anja Kipar, Trpe Ristoski, Reinie Dijkman, Raoul Kuiper, Judith van den Brand, Vittoria Castiglione, Enrico Radaelli, Christiane Herden, Andreas Beineke, Cynthia Robveille, Gabrita De Zan

Minutes

1.	Welcome; Prof. Wolfgang Baumgartner (WB) welcomed the members to the meeting.
2.	Apologies for absence received from Daniel Roth
3.	One-minute silence for ESVP members deceased since 2018 AGM Prof. Monique Wyers and Dr. Lucile Lhoste were remembered
4.	Minutes from 2018 AGM in Cluj Napoca were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.
5.	President's report (Wolfgang Baumgärtner) ; see attached presentation WB introduced and thanked the members of the board for their work and contribution to the society. 2018 congress Cluj-Napoca; this generated a small surplus, which is now held in a joint account with the ECVP, which will be used to enhance the education opportunities for society/college members in the future. WB thanked the local organising committee (LOC) for Cluj-Napoca for their hard work and excellent organisation. The board held a meeting in March 2019 in Torino, location of 2020 Cutting Edge meeting; monthly teleconferences (TC) were also held regarding congress and other topics. Importantly including the use of a professional congress organising company (PCO), which has been agreed to be the best solution for future congresses. The ESVP and ECVP aim to appoint a specific PCO to work with on a regular basis in the next 12 months. The president of the ECVP, Pierre Maliver, also attended these meetings. The next face to face meeting will be held in Berlin in March 2020. WB thanked the 2019 LOC for their effort for organising such an excellent meeting. Andrea Gröne of the LOC especially wanted to thank the employers of those on the LOC who were not in the University, for allowing them to use their time organising the congress.

	WB requested that national societies use the newsletter to announce their meetings, and other information which would be useful to publicise to society members.
6.	<p>Honorary Secretary's report including announcement of new members (Gail Leeming); see attached presentation.</p> <p>34 new membership applications were received this year, and have been approved by the board. These applications were approved by the members present and formally accepted to the society. Membership applications are now made via an online form</p> <p>GL reminded members that they needed to provide consent for the society to send information via email (to comply with GDPR) and that also the members' only pages held additional information; members need to register with the website to gain access to these pages.</p> <p>Summer school bursaries were awarded by the ESVP to five junior members. Selection criteria were that (1) applicants had not previously received an ESVP bursary (2) were ESVP members with no outstanding fees (3) priority was then given to those who had been members of the society longest.</p> <p>Thanks were given to the Journal of Comparative Pathology Education Trust, who awarded travel bursaries to six trainees, to attend the ESVP/ECVP congress.</p> <p>The board also thanked Dr. Maja Ruetten of PathoVet, who also sponsored bursaries for trainees to attend the congress.</p>
7.	<p>Honorary Treasurer's report (Carl Hård af Segerstad); see attached presentation</p> <p>Summary of the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2018:</p> <p>Income = membership fees €17 304; Expenses = €19 949.96; Deficit = €2645.96</p> <p>Unusual expenses in 2018 included increased website costs, related to developing the online membership application process, and also the abstract submission process.</p> <p>The accounts have been audited by Verena Haist and Ingo Gerhause. Thanks go to the auditors.</p> <p>Bank balance is currently approx. €45,000.</p> <p>CH expects the current financial year (2019) to be slightly in credit.</p> <p>Less than 50 % of members are up to date with their membership fees. Non-payment of fees for three years, will terminate membership. Retaining personal information of non-members is against GDPR rules, so this information has to be deleted once membership is terminated.</p> <p>Members receive an invoice for membership early January; reminders are also sent. <i>From next year, those members who have not paid by 31st March will not be able to register at members' rate at the congress.</i></p>
8.	<p>Report of the Scientific Committee (Jerome Abadie); see presentation</p> <p>The Scientific Committee (SC) is composed of representatives of both the ESVP and the ECVP. At the current congress a new initiative was trialled; was a pre-congress meeting for residents. Feedback so far has been positive, and it is planned to hold this again next year in Torino. The programme will be complementary but different to that of the summer school.</p> <p>The SC thanked the 2019 LOC, who were very active in making suggestions for a very varied and interesting scientific programme.</p> <p>The SC reviewed and selected the abstracts for this meeting. Abstracts are reviewed blind (JA thanked Lluís Lujan for facilitating this) and also proof read (thanks to Anja Kipar, Gail Leeming, Sean Callaghan).</p> <p>This year there has been fewer oral and poster flash presentations due to time restrictions, but shorter oral presentations has appeared to be successful.</p> <p>Prizes for the best poster and oral presentations will be presented at the congress dinner (and are listed in the presentation document).</p> <p>JA thanked the judging committee (Lluís Lujan, Richard Blundell, Annabelle Heier, Monika Hilbe, Elvio Lepri, Nikos Papioannou).</p>

	Ideas are welcomed from the members for future congress. An electronic “suggestion box” will be available on the website soon for these ideas.
9.	Board membership The members present approved the re-election of CH and WB as Honorary treasurer and President respectively. As CH is standing down in next 12 months, nominations had been previously invited for treasurer-elect; Reinie Dijkman was nominated and stands unopposed. The members approved her election. GL explained that there will be the opportunity for a new councillor and president-elect in 2020
10.	Newsletter (Sanja Aleksić-Kovačević); see presentation Next newsletter will be in late autumn 2019. If any member would like to contribute a piece, provide information of upcoming meetings, or become more involved in the newsletter, please contact Sanja skovacevic@vet.bg.ac.rs
11.	Future congresses 2020 Torino (Cutting Edge) 26th – 29th August 2020 2021 Athens 2022 Lisbon 2023 Madrid/Spain (Cutting Edge)
12.	Any other business Anja Kipar had requested the opportunity to present the proposed ECVF Certificate in Forensic Pathology; the majority of the members present had already seen the presentation, therefore this was not presented again; the slides are in the presentation document of the AGM. Vote for auditors for 2020; WB recommend that VH and IG are re-elected; the members approved this. Achim Gruber proposed that ESVP/ECVP hold joint meetings with the ECVCP/ESVCP on a more regular basis. Andrea Gröne (2019 LOC) suggested that this would be easiest if the clinical pathology colleagues have close ties/good working relationship to ensure the greater challenges that are posed by arranging a more complicated meeting.
13.	Presentation of 2020 Cutting Edge Congress in Torino See presentation
14.	Next AGM will be held during the Cutting Edge Pathology meeting, Torino, Italy, 26-29 August 2020