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## Word from the Editor

Dear Dr. Ernst LEIDINGER:

Planning for the annual congress of the ESVCP/ECVCP/joint AECCP in collaboration with the ASVCP is well underway. Enter the following dates in your calendar to reserve time for this exciting congress: it will be held in Trinity College in the heart of Dublin, Ireland, August 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Enclosed you will find congress information and guidelines for submission of communications. We expect very high participation for this very exciting meeting.

Anne Lanevski-Pietersma, [alp@vetclinpath.com](mailto:alp@vetclinpath.com)



## MESSAGE FROM THE ESVCP CHAIR

Dear friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and that 2011 will give you much exciting news.

In 2010 our annual meeting was held in Toulouse, France, September 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with ECVIM and has gained very enthusiastic comment from many attendants.

I wish to thank particularly the local organizers Jean-Pierre Braun and Cathy Trumel for the great effort, not only to provide a very interesting programme but also to manage all the daily difficulties that are generally linked to such an event. A personal thanks goes also to our past vice-president Reinhard Mischke who has put great personal efforts in organizing and coordinating the scientific programme collecting all the different inputs that came to his attention and keeping the contacts with other societies participating at the meeting. Thank you Reinhard, I know it has been hard work!!!

I wish also to thank our past president and friend Jose Ceron for his great work leading our society in the past years. I hope that Jose can also help me in the future with his acquired experience.

In 2011 we will hold our annual Congress in Dublin, between August 31<sup>st</sup> - Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, jointly with the AECCP. Peter O'Brien, as VP and local organizer, is working hard to get the best scientific programme that will include interesting sessions on specific topics, including laboratory management, haematology, cytology, clinical biochemistry and tox clin path. A session focused on education and the College exam is also planned, and slots for free communications and a case session, managed by Harold Tvedten.

All the members, mainly residents, are encouraged to submit cases, posters and free communications.

I'm particularly glad to focus your attention on two novelties. Firstly, an effort has been done for the Dublin meeting to keep participation fees particularly cheap, especially for residents, with a 2/3 reduction for those presenting cases or original work.

The second interesting point is the establishment of small research awards, for resident and students. The society has decided to support 2 or 3 research projects for up to 2000 euros to encourage residents' ideas, & obtain the publications needed for eligibility to sit the exam. The deadline was fixed at March 1<sup>st</sup> and the committee is now evaluating the received proposals to reach a decision for granting the awards.

Finally, in this newsletter you will find the reminder from our treasurer (thank you Mark!) and the necessary instructions to pay 2011 fees. The Paypal system is working well and it takes only a few minutes to complete the whole process. Don't forget to do it promptly in order to continue to receive the journal.

As previously mentioned, the executive would like to receive any ideas that can improve the activities of the society and I encourage you to send me any comment or suggestion for future initiatives. You can directly contact me by e-mail ([stefano.comazzi@unimi.it](mailto:stefano.comazzi@unimi.it)). Your contribution will be welcome.

Have a nice year and I look forward to seeing you in Dublin.

Stefano Comazzi

## Word from the ECVCP President

Dear Colleagues,

As a new ECVCP president I would first like to thank Joy and the previous Board and committee members for the excellent work they did in the past. In addition we should also thank Joy, Kathy Freeman and their team that organized the self-evaluation exam in Cambridge in February. A special thanks must be given to JP Braun, Cathy Trumel and to the team that organized the Congress in Toulouse last year. The scientific meeting was fruitful, during the continuing education day and the main program. The congress was also a good opportunity for most of us to visit Toulouse and have a pleasant stay in this nice city. In 2011, the congress will be held in Dublin and the scientific committee, headed by Peter (OB) already published a rich preliminary program in this newsletter. The CE day will also include specific sessions managed by the Education and by the Exam committees to learn more on how our training programs should be shaped and to have more information on the format and content of the ECVCP exam, including special training for examiners. During the meeting we will also have the opportunity to welcome in the College the new diplomat that passed the exam last year.

As you probably know, 2011 is a "transition year" toward new rules and procedures. Last year the Board published the new information brochure (IB), with some modifications on the rules concerning training programs, deadlines and information flows. To facilitate the communication between members and Board and/or committees, a secretariat has been created. Any communication, enquiry, forms or document must now be sent to Sharon Green ([secretariat@ecvcp.org](mailto:secretariat@ecvcp.org)) that will forward your mail to the specific committee and will follow the status of the interaction between members and committees. This will speed up the whole process facilitating members-Board interactions in a timely manner. As any novelty, this one also requires some adapting and it is possible that misunderstandings occur in the first months of this new system. However, as soon as we all forget the old approach (mostly based on personal communications with single Board or committee members) the flow of communication through the secretariat will become more fluent and ultimately more efficient.

As a further step to improve the efficiency of ECVCP services to the membership, all the committees have been revised (see the website) and in most cases enlarged and reinforced with the inclusion of members (especially recent diplomats) from different working areas (e.g. academia, commercial labs, industry). Any additional support to the committees is welcome, so volunteers that think they have time and experience to be recruited in some of the college activities are invited to contact the Board. The new committees are now defining SOPs to improve their activity. A special emphasis will be placed by Education, Exam and Credential committees on improving communication, through the website and at the meeting, of information on deadlines, procedures, program format and exams, to allow the Supervisors and Residents to better plan the study program, thus increasing the likelihood to successfully sit the exam. The Education Committee will also organize a summer school focused on the sections of the exam that had the lowest passing rate until now. All these activities are supported by an active website editorial board, efficiently headed by Ernst Leidinger (thanks Ernst!) that serves both the Society and the College and that will publish all the documents mentioned above. In the website you can also find information on courses or other educational opportunities for residents and diplomats, as well as regular updates and information about College activities.

Please remember that training programs must be approved before enrolling a Resident. So, we invite supervisors to submit (or re-submit in the case of programs approved with the old rules) their program and to apply for lab approval. This is because in 2012 candidates coming from non approved labs will not be admitted to the exam. Labs approved more than 5 years ago must also submit an updated application. Similarly, those of you that need to re-certify should send the application to the secretariat as soon as possible using the forms posted on the website by the Credential Committee.

In conclusion, many things have been done in the past 10 years, when we first applied to the EBVS to be recognized as an independent College. Now the growth of our membership imposes on us to switch towards

a more professional approach to the management of College activities. As mentioned above, the Board and all the Committees are heavily involved in refining the procedures to work efficiently. We hope to have the collaboration of you all to further grow in the future.

With my best wishes of a productive term,

Saverio Paltrinieri

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### **Background on ESVCP**

The European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP, <http://www.esvcp.org>) was formed in Sept 1998 for the promotion of this discipline, and out of the need for well-educated clinical pathologists with certified experience for leading positions in commercial laboratories, industry, and veterinary schools. The Society is open to everybody, veterinarians and non-veterinarians alike, interested in one of the many areas of interest of Veterinary Clinical Pathology.

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**ESVCP Website:** For information on constitution, membership, past and coming meetings, or to consult documents submitted to EBVS concerning application for specialty status and more, please visit <http://www.esvcp.org>, which will be the permanent domain name.

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### **Interested in accessing a veterinary clinical pathology discussion forum?**

This LISTSERV mailing list provides ASVCP and ESVCP members with access to over 500 colleagues interested in discussing and finding information on topics involving veterinary clinical pathology. To join the list, interested persons must request to be subscribed by writing an e-mail to John Hofmann [jhofmann@asvcp.org](mailto:jhofmann@asvcp.org) ; please include full name, e-mail address, and organization in the body of the message.

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### **Examination ECVCP**

**The next ECVCP exam will be held in Toulouse, France, September 24-25, 2011.  
For details on how to apply for future examinations please visit the ESVCP website.**

**Call for questions for the ECVCP examination  
& SUBMISSION FORMS**

Dear ECVCP member,

According to the ECVCP constitution and By-laws, all diplomates must submit five questions, along with their fully-referenced answers, each year (by June 30th) to the examination committee. Failure to submit questions for two consecutive years can cause suspension of approval of training programs. They are also a requirement for maintaining diplomate status.

Late submission of written questions results in inconvenience to the section leader and extra mailings of segments for review. The task of preparing all items for various sections is sizable. To meet deadlines, we ask that diplomates provide the highest quality items. We encourage everyone to start assembling materials as soon as possible to avoid last-minute rush preparations.

Please provide multiple choice question and essay questions to be chosen among the following: Biochemistry cases, cytology or haematology images or glass slides.

All the questions must have correct and incorrect options and include one or more references to support correct responses and provide explanations as to why the incorrect responses are incorrect. With an essay question, a written response worth 10 to 20 points must be included with suggestions on the breakdown for grading the different portions of the answer provided.

There is a guidance document for you to follow in preparing your questions. Please use this guide to ensure your questions can be accepted.

Access it online at: [www.esvcp.org](http://www.esvcp.org) by logging in with your User ID and password and go to the "Members menu/Download section.

Please send the questions and materials to: [alessia.giordano@unimi.it](mailto:alessia.giordano@unimi.it)

Post glass slides carefully wrapped to:

Alessia Giordano  
Dipartimento di Patologia Animale  
Igiene e Sanita' Pubblica Veterinaria  
Sezione di Patologia Generale e Parassitologia  
Via Celoria, 10  
20133 MILANO  
ITALY

Written questions and cases might be sent by e-mail; cytology and haematology image files might be sent by e-mail in the case they do not exceed 10MB. Images exceeding the above mentioned size must be sent by CD-ROM. CD-ROMs and glass slides should be ideally sent by express courier. It is critical that exam security be maintained throughout the entire examination preparation and administration process. Therefore, at no time should you divulge to anyone, information that might be construed as "privileged communication" resulting from your participation in, and knowledge of, the examination process. There is no guarantee your questions will be used in the examination. Questions will be reviewed for acceptability.

Alessia Giordano,  
Exam committee chair

## 2011 ESVCP Membership payments

Earlier this year an email invoice was sent to you outlining your membership fees for 2011 and the address to which the VCP journal will be mailed. – Please keep this for your records

To pay please visit [www.esvcp.com](http://www.esvcp.com) and use the Paypal link on the home page:

[http://www.esvcp.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=49&Itemid=59](http://www.esvcp.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=49&Itemid=59)

If you wish to pay by bank transfer (€15 charge) please contact the treasurer by email

[treasurer.esvcp@googlemail.com](mailto:treasurer.esvcp@googlemail.com)

New members

Please complete the registration form found under the ESVCP tab “How to join us” (or follow above link) section.

Residents please ask your supervisor to email the ESVCP treasurer with confirmation of your resident status.

Mark Pinches

BVSc MSc DipRCPPath DipECVCP

Treasurer of the ESVCP

[treasurer.esvcp@googlemail.com](mailto:treasurer.esvcp@googlemail.com)

## 2011 ECVCP Membership payments

Dear Colleagues,

I have been re-elected as treasurer and I am looking forward to the excellent cooperation of all ECVCP members in the next 2 years. Since last year, all financial actions of the treasurer were reviewed by two auditors to ensure transparency and continuously high quality for all members.

During the last ECVCP general meeting it was decided to increase the annual ECVCP diplomate fee from €100 to €150. The additional money will be used to appoint Sharon Green as ECVCP secretary who will help to organize the increasing number of administrative tasks of the ECVCP and therefore ensure a high professionalism of our College.

For associate members and inactive members, the fee remains €80.

Those who have not already paid for 2011 are kindly requested to pay the diplomate fees now. Please keep in mind that your annual payment of fees is mandatory for keeping your diplomate status.

The fees from 2011 are as follows:

- € 150 ECVCP diplomates
- € 150 ACVCP diplomates
- € 80 associate members ECVCP
- € 80 inactive members ECVCP
- € 0 honorary members ECVCP

The preferred payment method is **Paypal** but **bank transfer** is possible as well.

In using Paypal you can send the money to the treasurer's email [ecvcp\\_treasurer@gmx.de](mailto:ecvcp_treasurer@gmx.de) ; you can also pay via the Paypal website, or ask me to send you an electronic invoice.

If you decide to use **bank transfer**, please make sure that the final amount is €150 – you must pay the transfer fees.

As it is sometimes very difficult to trace the origin of a payment when reading the statements, I will need a **copy of the receipt** after you have paid. The easiest way to send it to me is as scanned document by email or by fax: 0049-6419938609

### **Bank details for Funds Transfer:**

Account name: European College for Veterinary Clinical Pathology

Bank: Lloyds TSB

Address: Aberfeldy Branch, Bank Street, Aberfeldy, Scotland, United Kingdom

Account No: 0511748

Sort code: 30 25 87

Swiftbank code (Bank Identification Code): TSBSGB21280

IBAN code: GB97TSBS30258700511748

If you have any queries regarding membership payments please contact the ECVCP Treasurer, Natali Bauer at [ecvcp\\_treasurer@gmx.de](mailto:ecvcp_treasurer@gmx.de).

Finally, I wish to thank you all for your support which has helped to keep our College in an excellent financial position with a steadily increasing budget.

Natali Bauer

Dr. med. vet, Diplomate ECVCP, Treasurer ECVCP

## 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ESVCP/ECVCP/AECCP

August 31<sup>st</sup> - Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, Trinity College, Dublin City Centre, Ireland

FOR THE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM, visit [www.esvcp.org](http://www.esvcp.org) - see Latest News.

Lectures and free oral and poster communication streams, including Keynote Speakers, in:

- a) Clinical Biochemistry – potent biomarkers, optimization of use, endocrinology
- b) General Clinical Pathology - pathophysiologic basis of clinical pathology change
- c) Haematology – infectious diseases of blood, novel parameters of modern haematology analysers, cytochemical and immunocytochemical diagnostics, bone marrow
- d) Cytology – evidence-based approach, urinary sediment, lymphoma
- e) Laboratory Management – Quality Assurance
  - Toxicologic Clinical Pathology stream
  - Clinical Pathology Technology Exhibition
  - Remarkable Cases session
  - Resident Training - Coaching Session
  - Breakfast round-table sessions with the experts
  - Irish-interest session:
    - “Clinical Pathology of Canine / Equine Athletes”
    - Concurrent ESVCP and ECVCP annual meetings
    - Irish social half-day and Irish Banquet

Registration fees:

- a) 100 € for ECVCP / ASVCP Resident, or ESVCP Student  
(with accepted abstract for poster / oral presentation submitted before May 1st);
- b) 200 € for ESVCP members registered and paid up before July 1st;
- c) 300 € for late registrants or non-members;
- d) 150 € for one day attendance

### Optional costs:

- Breakfast Round-table workshops with the experts  
(includes full Irish Breakfast) - 50 € each;
- Conference banquet - 50 €
- Social half-day Trinity, Dublin & surrounds tours - 50 €
- 4-day wireless access - 20 €
- Exhibition booth / table: 500 € (for 2 days, Note: all attendees must register for conference)
- Sponsors: Silver sponsorship - 500 € Gold - 1000 € Platinum - 2000 €

Accommodation on the historic campus - per diem rate, includes continental breakfast and taxes:

- 1) single room at Goldsmith Hall adjacent to campus - 54.50 €
- 2) on-campus, ensuite, single room or newly-renovated, apartment, single room - 66.50 €
- c) on campus, ensuite, twin room - 90.00 €

For further information and to make reservations, see [www.tcd.ie/accommodation/visitors](http://www.tcd.ie/accommodation/visitors)

## Abstract Guidelines and Submission Form for ESVCP 2011 Conference

### Fill in one submission form for each abstract

**NOTE:**

- 1) **Absolute deadline for receipt of abstracts for publication in the journal "Veterinary Clinical Pathology": Jun 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**
- 2) **ECVCP / ASVCP Resident; and ESVCP students: Deadline** for receipt of abstract for poster / oral presentation (or for case report) for eligibility for two-thirds registration reduction: **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.**

Enter name of presenter of abstract:.....

Enter email address of presenter:.....

Indicate whether poster or oral presentation is preferred: POSTER  ORAL

Confirm that all authors have agreed on the content and submission of this abstract. YES  NO

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORMAT FOR THE ESVCP 2011 CONFERENCE

**A.J. Smith<sup>1</sup>, C.D Jones<sup>2</sup>, H. Chen<sup>2</sup>**, <sup>1</sup>Department of Clinical Pathology, University of Hastings, Devon, UK and <sup>2</sup>Vet Labs, Paignton, Devon.

Please read carefully and follow these ten points. 1) Abstract submission provides assurance: a) of adherence to rules, and scientific validity of presentation. b) that reported investigations involving animals have been conducted in compliance with guidelines for experimental procedures as set forth in the NIH "Guidelines for the Care and Use of Animals" or equivalent, as applicable. c) That this work will not be presented in any form at a national or international meeting prior to this meeting. 2) Abstracts should be informative, containing: a) **Background:** b) The study's specific **Objectives:** unless given by the title. c) Brief statement of **Methods:** if pertinent. d) Summary of **Results:** obtained. e) Statement of **Conclusions.** Subsections should be bolded and followed by a colon. It is NOT SATISFACTORY to state "results will be discussed." 4) An abstract may be rejected for publication if submission instructions are not followed. If accepted, your author-prepared abstract will be published exactly as it appears here. ESVCP is not responsible for author errors. 5) Fill in all requested information in the abstract submission form. 6) Abstracts will be peer-reviewed. 7) All abstracts must be in plain text, in English with no embedded symbols or formatting characters. Submissions may not include charts, graphs, pictures, tables or references. Please use words to spell out symbols. 8) Abstracts may not exceed 300 words (including title, authors and body). 9) Type abstract title in all capital letters. Include a listing of all authors (use initials for first and middle name and spell out the last name, do not include degrees) and their corresponding departments and affiliation/institution. 10) Indent the first line of each paragraph.

## REGISTRATION FORM

### ESVCP Conference – Aug 31<sup>st</sup> to Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 (Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland)

Please complete one form per delegate. (BLOCK CAPITALS please)

NAME:

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS

EMAIL:

PHONE:

**ACCOMODATIONS:** I will arrange my own.  I will stay on campus

**Please make your own on-line reservation:** per diem rate, includes continental breakfast and taxes:

1) single room at Goldsmith Hall

adjacent to campus - 54.50 €

2) on-campus, ensuite, single room or newly-renovated, apartment, single room - 66.50 €

3) on-campus,

ensuite, twin room - 90.00 €

For further information and to make reservations, see [www.tcd.ie/accommodation/visitors](http://www.tcd.ie/accommodation/visitors)

Days Attending: Aug 31<sup>st</sup>  Sept 1<sup>st</sup>  Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>  Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Conference Sponsorships:** Silver sponsorship - 500 €; Gold - 1000 €; Platinum - 2000 €

Please make payment by **cheque or bank draft** in €, payable to the **ESVCP**.

Or pay by **PayPal** to [treasurer.esvcp@googlemail.com](mailto:treasurer.esvcp@googlemail.com)

Please indicate if you require a receipt: **Yes**  **No**

**Please complete registration form and return with registration payment to me at the address below, ASAP.**

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Telephone number +353 - 1716 6048 Fax number + 353 - 1716 6157

**European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology**

**Annual General Meeting 2009  
Centre de Congrès Pierre Baudis, Toulouse, “Caravelle” room  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

Meeting Convened at 17:40

1. Forty-nine members of the society were present. At the time of the meeting, the Society has 176 members so a Quorum was established (>15% of the membership). The meeting was conducted according to the following agenda:

**Approval of the minutes of 2009 AGM, Thessaloniki, Greece**

- The minutes of the last meeting Annual General Meeting were circulated in advance by e-mail to the membership. And printed copies were made available at the meeting.
- Jose Ceron requested that on page 4 of the 2009 minutes, under the heading *Use of surplus funds in the interests of the Society* that the minutes should include PhD students in the eligibility for Small Research Grants in addition to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year residents. No other objection to the contents of the minutes was raised and consequently they were duly approved.

**President’s Report**

Jose Ceron presented the president’s report. In particular, he thanked Jean-Pierre Braun and Cathy Trumel for their efforts in organising the clinical pathology component of the current ECVIM meeting and the associated pre-congress day.

In reviewing the year, he drew attention to the improved financial position of the Society and the improvements made in financial controls and reporting and the improved functionality and usefulness of the joint Society and college website.

At the time of the meeting he was not aware whether he would be replaced as President of the Society and he took the opportunity to thank his executive colleagues for their collaboration during his time as President.

**Treasurer’s report**

The treasurer report was presented by Peter Graham on behalf of the treasurer Mark Pinches. No auditors’ report was presented at this meeting. Accounts are currently being prepared for auditors’ review. See newsletter for complete report.

**Elections of vice-president, secretary and treasurer and Auditors**

Despite several calls for nominations in the months prior to the meeting, only a nomination for vice-president (Peter O’Brien) was received. The present incumbents for Secretary (Peter Graham) and Treasurer (Mark Pinches) agreed to serve another term. No nominations were received from the floor of the meeting and so the following office holders were confirmed:

Vice-President: Peter O’Brien

Treasurer: Mark Pinches

Secretary: Peter Graham

The current Auditors were re-elected unanimously

## Future Meetings

Peter O'Brien Society's plans for future meetings:

The main society meeting for 2011 will be held in association with AECCP in Dublin Ireland on the proposed dates of 31<sup>st</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

ECVIM Congress will be held in Seville, Spain 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September. There was some discussion from the floor whether ESVCP should participate in ECVIM 2011 given the associated costs. A vote was taken on the proposal that ESVCP participates on the 2011 ECVIM Congress.

Votes For: 30

Votes Against: 5

As a consequence it was agreed that ESVCP would participate in ECVIM 2011.

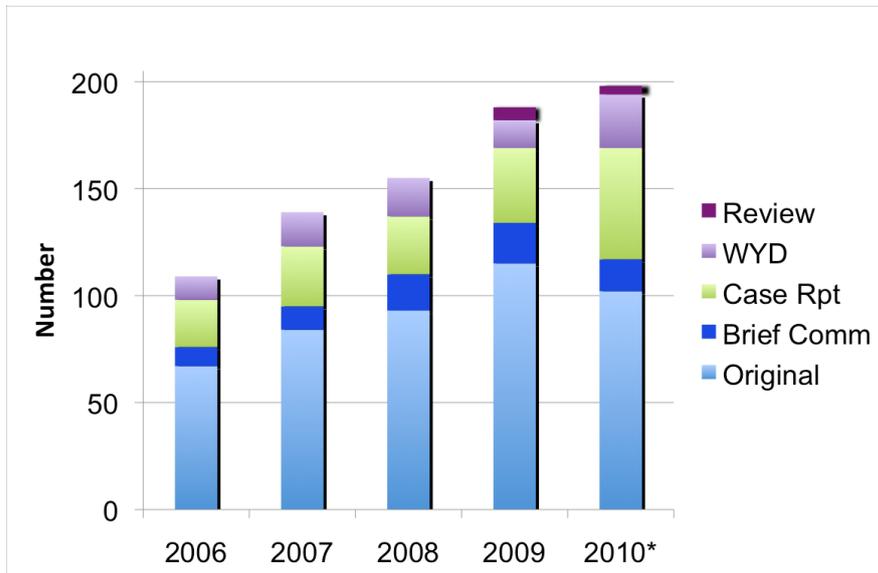
The following opportunities for future congresses were brought to the meetings attention:

Joint meeting with ISACP in 2012, Joint meeting with Small Animal Medicine Congress Berlin 2013 and Joint meeting with ASVCP, ECVCP in Hawaii 2015.

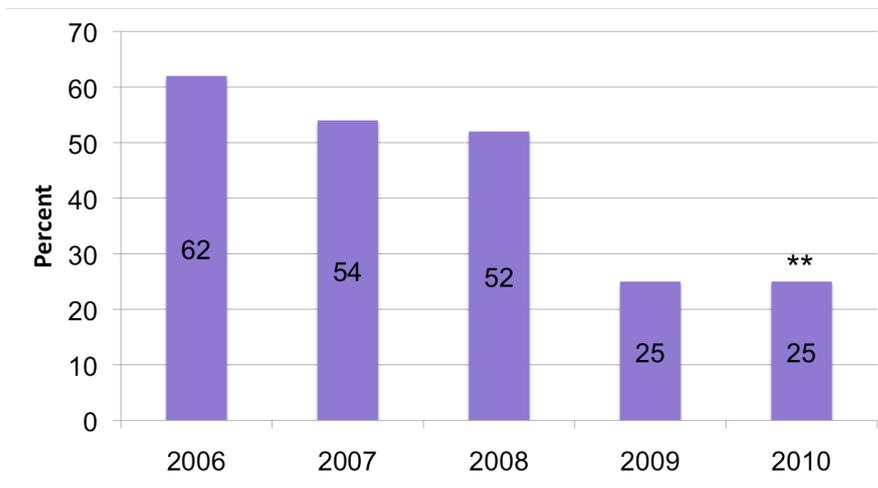
## Journal of Veterinary Clinical Pathology

Karen Young updated the members concerning the *Journal*. In yere review of the year, Karen highlighted the following:

- Submission rate increased
  - (202 new submissions in 11 months)
- Acceptance rate: 25%
- Rejection rate 42%
  - (49% including expired and withdrawn)
- More original research published
- More pages published
- Impact factor (2009) = 0.793
  - Reflects citations of articles published in 2007 and 2008
    - § (Only one review article in 2008: Reviews often generate higher citations)
  - 18% increase over 2007
  - 13% decrease from 2008
  - Ranked 66 of 141 veterinary journals
- Legacy archive
- Author Services
- New Affiliations with:
  - International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology
  - Australian Society for Pathology
- Manuscripts Submitted



• Acceptance Rate



• VCP is your journal

- Submit your best work
- Be an advocate:
- Does your library have a subscription?
- Encourage your colleagues in internal medicine, emergency and critical care, oncology, and other disciplines to submit in-scope manuscripts.

**Report of Resident advisor and mock exams**

No report of the Resident Advisor was available. There was a mention that the European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology may have taken over this responsibility but there was not sufficient time allowed at the ECVCP AGM for Diplomates to question and understand this proposal fully. The Society awaits the election of a new ECVCP Board to determine what continuing role it will have in advising and preparing future College exam candidates.

**Constitutional matters**

Two constitutional amendments were proposed by the Board (**A** and **B** below).

**A) To change paragraph 2.3 from:**

*2.3 Use of the funds of the Society must be for purposes in accordance with the statutes of the Society. The*

members shall not receive any grants from the funds of the Society.

to

2.3: Use of the funds of the Society must be for purposes in accordance with the statutes of the Society. In order to promote the education and understanding of Veterinary Clinical Pathology, the Society may make educational, research or travel grants to members from the funds of the Society.

During discussion, concerns were raised that the proposed amendments could allow Society funds to be used by board members for extravagant travel arrangements.

The result of the vote on this constitutional amendment was:

Votes For: 11

Votes Against: 16

Karen Young proposed a modified constitutional amendment version as follows:

2.3: Use of the funds of the Society must be for purposes in accordance with the statutes of the Society. In order to promote the education and understanding of Veterinary Clinical Pathology, the Society may make educational, research or travel grants to residents and students (graduate students or veterinary students) from the funds of the Society.

The result of the vote on this constitutional amendment was:

Votes For: 44

Votes Against: 0

The modified amendment A was therefore passed.

## **B) To change paragraph 8.1 from:**

8.1: The Board of the Society will consist of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Councillor #1
- Councillor #2

The president of the ESVCP will be the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology, reg. London, UK (ECVCP) and Councillor #1 and Councillor #2 will be board members of the Scientific Committee of the ECVCP. Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected by the ESVCP members.

to:

8.1: The Board of the Society will consist of:

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The result of the vote on this constitutional amendment was:

Votes For: Unanimous

The constitutional amendment **B** was therefore passed.

## **Other Matters**

### **ECVCP Brochure**

Peter O'Brien presented aspects of the recently drafted update to the ECVCP "Brochure". Several questions from the floor related to dates on which the new draft would come into effect and what transitional arrangements if any were being put in place. Peter O'Brien assured the meeting that there would be a flexible approach to allow for transitions.

### **ASVCP Collaboration**

As liaison to ASVCP Anne Provencher-Bolliger updated the meeting on recent activities and potential plans for the future.

- A new International Activity Committee has been created by ASVCP chaired by Alex Biondo
- E-mail confirming ASVCP desire to collaborate with ESVCP
- Examples include:
  - Exchange of winning abstracts from annual meetings
  - Exchange of expertise for international workshops
  - An ESVCP representative on relevant subcommittees of the ASVCP (e.g. Regulatory Affairs)

### **2010 Prizes**

2010 Scientific Presentation Prize: Cheryl Dean

2010 Poster Presentation Prize: Gelain

Meeting Minutes prepared by P. Graham, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010

# European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology

## Annual General Meeting 2010

Toulouse, France

8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010

Present : 35 members

Apologies : Natalie B, Anne LP, Kathy F, Josep P, Ilse S, Ernst L.

Board members : Joy A, Saverio P, Peter OB present

Members were welcomed by Joy A, and Peter OB was congratulated on becoming the new Vice President of EBVS.

1. Agenda - overview : the agenda was curtailed and readjusted due to the transportation strike.
2. The minutes of the 2009 AGM were approved.
3. **Elections:** the election of new board members was postponed and will occur by electronic voting via the website and members who are eligible to vote will be informed of these dates.

#### 4. Committee reports:

**Credentials :** presented by **Zoe P** ( chair)

6 candidates were credentialed to sit the 2010 examination.

Candidates and supervisors are reminded that the deadline for receipt of completed credential information, forms, and all documentation by the secretariat is **March 1** of the year in which request to sit the exam is made.

These should include:

1. Evidence of acceptance for publication of 2 manuscripts in peer reviewed journals
2. Annual reports of the trainees performance by the supervisor to the Credentials committee
3. Case reports (from 2011)
4. Cases log
5. Detailed signed training log

Recertification; (required every 5 years). From 2011 submit completed application to the secretariat.

2008: 31 required 4 excluded, 20 completed 5 in completion process

2009: 6 required 4 completed 1 in completion process due to questions requirement

2010: 7 required 6 in process. 1 lost due to incorrect email now in process.

Noted: 20 approved questions in 5 years can be submitted at any time during this period.

Reminder to save certificates from meeting attendances submit scanned certificates.

Keep notes of presentations given etc.

Publications list of titles and journal information should be provide then the com can obtain them from the web sites.

**Education:** Ilse S (chair) apologies. No presentation given

Noted the new **Brochure** was prepared by the education committee and the executive board and chairs edited and approved it at the meeting in Vienna June 2010 and it will appear on the website in October along with all the required forms.

A power point overview of the brochure and the new deadlines was **presented** by **Peter OB** followed by brief comments and questions from the members. (Appendix)

**Laboratory Standards:** presented by **Stein Istre T** ( chair)

The committee has been expanded due to the increased number of new applications for certification along with the 5 year recertification requirement.

2008 10 laboratories were approved

2010 5 laboratories were approved with 3 applications under consideration.

**Examination:** presented by **David L** (chair)

The examination committee met along with the executive board and chairs in Vienna in June 2010 with a following day pre exam meeting to prepare the examination.

This is a large committee with an overall chair (David )and 4 sections each with a chair A continuity plan has been developed.

2010 examination: was held in Toulouse on 6 and 7 September with 6 candidates (5 first Time and 1 repeat) and 4 examiners and an observer in attendance.

The 2009 examination (in Wetherby U.K. ) resulted in 2 new member diplomates by examination.

The examination pass rate mean is 60%

Examination has 4 sections: the poorest pass rate continues to be for the general clinical pathology section.

The objectives of the committee for 2 011 are to update their SOP

Respond to candidate and examiner feed back

Appoint a new external exam evaluator to replace Prof Steve Stockham who has served in this capacity since the first exam in 2004 and now wishes to step down.

Question /comment to/ from **Peter OB** (As representative of **EBVS**)

Noted that for 23 colleges the average pass rate was 50% the target set by EBVS is 60 %  
*Examination questions preparation and submission by members as part of the recertification process.*

Questions should be prepared following the guide lines on the website (pp on MCQ by Steve Stockham , and on others by Joy A presented at this meeting)

Forms available on the website should be used. The questions should be sent to the secretariat. It should be clearly indicated as to which section of the examination they are intended (general, biochemistry, haematology, cytology)

Questions are then sent to the chair who will distribute them to the chairs of the indicated sections Questions will be evaluated and if changes are needed these will be reported directly to the member with suggestions for improvement from the chair.

A report on all approved questions will be prepared by the chair of this committee and sent to the chair of the credentials com. as a record of submitted questions towards recertification for all members. This will be done once a year in December.

So far 5% of member submit questions on average for a total of 355 questions

2008 32 were received

2009 147

2010 15 diplomates have submitted questions.

Please note ALL questions must be APPROVED to count as part of the 20 required for recertification.

**Science: Jose C (chair)** see ESVCP AGM report

**Communications:** and Web master **Ernst L** (chair): apologies, no report

**Sponsorship fund raising** committee still not active

**Nomination: Kostos P. Peter V** currently preparing the election in conjunction with the webmaster

**Treasurer's report:** was received from **Natalie B** and the PP was presented by JA

### Highlights

The accounts have been audited by 2 independent auditors (non board members)

Andreas Moritz and Gad Baneth according to a set SOP.

Expenditures (to date) include

Website, EBVS annual dues, board and exam com. Expense =Euro 5,492.57

Income =

+ Euro 4,000 from Novartis for speakers in ESVCP congress 2010

Dues for 2009 from ALL members for 2010 from 6 so far

Current balance = + £ 29, 118.88

No decision was made on whether the college should buy the CLSI documents

It was noted that EBVS dues for 2011 have increased.

*Proposed increase of dues by Euro 50 per year to Euro 150*

JA noted that this is needed because:

1. cost of interim board meetings and examination are increasing (despite many members paying all or most of their own expenses)

2. EBVS dues are increasing

3. website costs are paid in total by the ECVCP and are increasing

4. The appointment of a secretariat is a new expense charged @37.75Euro per hour

+VAT

5. There will be an annual fee to maintain registration of the college in the UK and to the accountant for preparing annual tax returns to the IRS (U.K.) form 2011.

A proposal was presented by JA and seconded by POB

Votes were 31 for and 4 against

The motion was carried.

**Dues will increase to Euro 150 from 1 January 2011.**

### **President's report**

**Joy A** thanked all members of all committees for their hard work over the past year

She also thanked Cathy Tremel and JP Braun for their hard work in preparing and administering the examination and the Continuing Education Day at the Veterinary school in Toulouse and for raising sponsorship in excess of Euro 4,000 for this event.

She also noted that Sharon Green would start work as the new secretariat on 1 October 2010 email [secretariat@ECVCP.com](mailto:secretariat@ECVCP.com). All enquiries, completed forms, applications etc should be directed to her from this date. She will forward these to the chairs of committees, secretary to the board, and treasurer as indicated. She will maintain records of all such transactions.

### **EBVS AGM overview**

**New Diplomates : Abigaile Guija de Arespacochaga, and Alexandra Briend-**

**Marchal** (in absentia) were welcomed as new member of the college and presented with their diplomas.

### **ECVCP-ESVCP meeting 2011**

**Peter OB** presented an overview of the meeting to be held in **Dublin Ireland**

Meeting was closed at 18.15 .

Members adjourned to the opening reception of the joint ECVIM- ESVCP meeting in the Town Hall Toulouse.

Recorded and reported by J Archer for Anne LP, secretary.

**ESVCP 2010 Treasurers' report presented at Toulouse, France AGM**

**Key Actions**

- **2006-2008 Finances submitted to auditor and accepted by German Tax Authorities**
- 2009 finances up to date and complete – ready for submission
- 2010 finances up to date (July)
- Reports available to view from Peter Graham
- Banking moved from LloydTSB to HSBC
- (for ease of telephone banking)

**Membership status**

- Membership growth has stalled in 2010
- Most members Academics or in Diagnostics labs  
 Encourage technicians?  
 Widen appeal with greater CE focus for industry individuals and medical technologists

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010 (to date)</b>
<b>Membership numbers</b>	54	116	178	176 (8 to pay)
Full	47	88	132	120
Student	4	8	28	31
ASVCP	3	20	18	17

**2007-2009 budget overview**

2010 Estimates:

- ~€16,500 income from membership subscriptions
- Outstanding liabilities (overestimated):
  - €600 journal costs (\$ has strengthened)
  - €2000-3000 travel costs
  - Up to €1-2000 misc costs, accountants, bank charges etc..
  - Up to €500 for ECVIM conference
- Likely small loss for 2010 (not including Barcelona monies)
- Overall balance ~€25000

	2009	
	€	£
<b>Income</b>		
Membership Subs	2207.69	15041.5
Donations	1976.98	0
Congress Income	93.73	0
Sponsorship	0	0
Misc	0	99.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4278.4</b>	<b>15141.35</b>

2010		
€	£	Paypal (Euro)
3125	140	11,386.73
0		
12114		
1000		
0		
<b>16239</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>11386.73</b>

<b>Expenses</b>		
Subscriptions	1200	0
Travel Expenses	584.23	99.58
Meeting Costs	1092.75	1602.14
Donations	0	0
Bank Charges	76.26	92.21
Journals	0	5342.71
Misc.	0	278.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2953.24</b>	<b>7414.72</b>

1200	
0	
2182.84	
0	
2690.17	12
0	
0	
<b>6073.01</b>	<b>12</b>

	2007		2008	
	€	£	€	£
<b>Income</b>				
Membership Subs	1423.86	2831.6	8808.57	2555.92
Donations	0	0	0	0
Congress Income	10146.32	0	0	0
Sponsorship	6479.53	0	1887.13	0
Misc	0	15903.95	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18049.71</b>	<b>18735.55</b>	<b>10695.7</b>	<b>2555.92</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Subscriptions	0	0	0	0
Travel Expenses	687.58	505.65	5247.1	1434.34
Meeting Costs	5244.5	4753.22	1300	0
Donations	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	136.63	367	49.81	45
Journals	0	3989.7	1200	3093.11
Misc.		5214.6	0	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6068.71</b>	<b>14830.17</b>	<b>7796.91</b>	<b>4577.45</b>
<b>Bank Acc at EOY</b>	<b>11352.46</b>	<b>3591.08</b>	<b>14201.25</b>	<b>1712.55</b>

**Recommendations**

- No change to membership charges in 2011
- Use €4000 for research grants per year (allows ongoing grant giving for at least 3-4years)
- Maintain €10,000 buffer for unexpected liabilities

## ECVCP & ESVCP board & committees

The composition of the committees and board for the ESVCP & ECVCP are outlined below.

### ESVCP

**Board:**

President: Stefano Comazzi  
Vice President: Peter O'Brien  
Treasurer: Mark Pinches  
Secretary: Peter Graham

Science committee: Stefano Comazzi, Jose Ceron, Josep Pastor, Stefan Neumann  
Website editorial board: Ernst Leidinger (lead); Mary Christopher and secretaries of ESVCP & ECVCP

### ECVCP

**Board (as of Dec 2010):**

President: Saverio Paltrinieri  
Vice President: Cathy Trumel  
Past President: Joy Archer  
Secretary: Anne Lanevschi Pietersma  
Treasurer: Natali Bauer  
Councillor 1: Elspeth Milne  
Councillor 2: Ilse Schwendenwein

Secretariat executive: Sharon Green - [secretariat@ecvcp.org](mailto:secretariat@ecvcp.org)

**Please note that effective from Sept 2010, all communications for application form requests & submissions for training, examination or laboratory approval must be sent to Sharon**

**ECVCP Committee chairs:**

Education: Barbara von Beust  
Credentials: Zoe Polizopoulou  
Laboratory Standards: Stein Thorensen  
Examination: Alessia Giordano  
Nomination committee for election in 2013/14:  
Kostas Papasouliotis, Anne Provencher Bolliger, Carlo Masserdotti