



## **ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology**

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**The Education Committee of the ECVP/ESVP**

**Résumé**

**15th Summer School 2017, Berlin, Germany**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The 15th ECVP/ESVP Summer School took place in Berlin, the largest city and the capital of Germany. Berlin has an international atmosphere, multi-cultural environment, liveliness and creativity.

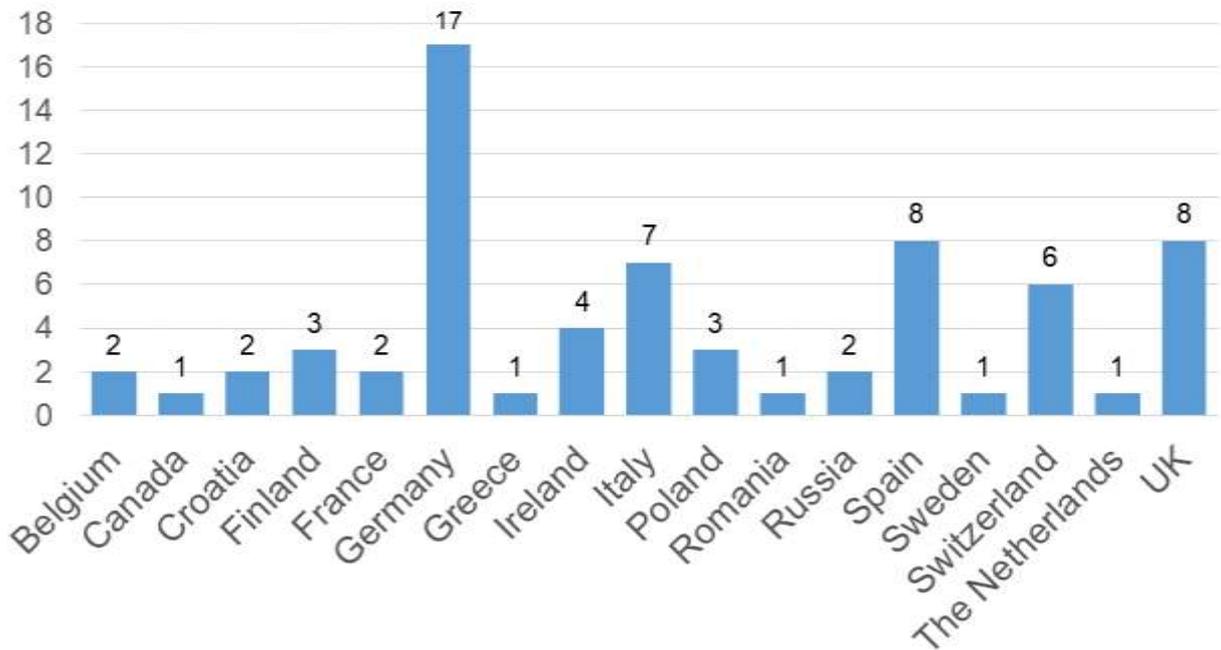
The summer school was held in the Institute of Veterinary Pathology in the campus Düppel of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, in the south-western part of Berlin.

### **FACILITIES**

The event took place from July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>. The local organizers were Achim Gruber, Sophie Merz, Judith Hoppe, Anne Petrick, Christof Bertram, Hannah Pischon, and Moritz Radbruch. The organization was perfect and efficient. This Summer School was the second of a new cycle of four events with a continuous sequence of programme topics.

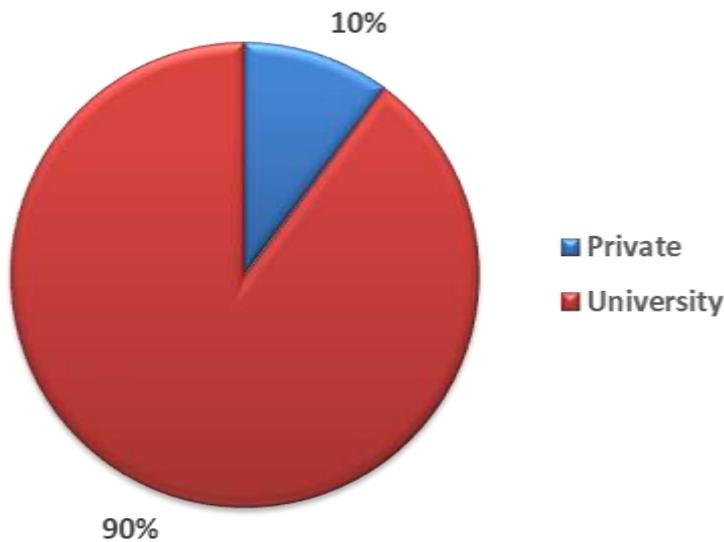


Altogether, we had 69 full participants, coming from 19 countries within the EU and abroad (Graph 1). The female to male ratio was 2.3:1. There were 4 part time attenders, attending 2 days only.



**Graph 1:** Country of origin of participants of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2017

The majority of the participants (90%) came from an academic/university background and the rest from private laboratories or industry (10%) (Graph 2)



**Graph 2:** Origin of participants of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2017

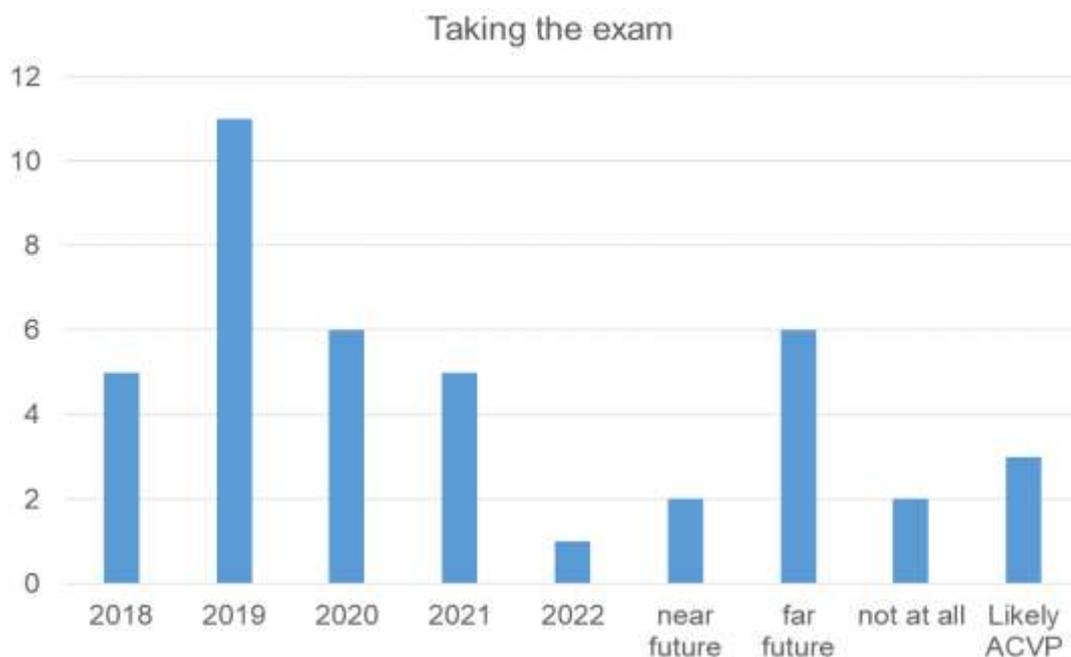
## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation was arranged at the **Best Western Plus Hotel Berlin Steglitz International** - Schlossstraße/Albrechtstraße 2, 12165 Berlin - in single or double rooms. Rates were per single (64€) and double (75€) room per night without breakfast or single (78€) and double (103€) room per night including breakfast.



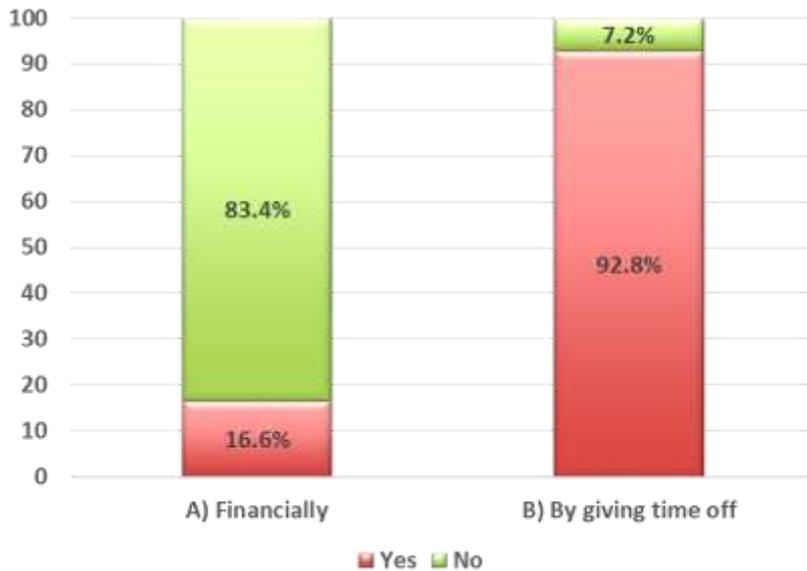
## FEEDBACKS AND EVALUATION

22/69 participants seek to sit the exam within the next three years and the rest in the following years. Three participants are planning or are likely to sit the ACVP board examination. (Graph 3).



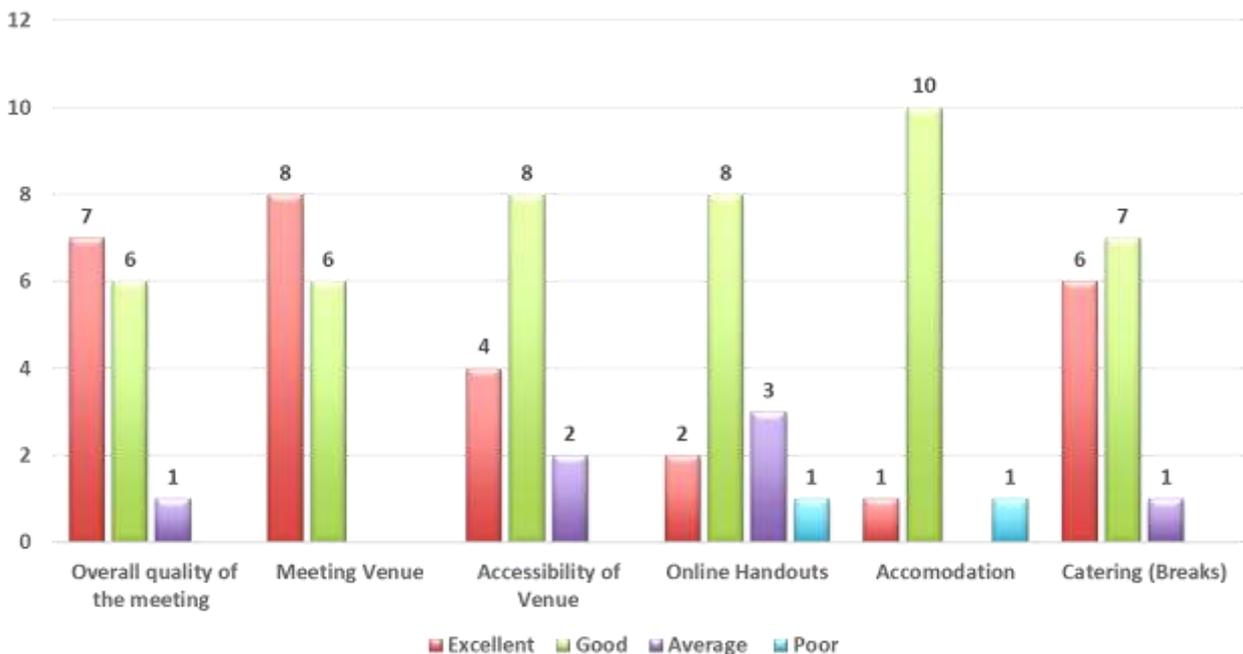
**Graph 3:** Year in which Summer School 2017 participants plan to sit the ECVP Exam

Participants got support by their employer either by financial support or by receiving time off to attend the summer school (Graph 4)



**Graph 4:** Support by department/employer in the Summer School 2017

Fourteen participants of the Summer School 2017 returned the overall evaluation feedback sheet. The overall evaluation of the Summer School 2017 by participants showed that the event was considered as good to excellent. Individual comments of participants included the suggestion of having more glass slides, which simulate more the real exam conditions. However, scanned slides were very much appreciated both for ahead preparation and revision after lectures (Graph 5).



**Graph 5:** Overall evaluation of the Summer School

Participants asked to find convenient and cheap venues for the summer school and equally advantageous accommodation. Many of the participants have paid the summer school by themselves; therefore the accommodation becomes a very important criterion.

## PROGRAMME

The programme of the ECV/ESVP Summer School 2017 is provided in Table 1.

The summer school started with a 1.5-days session of the “Male Reproductive Tract Pathology” (Corrie Brown, from the University of Georgia, United States) followed by a 1.5-days module on “Notifiable diseases” (Jens Teifke, Elisabeth Liebler-Tenorio, Reiner Ulrich from the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, and Brian Smith from the Public Health Command Europe, Germany) and a 2-day module on “Endocrine Pathology” (Tom Rosol from the Ohio State University, United States). Saturday was free and it was followed by the 2 days lecture on “Mouse and Rat Pathology” (Cory Bryton, from the Johns Hopkins University, United States). Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week were dedicated to the “Comprehensive Pathology” (Sven Rottenberg and Philipp Olias, from the Vetsuisse University of Bern, Switzerland), followed by the final 2-days lecture on “CNS Pathology” (Wolfgang Baumgärtner and Peter Wohlsein, from the School of Veterinary Medicine Hanover, Germany)

Day	Topic	Lecturers
<b>Sunday, 16.07.17 - ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS</b>		
Monday, 17.07.17	<b>Male Reproductive Tract</b>	Corrie Brown
Tuesday, 18.07.17 - morning	<b>Male Reproductive Tract</b>	Corrie Brown
- afternoon	<b>Notifiable diseases</b>	Jens Teifke, Elisabeth Liebler-Tenorio, Reiner Ulrich, and Brian Smith
Wednesday, 19.07.17	<b>Notifiable diseases</b>	Jens Teifke, Elisabeth Liebler-Tenorio, and Reiner Ulrich, and Brian Smith
Thursday, 20.07.17	<b>Endocrine Pathology</b>	Tom Rosol
Friday, 21.07.17	<b>Endocrine Pathology</b>	Tom Rosol
<b>Saturday, 22.07.17 - FREE</b>		
Sunday, 23.07.17	<b>Mouse Pathology</b>	Cory Brayton
Monday, 24.07.17	<b>Mouse and Rat Pathology</b>	Cory Brayton
Tuesday, 25.07.17	<b>Comprehensive Pathology</b>	Sven Rottenberg and Philipp Olias
Wednesday, 26.07.17	<b>Comprehensive Pathology</b>	Sven Rottenberg and Philipp Olias
Thursday, 27.07.17	<b>CNS</b>	Wolfgang Baumgärtner and Peter Wohlsein
Friday, 28.07.17	<b>CNS</b>	Wolfgang Baumgärtner and Peter Wohlsein

**Table 1.** Programme of the Summer School 2017

As in previous years, Reading Lists were provided for the different modules and forwarded to the participants for their preparation. In addition, handouts were provided to participants in an online format in advance to the Summer School. For several modules, glass slide sets were made available by the Lecturers to the ECV/ESVP Office. These slides will be available to the participants, upon request, for their individual revision after the event. Slides are kept by the

Education Committee and can be ordered by pathologists for their private study. In addition, a digital slide server has been established that provides cases as online training material.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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- the former and current Secretaries of the ECVP Julie Fitzsimmons and Irini Thanou, respectively, for their support and invaluable contribution
- the lecturers who put enormous effort in the preparation of the event and gave excellent lectures
- and last, but not least, all the participants who were, as usual, a highly motivated and enthusiastic audience.