



# ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology



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Résumé

11<sup>th</sup> Summer School 2013, Dublin, Ireland



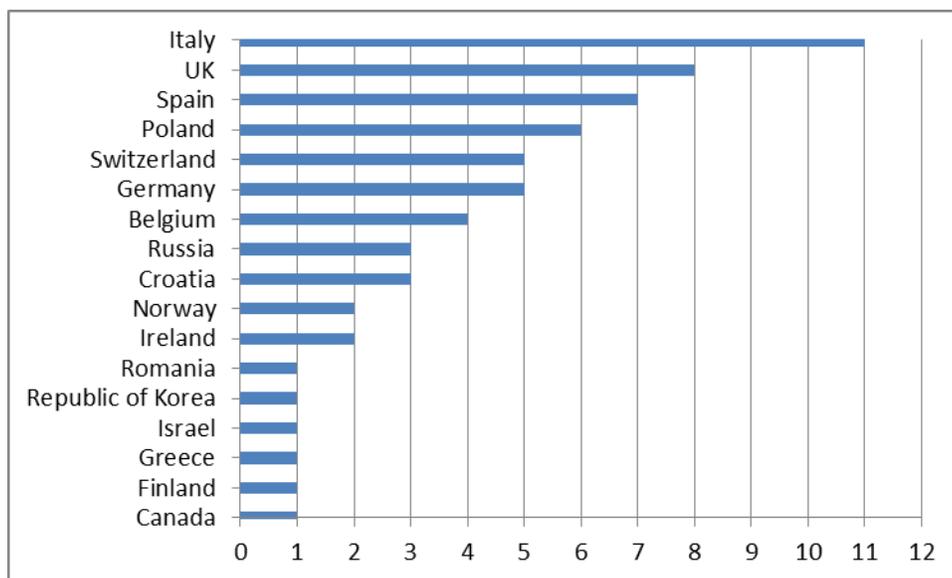
The 11<sup>th</sup> ECVP/ESVP Summer School took place in Dublin, Ireland the capital and most populous city of Ireland. Dublin is situated near the midpoint of Ireland's east coast, at the mouth of the River Liffey and at the centre of the Dublin Region.

## FACILITIES

The event took place in July 2013 (15.-26.07.2013), under the local organisation of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, University College of Dublin (Prof. Sean Callanan and his team). This Summer School was the third of a series of four events with a continuous sequence of programme topics.



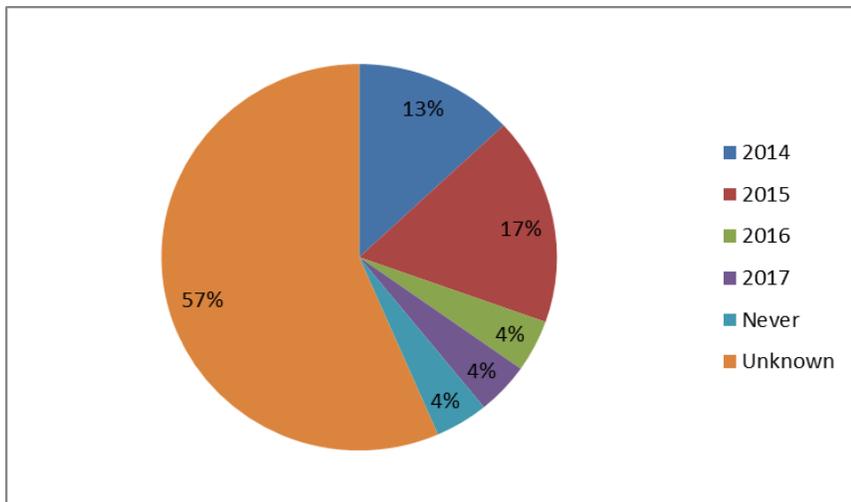
Altogether, we had 62 participants from a highly variable background, with regard to their country of origin, their working background/scientific environment and their level of experience. Participants came from 17 countries within the EU and abroad (Graph 1).



Graph 1: Country of origin of participants of the ECV/ESVP Summer School 2013

Like in previous years, most participants work in academia (82%), but also in private laboratories (8%), state laboratories (3%) and research institutes (7). Some just started to work in the field; others had a substantial amount of experience both in the diagnostic aspects of veterinary pathology, but also in research in the field.

23 participants of the Summer School 2013 returned the overall evaluation feedback sheet. About half of them do not exactly know when they will sit the certifying exam of the ECVP. 34% seek to sit the exam within the next three years (Graph 2).



Graf 2:  
Year in which Summer School 2013 participants plan to sit the ECVP Exam

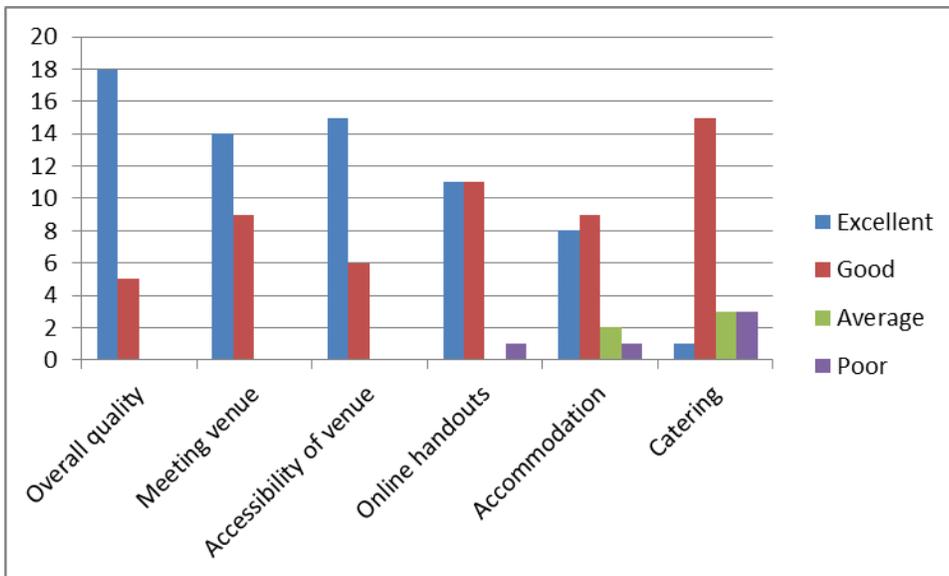
11/23 participants got financial support by their employer whereas 17/23 got support by getting time off.

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation was provided on the UCD Campus, mainly in Roebuck Hall from where it was a leisurely 5-minute walk to the main meeting areas. Rates were per single room per night in shared apartment style accommodation. All apartments had wireless internet access. Rates amounted to €49.50 per single room per night including breakfast.



The overall evaluation of the Summer School 2013 by participants showed that the event was considered as good to excellent (Graph 3).



Graph 3: Overall evaluation of the Summer School

## PROGRAMME

The programme of the ECVF/ESVP Summer School 2013 is provided in Table 1.

It comprised a 1.5-day session on "**Male Reproductive tract**" (Corrie Brown, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia, USA) followed by a 2-day module on "**Comprehensive Pathology**" (Horst Posthaus, Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Berne, Switzerland) and a 1.5-day module on "**Fish Pathology**" (Heike Schmidt-Posthaus, Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Berne, Switzerland). Saturday was the "day off". The second week started with a 2-days session on "**Mouse and Rat Pathology**" (Cory Brayton, School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA), followed by 1.5 days "**Endocrine Pathology**" (Tom Rosol, College of Veterinary Medicine, Ohio State University, USA). A 0.5-day session covered the topic "**Fish Models and Imaging Tools**" and was delivered by Lloyd Vaughan (Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Zurich, Switzerland). The last two days were dedicated to the "**CNS**". This module was delivered by Wolfgang Baumgärtner, Peter Wohlsein (School of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Germany) and Christiane Herden (Department of Veterinary Medicine, University Giessen, Germany).

In the modules on organ systems and the pathology of specific species, a large percentage of time was, as usual, dedicated to practical training and discussions which provided extensive hands on experience in gross and histopathology.

Table 1: Programme of the ECVF/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology 2013

Topic	Lecturers	Duration
Male Reproductive Tract	Corrie Brown	1.5 days
Comprehensive Pathology	Horst Posthaus	2 days

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Lecturers</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Fish Pathology	Heike Schmidt-Posthaus	1.5 days
Mouse and Rat Pathology	Cory Brayton	2 days
Endocrine Pathology	Tom Rosol	1.5 days
Fish Models and Imaging Tools	Lloyd Vaughan	0.5 day
CNS	Wolfgang Baumgärtner, Peter Wohlsein, Christiane Herden	2 days

One evening was dedicated to an information session on the aspects of the ECVF certifying examination. The session was delivered by Andrea Groene and Chiara Brachelente (members of the ECVF Exam Committee).

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, slide sets were made available which were forwarded to the participants 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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We are particularly grateful to:

- the local organisers, Sean Callanan and his team
- the lecturers who put enormous efforts which into the preparation for the event
- and last, but not least, all the participants who were, as usual, a highly motivated and enthusiastic audience.