



ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology



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Résumé

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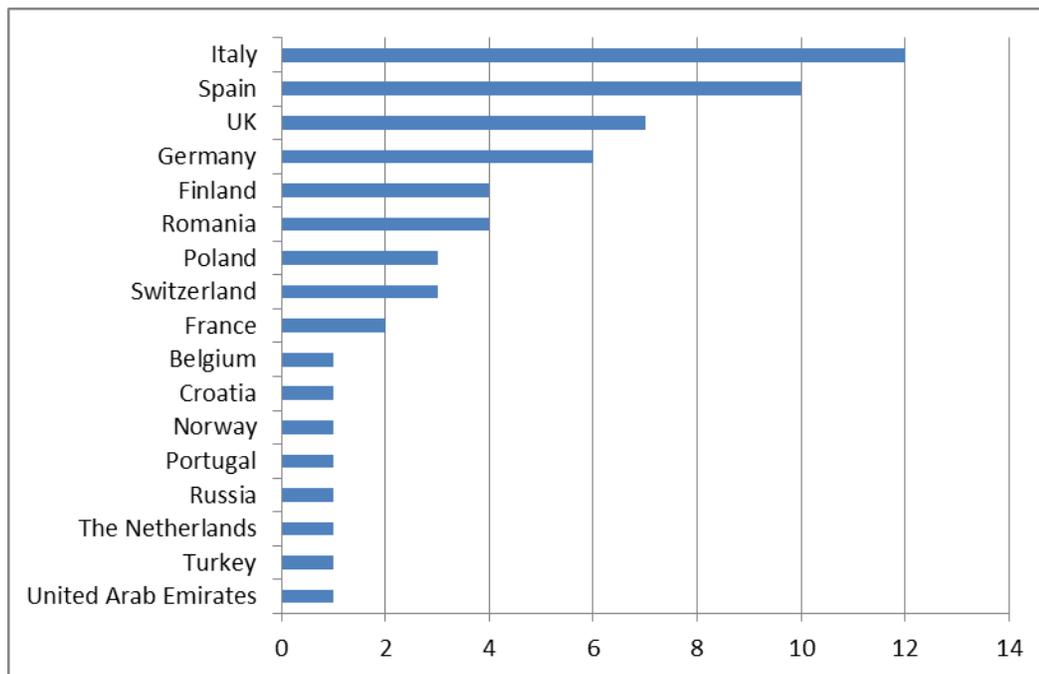
The 12th ECVP/ESVP Summer School took place in Bologna, the largest city (and the capital) of the Italian Emilia-Romagna Region. Bologna is home to one of the oldest universities in the world, founded in 1088 and represented a perfect place to organize the Summer School 2014.

FACILITIES

The event took place in July 2014 (14.-25.07.2014), under the local organisation of the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences, University of Bologna (Prof. Cinzia Benazzi and her team). This Summer School was the last of a series of four events with a continuous sequence of programme topics.



Altogether, we had 59 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 2014

Like in previous years, most participants work in academia (81%), but also in private laboratories (7%), government (7%) and research institutes (5%). 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.

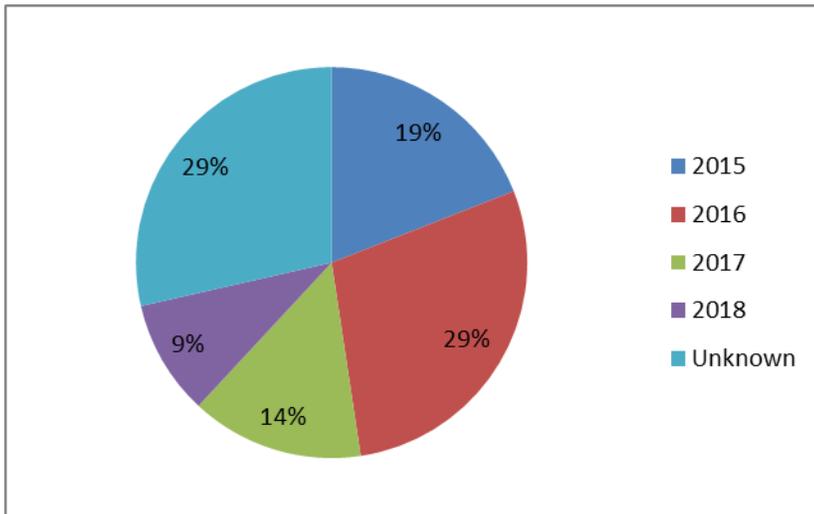
ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged at the Eurogarden Hotel in single, double or triple rooms. Rates were per single (45€), double (59€) and triple (79€) room per night including breakfast.



EVALUATION

26 participants of the Summer School 2014 returned the overall evaluation feedback sheet. 56% seek to sit the exam within the next three years. About 30% of them do not exactly know when they will sit the certifying exam of the ECVP. (Graph 2).

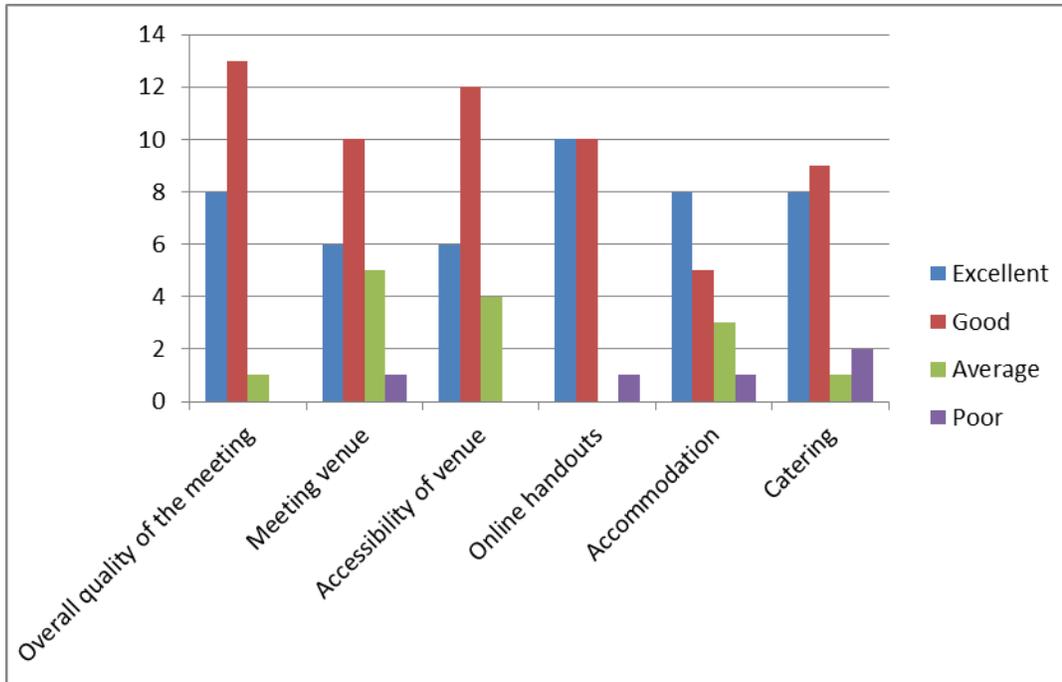


Graf 2:

Year in which Summer School 2014 participants plan to sit the ECVP Exam

15/21 participants got financial support by their employer whereas 21/21 got support by getting time off.

The overall evaluation of the Summer School 2014 by participants showed that the event was considered as good to excellent (Graph 3). Individual comments of participants included the suggestion of more overall information about general daily arrangements.



Graph 3: Overall evaluation of the Summer School

PROGRAMME

The programme of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2014 is provided in Table 1.

It comprised a 2-day session on "**Pathology of the Gastrointestinal Tract**" (John Edwards, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University, USA) followed by a 1-day module on "**Genetically Engineered Mice**" (Glenn Cantor, Pharmaceutical Research Institute, Bristol-Myers Squibb, USA) and a 1-day module on "**Toxicologic Pathology**" (Wanda Haschek-Hock, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, USA). Friday was covered by a 1-day session on "**Reptile Pathology**" (Udo Hetzel, University of Zurich, Switzerland). Saturday was the "day off". The second week started with the **Mock Examination** (Paola Roccabianca, School of Veterinary Medicine, Milano, Italy), followed by 1 day "**Pathology of Marine Mammals**" (Mariano Domingo, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain). A 0.5-day session covered the topic "**Modern Methods**" and was delivered by Robert Klopfeisch (Institute of Veterinary Pathology, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany). Two days were dedicated to the "**Pathology of the Urinary System**". This module was delivered by Monika Hilbe (University of Zurich, Switzerland) and Jaco van der Lugt (Vet Med Labor GmbH Division of IDEXX Laboratories, Ludwigsburg, Germany). During the last day, the results of the Mock Examination were discussed.

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 ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology 2014

Topic	Lecturers	Duration
Gastrointestinal Tract	John Edwards	2 days
Genetically Engineered Mice	Glenn Cantor	1 day
Toxicologic Pathology	Wanda Haschek-Hock	1 day
Reptile Pathology	Udo Hetzel	1 day
Mock Examination	Paola Roccabianca	2.5 days
Pathology of Marine Mammals	Mariano Domingo	1 day
Modern Methods	Robert Klopfleisch	0.5 day
Pathology of the Urinary Tract	Monika Hilbe, Jaco van der Lugt	2 days

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.

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