



ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology

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Résumé

13th Summer School 2015, Bologna, Italy

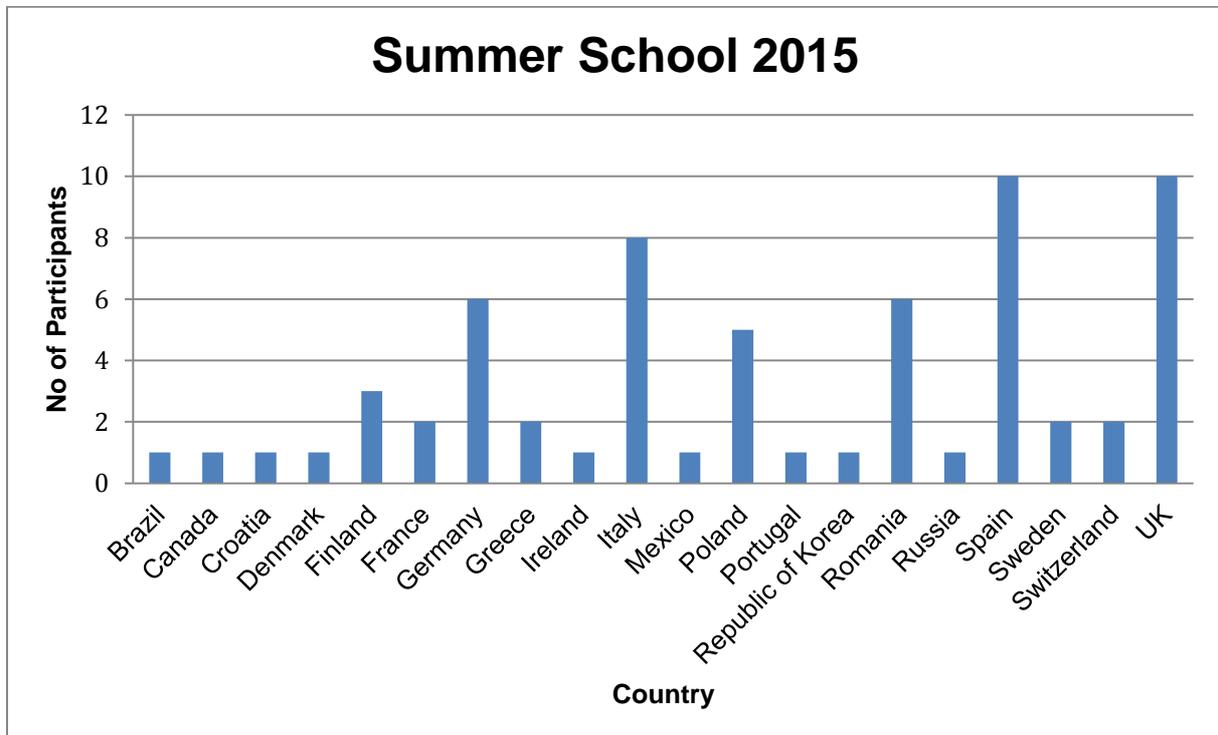
The 13th ECVP/ESVP Summer School took place in Bologna, the largest city (and the capital) of the Italian Emilia-Romagna Region. Bologna is home to one of the oldest universities in the world, founded in 1088 and represented a perfect place to organize the second Summer School in row for 2015.

FACILITIES

The event took place in July 2015 (06.-17.07.2014), 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 65 full participants and 7 part time attendees 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 20 countries within the EU and abroad (Graph 1).



Graph 1: Country of origin of participants of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2015

Like in previous years, most participants work in academia (92%), but also in private laboratories (3%) and government (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.

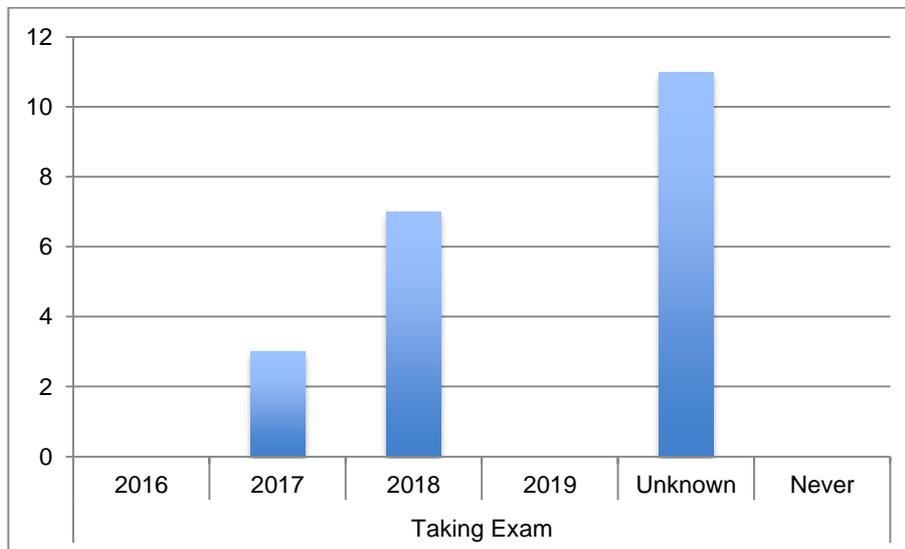
ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation was 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

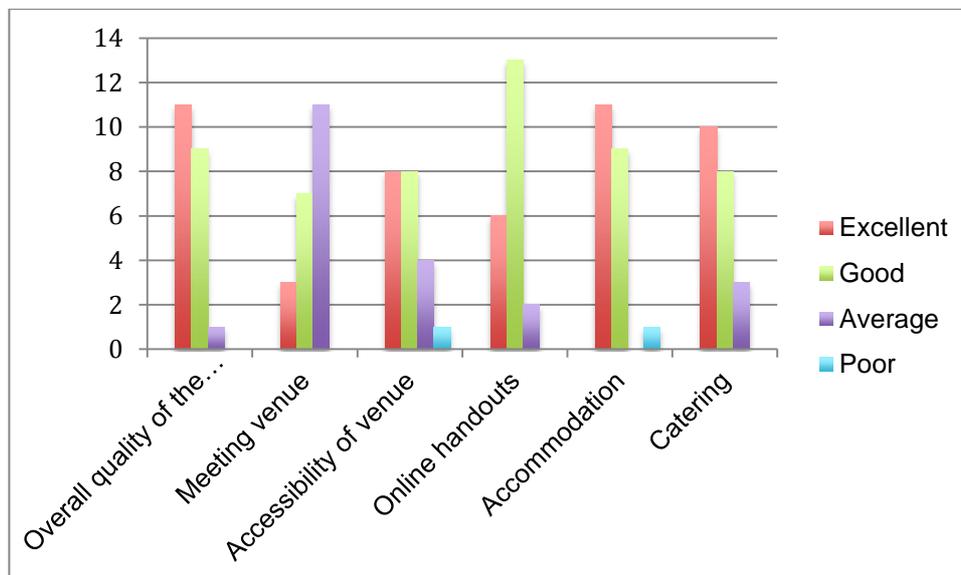
Participants of the Summer School 2015 returned the overall evaluation feedback sheet. 10/65 participants seek to sit the exam within the next three years. 11/65 of them do not exactly know when they will sit the certifying exam of the ECVP. (Graph 2).



Graph 2: Year in which Summer School 2015 participants plan to sit the ECVP Exam

10/11 participants got financial support by their employer whereas 2/19 got support by getting time off.

The overall evaluation of the Summer School 2015 by participants showed that the event was considered as good to excellent. Individual comments of participants included the suggestion of more overall information about general daily arrangements and because of problems with the air conditioning the venue was regarded as average. Also it was commented as a pity that Linda Lowenstine could not attend.



Graph 3: Overall evaluation of the Summer School

PROGRAMME

The programme of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2015 is provided in Table 1.

It comprised a 1-day session on "**Gross Pathology**" (Jerome Abadie and Frederique Ngyuen from the University in Nantes, Franc) followed by a 1-day module on "**Histopathology**" (Paola Roccabianca and Barbara Banco from the University of Milan, School of Veterinary Medicine, Italy) and a 2-day module on "**Liver Pathology**" (John Cullen, NC State University).

Friday was covered by a 1-day session on **“Pig Pathology”** (Joaquim Segales, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain). Saturday was the “day off”. The second week started with **„Clinical Pathology“** (Saverio Paltrinieri and Alessia Giordano, School of Veterinary Medicine, Milano, Italy), followed by 2 days **"Forensic Pathology"** (Udo Hetzel, University of Zurich; Lorenzo Ressel, University of Liverpool, England; Werner Hecht, University of Giessen). A 2 days session covered the topic **“Eye Pathology”** and was delivered by Chiara Giudice (School of Veterinary Medicine, Milano, Italy) and Emma Scurrell (Cytopath, UK) and was kindly prolonged for a half day more because Primate Pathology could not be realized because of health issues.

Day	Date	Topic	Lecturers
Monday	06.07.15	Gross Pathology	Jerome Abadie/ Frederique Nquyen
Tuesday	07.07.15	Histopathology	Paola Roccabianca/Barbara Banco
Wednesday	08.07.15	Liver Pathology	John Cullen
Thursday	09.07.15	Liver Pathology	John Cullen
Friday	10.07.15	Pig Pathology	Joaquim Segales
Sunday	12.07.15	Clinical Pathology	Saverio Paltrinieri/Alessia Giordano
Monday	13.07.15	Forensic Pathology	Udo Hetzel/Lorenzo Ressel/ Werner Hecht
Tuesday	14.07.15	Forensic Pathology	John McGarry/ Udo Hetzel/Lorenzo Ressel
Wednesday	15.07.15	Eye Pathology	Chiara Giudice/Emma Scurrell
Thursday AM	16.07.15		
Thursday PM	16.07.15	Primate Pathology	Linda Lowenstine
Friday	17.07.15		

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.