



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

**EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PATHOLOGISTS  
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**The Education Committee of the ECVP/ESVP**

**Résumé**

**14th Summer School 2016, Berlin, Germany**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The 14th 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.

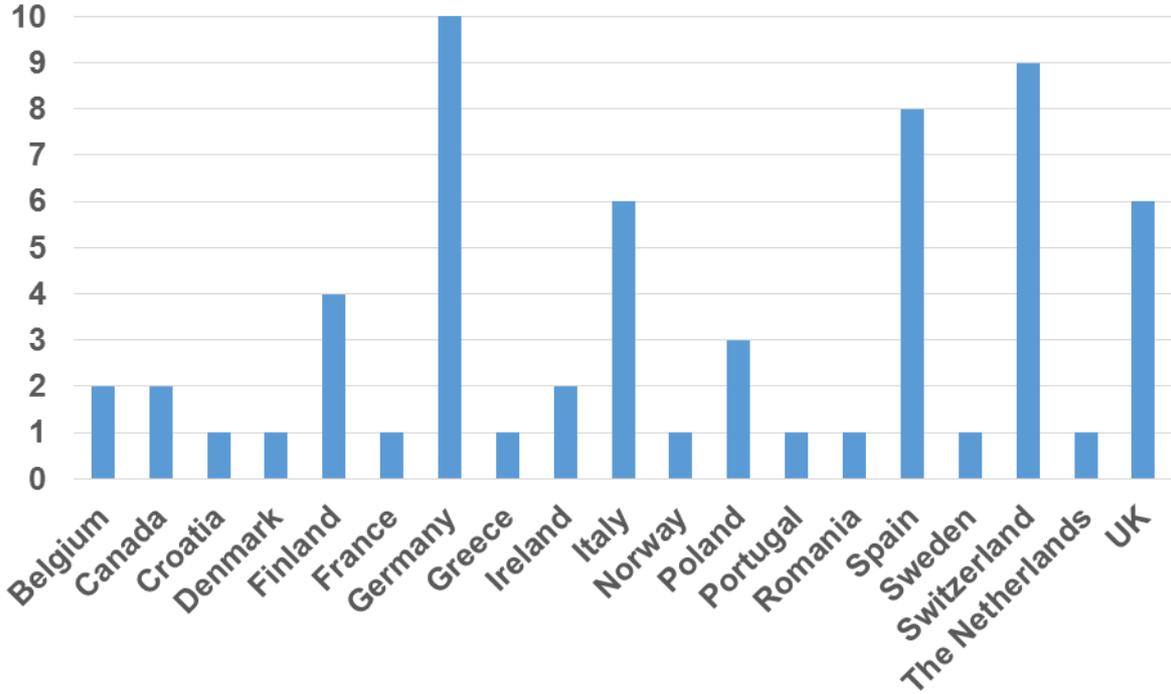
The summer school was held in the Institute of Veterinary Pathology in the campus Düppel of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, in the south-western part of Berlin.

### **FACILITIES**

The event took place from July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>. The local organizers were Achim Gruber, Stefanie Binder, Nancy Erickson, Judith Hoppe, Hannah Pischon, and Sophie Merz and the organization was perfect and efficient. This Summer School was the first of a new series of four events with a continuous sequence of programme topics.

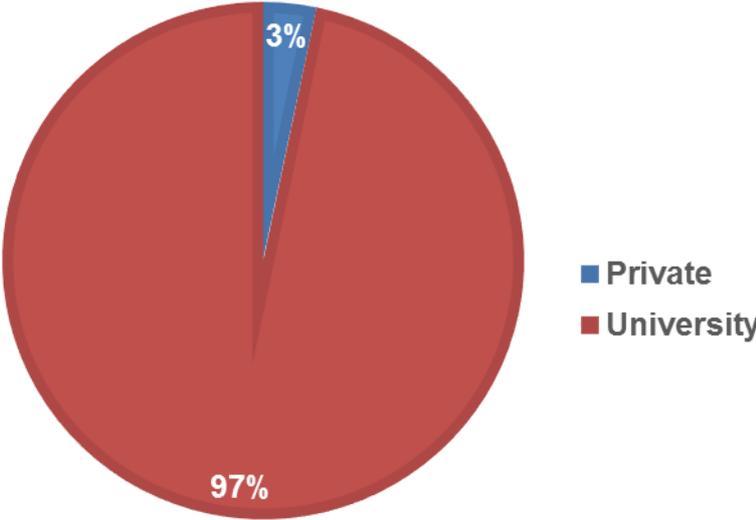


Altogether, we had 61 full participants coming from 19 countries within the EU and abroad (Graph 1). The female to male ratio was 3:1. There were 3 part time attenders: 1 attended for the whole of the second week; 2 attended for avian pathology only.



**Graph 1:** Country of origin of participants of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2016

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. The majority of the participants (97%) came from an academic/university background and the rest from private laboratories (3%) (Graph 2)



**Graph 2:** Origin of participants of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2016

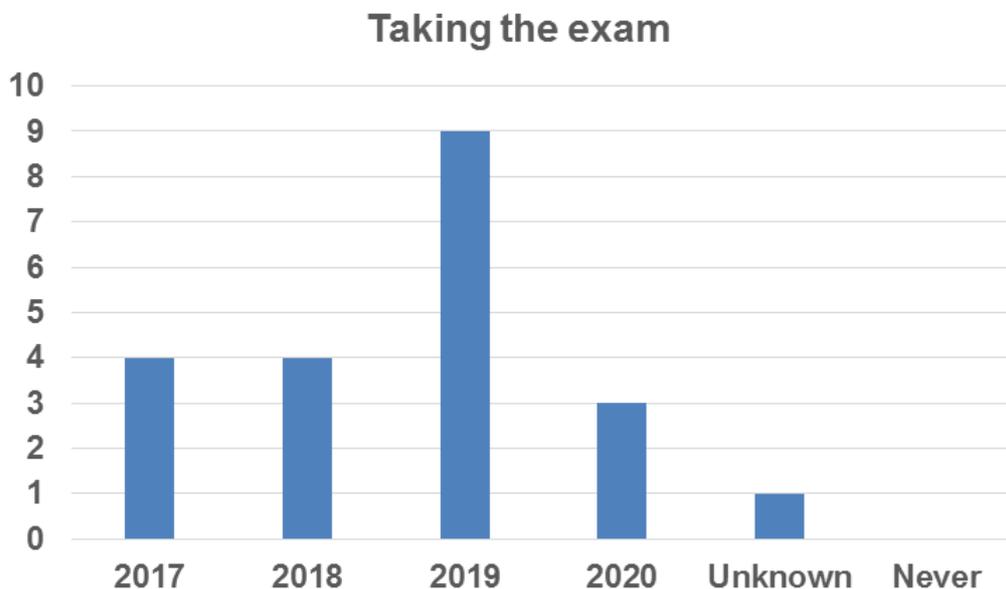
## ACCOMMODATION

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.



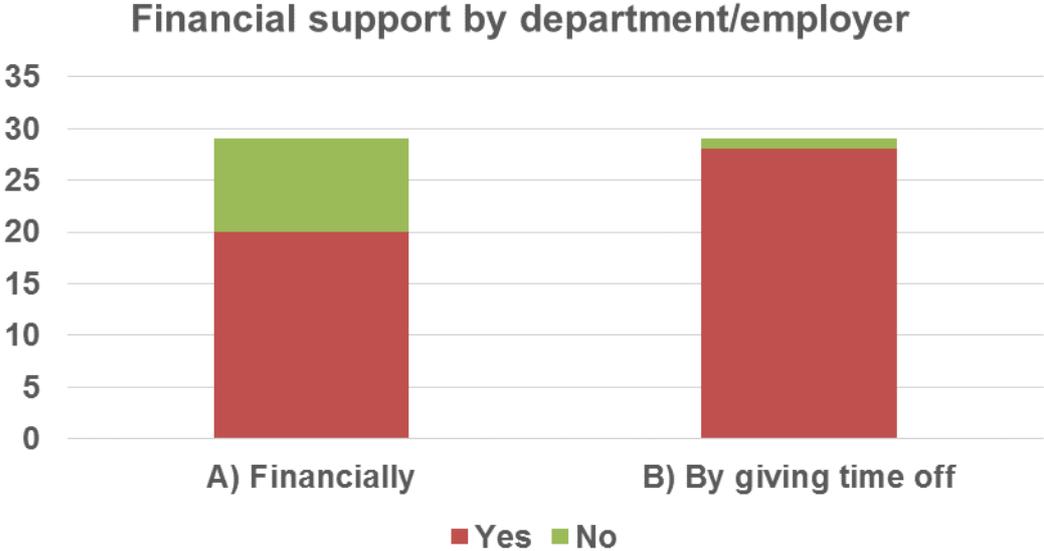
## EVALUATION

Twenty-nine participants of the Summer School 2016 returned the overall evaluation feedback sheet. 17/61 participants seek to sit the exam within the next three years. 3/61 seek to sit the exam in 2020, 1/61 does not know when he/she will sit the certifying exam of the ECVP and the rest did not answer the question. (Graph 3).



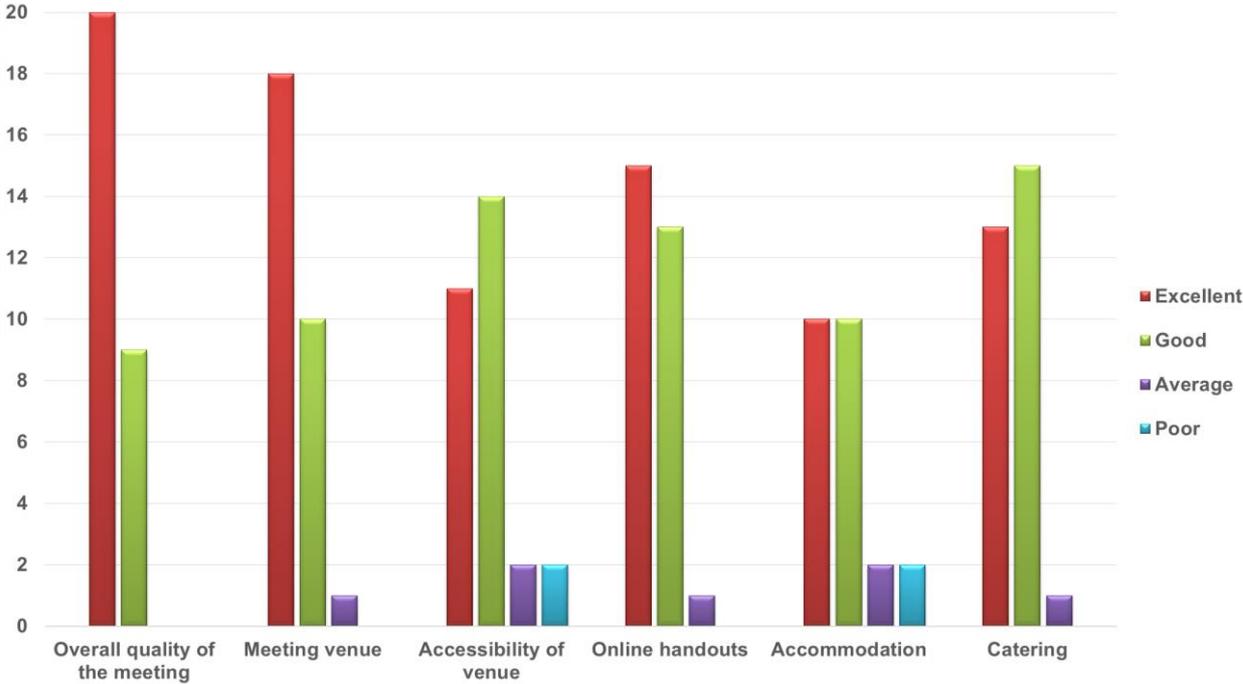
**Graph 3:** Year in which Summer School 2016 participants plan to sit the ECVP Exam

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 2016

The overall evaluation of the Summer School 2016 by participants showed that the event was considered as good to excellent. Individual comments of participants included the suggestion of having the handouts and presentation from the lecturers ahead of time (Graph 5).



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

In this summer school, some lecturers used scanned slides to discuss histo cases. Therefore, an additional question regarding the preference on the use of glass versus scanned slides was added to the questionnaire. 14/21 participants answered that they prefer glass slides and 7/21 that they prefer scanned slides. Scanned slides were appreciated because of the easy access, the possibility to view slides again after course or summer school and the possibility to take pictures and screenshots of important details. However, at high magnifications, the scanned slides lack details, and some time is lost trying to reload the slide (depending on the quality of the PC and of the internet connection).

## PROGRAMME

The programme of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2016 is provided in Table 1. The summer school started with a 2-days session of the “Skin pathology” (Monika Welle and Dominique Wiener from Bern, Switzerland) followed by a 1-day module on “Carcinogenesis” (Achim Gruber and Robert Klopffleisch from Berlin, Germany) and a 2-day module on “Avian Pathology” (Jerome Abadie and Frederique Nguyen from Nantes, France). Saturday was free and it was followed by the 1.5 day of the “Mock exam” (Jerome Abadie and Frederique Nguyen from Nantes, France). Monday afternoon and the whole Tuesday of the second week were dedicated to the “Cytology” (Paula Grest, Zurich, Switzerland), followed by a 1-day session of “Female reproductive tract pathology” (John Edwards, Texas, United States) and another 1-day module on “Ultrastructural pathology” (Koen Chiers and Richard Ducatelle, Ghent, Belgium). The summer school ended with the discussion of the mock exam results that was done on the last Friday (Jerome Abadie and Frederique Nguyen from Nantes, France)

<u>Day</u>		<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lecturer</u>
<b>Sunday 17.07.2016 Arrival of Participants</b>			
Monday	18.07.2016	Skin	Monika Welle, Dominique Wiener
Tuesday	19.07.2016	Skin	Monika Welle, Dominique Wiener
Wednesday	20.07.2016	Carcinogenesis	Achim Gruber, Robert Klopffleisch
Thursday	21.07.2016	Avian	Jerome Abadie, Frederique Nguyen
Friday	22.07.2016	Avian	Jerome Abadie, Frederique Nguyen
<b>Saturday 23.07.2016 Free</b>			
Sunday	24.07.2016	Mock Exam	Jerome Abadie, Frederique Nguyen
Monday	25.07.2016 AM	Mock Exam	Jerome Abadie, Frederique Nguyen
Monday	25.07.2016 PM	Cytology	Paula Grest
Tuesday	26.07.2016	Cytology	Paula Grest
Wednesday	27.07.2016	Female Reproductive Pathology	John Edwards
Thursday	28.07.2016	Ultrastructural Pathology	Richard Ducatelle, Koen Chiers
Friday	29.07.2016	Mock exam results and discussion	Jerome Abadie, Frederique Nguyen

**Table 1.** Programme of the Summer School 2016

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 can be 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 Secretary of the ECVP Julie Fitzsimmons for her major 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.