

The Education Committee of the ESVP/ECVP

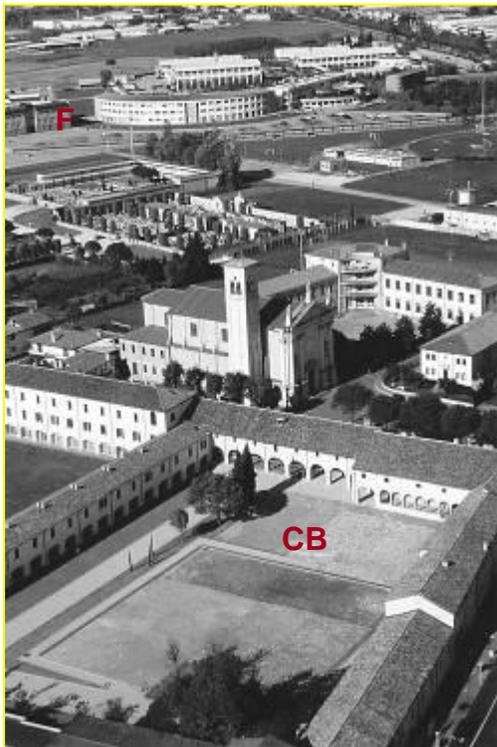
Resumée

Summer School 2004, Padova, Italy

The second Summer School of the ESVP/ECVP took place in Padova, Italy, at the Corte Benedettina in Legnaro, in July 2004 (18.-29.08.2003), under the local organisation of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, University of Padova, Italy. We had 79 participants from 16 countries (Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Iran, Portugal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom). The majority were working in University, but several also came from State Laboratories, Research Laboratories and Companies.

Facilities

The Corte Benedettina is an old monastery located in the village of Legnaro, in direct proximity to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.



Corte Benedettina (CB) and Faculty (F); course room (red arrow) and restaurant (blue arrow).

The Corte Benedettina provided low-budget accommodation for 50 participants in double

rooms. For lectures and practical sessions, one large course room with data projectors and several screens, histology slide projection facilities (digital discussion microscope) and microscopes for all participants was available.



Course Room

Coffee breaks were organised beside the course room by staff of the Corte Benedettina and lunch was served in the restaurant.



Restaurant



Coffee Breaks

Programme

The Summer School comprised a 2-day session on the "**Gastrointestinal Tract**" by Andreas Pospischil¹ (VetSuisse Faculty, Zurich, Switzerland) and Ronny Lindberg²

(University of Uppsala, Sweden), followed by a ½-day lecture on “**Inflammation**” (Bruce Car³ (USA). Two days were then dedicated to the “**Respiratory Tract**”, lectured on by Ted van den Ingh⁴ (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands). Each one day were dedicated to “**Reptiles**” (Udo Hetzel⁵ (University of Giessen, Germany), Francesco Origi⁶ (University of Milano, Italy) and Nadia Robert⁷ (VetSuisse Faculty Berne, Switzerland) and "Primates" (Franz-Josef Kaup⁸, German Primate Centre, Tübingen, Germany). The second week started with 2 days on the “**Nervous System**” (Wolfgang Baumgärtner⁹ (Hannover Veterinary School, Germany), Marti Pumarola¹⁰ (University of Barcelona, Spain) and Marc Vandeveld¹¹ (VetSuisse Faculty Berne, Switzerland). One day was dedicated to the “**Musculoskeletal System**”, lectured on by Steven Weisbrode¹² (USA), supported by Andrea Gröne (Hannover Veterinary School, Germany). The remaining 2 days were used for a “**Mock Exam**” (see below).



Lecturers

Sessions provided state-of-the-art lectures and included the opportunity for self evaluation. Lecturers generally aimed to address a mixed audience, ranging from those who have just started their training to those with several years of experience in the field. Thereby, Summer Schools aim to provide the necessary background for individual preparation of participants working in different professional environments.

Prior to the Summer School, Reading Lists both for lectures and for the Mock Exam were prepared and forwarded to the participants for their preparation. During the Summer School, a handbook with background information was provided for the participants. Afterwards, the Education Committee produced a CD for the participants, which contained the original files of most lectures.

Handbooks

Reading Lists

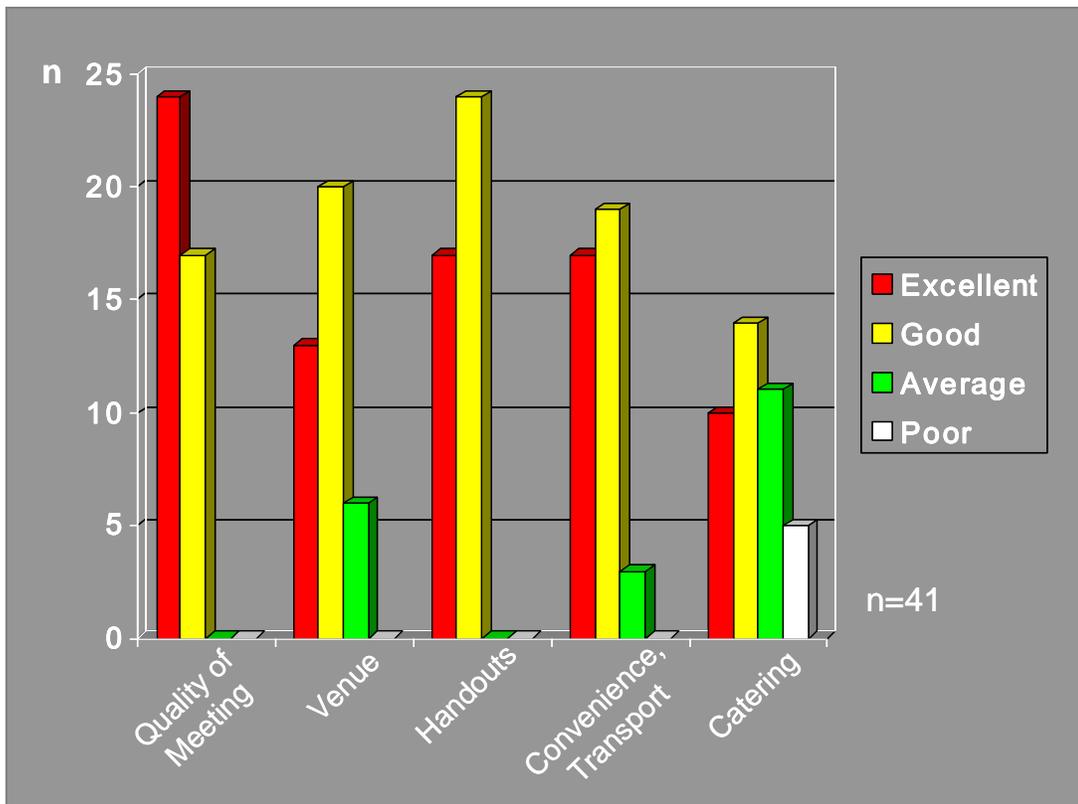
Practicals

Lectures

Mini Mock Exams

Feed-back

The Summer School 2004 in Padova was generally very well received. We have had a lot of positive feed-back from participants. Everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity to learn (and teach) in a relaxed atmosphere, among a group of like-minded people from different professional backgrounds. A network of pathologists in training seems to be building up which might allow future exchange of knowledge and preparation material.



General evaluation by participants

A **questionnaire** handed out to participants at the end of the meeting was answered by 44 of the 55 participants. 86% declared that their intention to join the Summer School in 2004, and 100% their intention to join future Summer Schools. They all agreed that they would recommend the Summer School of the ESVP/ECVP to other veterinary pathologists in training. 82% had received at least partial financial support (from institutions, their university, company or grants) for the participation. 57% did get leave for the participation, another 7% did get partial leave, the remaining 40% had to take

holidays for the event. 93% declared their intention to sit the Board Examination of the ECVP, the remaining veterinary pathologists in training were not yet sure. However, 100% agreed that they (now) had a realistic idea about the ECVP Board Examination. 11% said that they receive formal training for preparation for the Board Examination, another 27% receive some formal training (eg. AFIP Wednesday Slide Conferences), the remaining 62% seem not to receive any formal training.

Acknowledgements

The Education Committee wishes to thank all those involved with the successful running of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology. We are particularly grateful to the local organisers, Massimo Castagnaro, Laura Cavicchioli and Valentina Zappulli and their colleagues from the Department of xxx, Padova University, as well as the lecturers. We very much appreciate the enormous efforts which were put into the preparation of the event.

We also want to thank all the participants who were a highly motivated and enthusiastic audience for eleven 10-hour-days.

We are grateful to the sponsors who provided financial and technical support for the Summer School 2004.



Sponsors of the Summer School 2004 in Padova, Italy

EU Funding of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology

In April 2004, members of the ECVP/ESVP Education Committee, with the help of some ECVP Council Members, applied for funding of the Summer Schools at the Marie Curie. The application was successful and currently contracts are exchanged between ECVP and Brussels. For the next four years, the external funding will provide financial support of 70 young researchers in the field. The funding body puts special emphasis that gender issues are addressed and that researchers from Eastern Europe are actively supported. The grant will also provide a basic financial support for the organisation of the Summer School. Further funding, however, has to be sought, in order to allow additional researchers, who are not eligible for EU funding, to attend the course, and to fully cover both organisational costs and expenses for lecturers. We hope that the financial support previously provided by the sponsors will also be available for future Summer Schools.

In 2005, the Summer School will again take place in the Corte Benedettina, in Legnaro, with the Department of xxx of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine as local organisers.

Programme and Time Table of the Summer School 2005 in Padova

The Summer School 2005 focusses on four main organ systems, the "**Gastrointestinal Tract**" (Ronny Lindberg, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden, and Andreas Pospischil, University of Zurich, Switzerland), "**Respiratory Tract**" (Ted van den Ingh, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands), the "**Nervous System**" (Wolfgang Baumgärtner, School of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Germany, Marti Pumarola, Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain, and Mark Vandeveld, University of Berne, Switzerland) and the "**Musculoskeletal System**" (Steven Weisbrode, The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA, and Andrea Gröne, School of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Germany). It again includes a 1/2 day lecture on a topic of General Pathology ("**Inflammation**", by Bruce Carr, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, USA). Furthermore, sessions on specific groups of animals will be provided: "**Reptiles**" (Udo Hetzel, University of Gießen, Germany, Nadia Robert, University of Berne, Switzerland, and Francesco Origgi, Ospedale San Raffaele, Milano, Italy), "**Zoo/Wild**

"Animals" (Richard J. Montali, Smithsonian National Zoo, Washington, USA) and **"Primates"** (Franz-Josef Kaup, German Primate Center, Göttingen, Germany).

A two-day Mock Examination is planned. This will cover all five sections which comprise the actual ECVP Board Examination (Gross Pathology, Histopathology, General Pathology, Veterinary Pathology and Comprehensive Pathology), as well as a final "work-up", including the presentation of model answers for histology and gross pathology and a discussion. For the future, we plan to run a Mock Exam every second year. This will offer, particularly to those candidates who plan to sit the Board Examination in the following year, the chance to assess their current knowledge.

Programme of the Summer School 2005

Day	Topic	Lecturers
Sunday 18.07.04	Arrival	
Monday 19.07.04	Gastrointestinal tract	Ronny Lindberg, Andreas Pospischil
Tuesday 20.07.04		
Wednesday 21.07.04	Inflammation	Bruce Car
• am		
• pm	Respiratory tract	Ted van den Ingh
Thursday 22.07.04	Respiratory tract	Ted van den Ingh
Friday 23.07.04	Reptiles	Udo Hetzel, Francesco Origi, Nadja Robert
Saturday 24.08.04	Zoo/wild animals	Richard J. Montali
• am		
• pm	Primates	Franz-Josef Kaup
Sunday 25.08.04	Free	
Monday 26.08.04	Nervous system	Wolfgang Baumgärtner, Marti Pumarola Mark Vandevelde
Tuesday 27.07.04		
Wednesday 28.07.04	Mock Exam	Wolfgang Baumgärtner, Christiane Herden et al.
Thursday 29.07.04	Mock Exam	Wolfgang Baumgärtner, Christiane Herden et al.
• am		
• pm	Musculoskeletal system	Andrea Gröne, Steven Weisbrode
Friday 30.07.04	Musculoskeletal system	Andrea Gröne, Steven Weisbrode
• am		
• pm	Mock Exam ("work-up")	Wolfgang Baumgärtner, Christiane Herden et al.

Outlook

In the future, the ESVP/ECVP are planning to run a Summer School every year in order to provide the opportunity for all European veterinary pathologists to receive harmonised training in a variety of topics relevant to the Board Examination. The Summer Schools are intended as a continuous, up-to-date training programme which will include sessions on organ systems, species-specific pathology and new methodology. They will also provide the opportunity for self-evaluation and the establishment of training networks.