



ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology



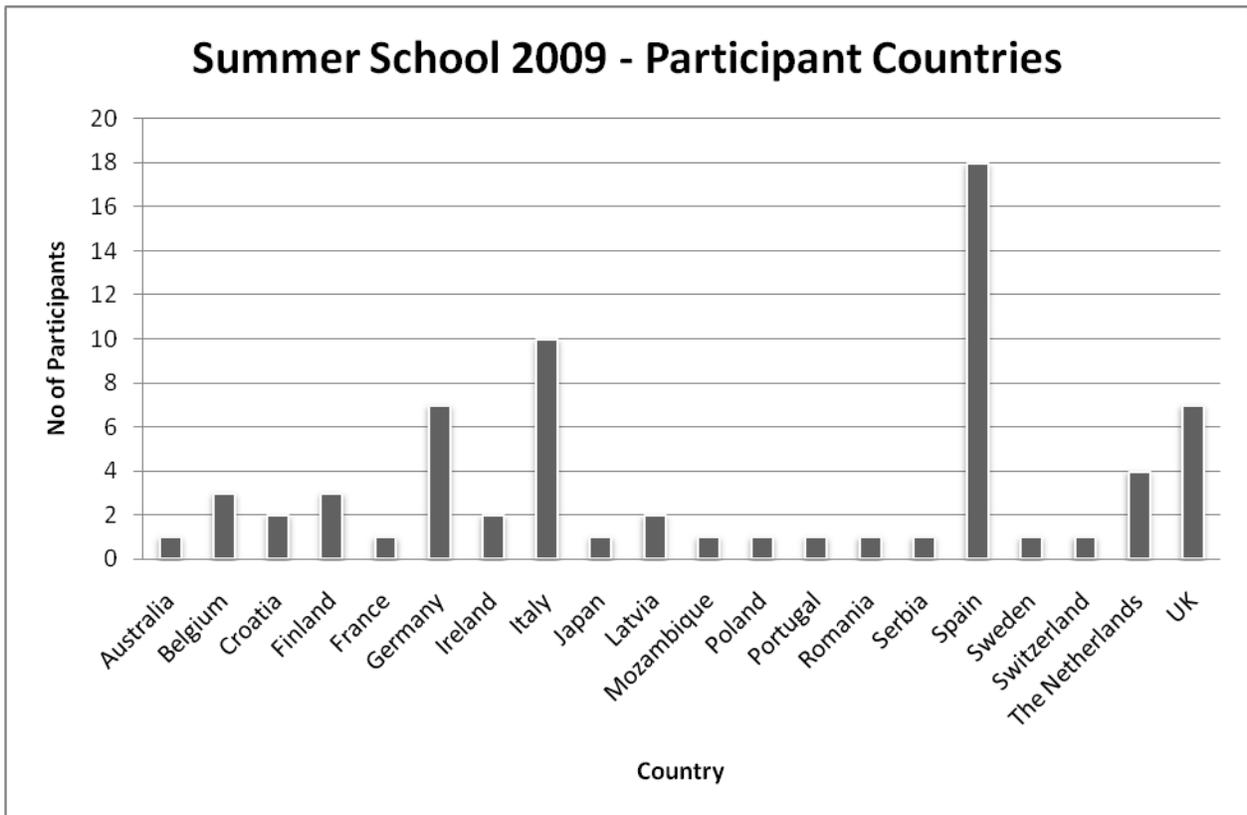
The Education Committee of the ECVP/ESVP

Résumé

Summer School 2009, Zaragoza, Spain



The sixth ECVP/ESVP Summer School took place in Zaragoza, Spain. Zaragoza is located at the North-East of the Iberian Peninsula and it is the fifth largest city in Spain with more than 650,000 inhabitants. Accommodation for participants was provided by the University, in the *Colegio Mayor Pedro Cerbuna* Halls of Residence. The event took place in July 2009 (14.-25.07.2009), under the local organisation of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, University of Zaragoza (Dr Lluís Lujan and his team).



Graph 1: Country of origin of participants of the ECVF/ESVP Summer School 2009

We had 68 participants from a total of 20 countries, including three from outside Europe (Mozambique, Japan, Australia).

Like in previous years, most participants work in academia (87%), but also e.g. in state laboratories (6%) and pharmaceutical companies (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.

Most participants of the Summer School 2009 seek to sit the certifying exam of the ECVP within the next four years.

Overall evaluation of the Summer School 2009 by participants showed that the event was in general considered as good to excellent, whereby the quality of the programme was believed to be of a quality comparable to that of previous years. We received very positive feedback on the venue.

FACILITIES, ACCOMMODATION

The venue was the Veterinary Faculty, which is within reach of a frequent bus service to the city centre and the Halls of Residence.

For lectures and practical sessions, one large study room in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital was available. Coffee breaks and lunch were served in the Faculty.



PROGRAMME

The programme of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2009 is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Programme of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology 2009

Programme 2009

Day	Topic	Lecturers
Sunday, 12.07.09	- ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS -	
Monday, 13.07.09 - all day	Clinical Pathology	Saverio Paltrinieri
Tuesday, 14.07.09 - all day	Urinary Tract	Felix Ehrensperger, Monika Hilbe
Wednesday, 15.07.09 - all day	Urinary Tract	Felix Ehrensperger, Monika Hilbe
Thursday, 16.07.09 - all day	Male Reproductive Tract	Tony Ross
Friday, 17.07.09 - all day	Toxicological Pathology	Franck Chanut
Saturday, 18.07.09	- FREE -	
Sunday, 19.07.09 - all day	Reptile Pathology	Udo Hetzel, Nadia Robert
Monday, 20.07.09 - all day	Fish	Heike Schmidt-Posthaus
Tuesday, 21.07.09 - morning	Fish	Heike Schmidt-Posthaus
- afternoon	Marine Mammals	Mariano Domingo
Wednesday, 22.07.09 - morning	Marine Mammals	Mariano Domingo
- afternoon	Molecular Pathology	Luca Bargelloni
Thursday, 23.07.09 - morning	Molecular Pathology	Luca Bargelloni
- afternoon	Comprehensive Pathology	Horst Posthaus
Friday, 24.07.09 - all day	Comprehensive Pathology	Horst Posthaus

The programme comprised a 1-day session on "**Clinical Pathology**" (Saverio Paltrinieri, University of Milano, Italy), followed by a 2-day module on "**Urinary Tract**" (Felix Ehrensperger and Monika Hilbe, University of Zurich, Switzerland) and a 1-day module "**Male Reproductive Tract**" (Tony Ross, Australia). One day was dedicated to "**Toxicological Pathology**" (Franck Chanut, GlaxoSmithKline, UK) Saturday was, as usual, the "day off". The second week started with a day of "**Reptile Pathology**" by Udo Hetzel (University of Liverpool, UK) and Nadia Robert (University of Bern, Switzerland), followed by 1.5 days of "**Fish Pathology**" by Heike Schmidt-Posthaus (University of Berne, Switzerland). Another 1-day session covered "**Marine Mammals**" and was delivered by Mariano Domingo (University of Barcelona, Spain). The programme was finalised by a 1-day module on "**Molecular Pathology**" by Luca Bargelloni (University of Padova, Italy) and a 1.5-day module on "**Comprehensive Pathology**" by Horst Posthaus (University of Bern, Switzerland).

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. Particular emphasis was laid this year on Comprehensive Pathology and related topics.

As in previous years, Reading Lists were provided for the different modules 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 the lectures. 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, all cases will be provided on a digital slide server that has recently been established to offer extensive online training material.

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- the lecturers who put enormous efforts which into the preparation for the event
- the staff at the Halls of Residence in Zaragoza for the excellent service they provided
- and last, but not least, all the participants who were, as always, a highly motivated and enthusiastic audience.