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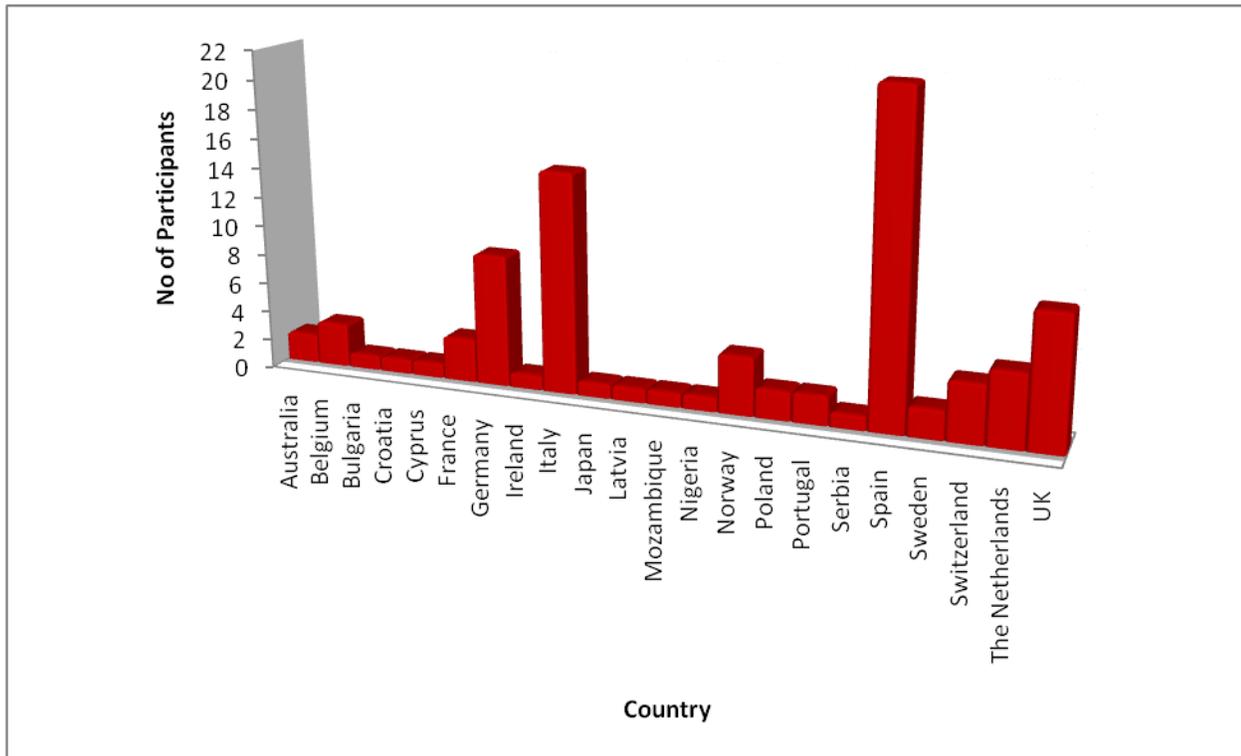
Résumé

Summer School 2008, Jaca, Spain



The fifth ECVP/ESVP Summer School took place in Jaca, Spain, a small town located in the Aragon Valley, in Huesca Province, North East Spain, situated right in the centre of the Pyrenees mountain range, beside the French border. Lectures were given in the large auditorium of the "**Centro Cultural La Paz**" (Jaca Town Hall) and accommodation was provided in the Hall of Residence of the University of Zaragoza in Jaca. The event took place in July 2008 (14.-25.07.2008), under the local organisation of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, University of Zaragoza (Dr Lluís Lujan and his team). This Summer School was the last of a series of four events for which financial support by a Marie Curie Actions grant from the European Commission (6th Framework Programme on Research, Technological

Development and Demonstration; http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp6/index_en.cfm?p=10_curie was available. The grant allowed the organisers to financially support 70 participants (pathologists in an early stage of their career, without any postgraduate qualification in veterinary pathology, who have worked in the field for less than 10 years), covering their travel and living expenses, requesting only the registration fee of € 400. Altogether, we had 91 participants from a highly variable background, with regards to their country of origin, their working backgrounds/scientific environment and their level of experience. Participants came from 22 countries within the EU and abroad (Graph 1).



Graph 1: Country of origin of participants of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2008

We had participants from new member states, candidate countries and associate states; two participants were from outside Europe (Mozambique, Nigeria).

Like in previous years, most participants work in academia (81%), but also e.g. in state laboratories (8%) and pharmaceutical companies (11%). 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 2008 seek to sit the certifying exam of the ECVP within the next four years (85%).

Overall evaluation of the Summer School 2008 by participants showed that the event was in general considered as good to excellent. It was considered as comparable to previous years in its quality.

FACILITIES, ACCOMMODATION

Jaca Town Hall is a large room that was specifically prepared for the event. It was within walking or a short bus ride distance from the Halls of Residence of the University of Zaragoza in Jaca; both are close to the centre of the city.



Coffee breaks were organised in the course room and lunch was served in the Halls of Residence. Restaurants in town provided ample opportunities for dinner at a reasonable price.



PROGRAMME

The programme of the ECVF/ESVP Summer School 2008 is provided in Table 1. It comprised a 1-day session on the "**Skeletal System**" (Cathy Carlson, University of Minnesota, USA) and (Stina Ekman, Sweden), followed by 1-day module on "**Non-Human Primates**" (Franz-Josef Kaup, German Primate Centre, Göttingen, Germany) and "**Inflammation**" (Bruce Car, Bristol-Meyers Squibb Company, USA). Two days were dedicated to the "**Gastrointestinal Tract**" (Ronny Lindberg, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden; Andreas Pospischil, VetSuisse Faculty, University of

Zurich, Switzerland). Saturday was the "day off". The second week dedicated 2 days to a "**Mock Exam**", organised by Wolfgang Baumgärtner (TiHo Hannover, Germany) and colleagues. A 1.5-day session covered the "**Respiratory Tract**" and was delivered by Dennis Wilson (University of California, USA). The last two days were dedicated to the "**CNS**" and the module was delivered by Wolfgang Baumgärtner and Peter Wohlsein (TiHo Hannover, Germany).

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. The Mock Exam represented a 50% real ECVF Examination, covering all aspects of the examination in the same format. The exam was followed by extensive discussion sessions between lecturers and audience. These were particularly well received.

Table 1: Programme of the ECVF/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology 2008

Day	Topic	Lecturers
Sunday, 13.07.08	- ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS -	
Monday, 14.07.08	Skeletal System	Stina Ekman, Cathy Carlson
Tuesday, 15.07.08	Non-human primates	FJ Kaup
Wednesday, 16.07.08	Inflammation	Bruce Car
Thursday, 17.07.08	Gastrointestinal Tract	Ronny Lindberg, Andreas Pospischil
Friday, 18.07.08	Gastrointestinal Tract	Ronny Lindberg, Andreas Pospischil
Saturday, 19.07.08	- FREE -	
Sunday, 20.07.08	Mock Exam	Wolfgang Baumgaertner et al.
Monday, 21.07.08 - morning	Mock Exam	Wolfgang Baumgaertner et al.
- afternoon	Respiratory Tract	Dennis Wilson
Tuesday, 22.07.08	Respiratory Tract	Dennis Wilson
Wednesday, 23.07.08	Mock Exam Discussion	Wolfgang Baumgaertner et al.
Thursday, 24.07.08	CNS	Wolfgang Baumgartner
Friday, 25.07.08		Peter Wohlsein

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, a digital slide server has been established that provides cases as online training material.

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- the staff at the Halls of Residence in Jaca for the excellent service they provided
- and last, but not least, all the participants who were, as usual, a highly motivated and enthusiastic audience.

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