

Minutes ECVP

Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday, August 31 2017, 17:45 - 19:30 h
at the Université Catholique de Lyon,
Campus Saint-Paul, 10, place des archives, 69002 Lyon, France

1. Welcome by President, A Kipar

2. The Minutes of the ECVP AGM of 8th September 2016 in Bologna were acknowledged and approved.

3. New Diplomates

The new diplomates were welcomed and received their diploma from the president:

Nerea Cuesta Garcia, León, Spain

Annalisa Forlani, Harrogate, UK

Martin Langenmayer, Munich, Germany

Charlotte Lempp, Hannover, Germany

Josep Monne Rodriguez, Liverpool, UK

Valentin Perez, León, Spain

Simone Roos, Vienna, Austria

The following new diplomates were welcomed in absence by the assembly:

Erika Abbondati, Edinburgh, UK

Kerstin Hahn, trained in Hannover, Germany, and Berne, Switzerland

Pamela Kelly, Dublin, Ireland.

4. ECVP Administration

As Julie Fitzsimmons is working full-time for the University of Liverpool, the ECVP Office administration has been taken over by Irini Thanou, based in Greece. Irini can be reached under admin@ecvp.org. Richard Fox and Johanna Bailey continue to support the ECVP Website.

Our webpage hosts now a histology slide database, open for everyone, containing hundreds of cases from the Summer School. This has been built up by Christiane Krudewig with support of Richard Fox and Irini Thanou.

5. Finances

The ECVP Finances were presented by Treasurer Monika Hilbe.

A. Financial Report 2016

The finances were balanced and thanks to efforts by the Exam Committee and by the Council, examination costs were covered. The costs of the exam preparatory meeting have been optimized and are stable. Overall, a small surplus was generated in 2016 which can be used for training. The Summer School is financially sustainable.

Financial Statement of all accounts at 31 December 2016:

BALANCE – Overview	€ Euro
ABN/AMRO cheque account	31,456.65
ABN/AMRO 1yr deposit “ <i>bus.loyal</i> ”	100,000.00
Cash	<u>13.42</u>
	131,470.07

CREDITS	€ Euro
Membership fees	61,278.13
Exam income (fees, hires)	20,054.26
Summer school income incl. sponsorship*	22,786.96
Bank interest	763.97
Postages	60.00
Vet Path Commission	<u>2013.70</u>
Sum CREDITS	106,955.35

* The sponsorship by Novartis and ESTP of the Summer School 2017 was gratefully acknowledged.

EXPENSES	€ Euro
General administration (incl. EBVS 9,150, insurance 2,009.84)	26,243.09
Vet Path journal	12,586.24
Council	7,270.61
Exam expenses	15,044.00
Exam committee	13,558.30
Summer school expenses	21,151.94
Postages	90.11
Bank and credit card costs	<u>1,466.77</u>
Sum EXPENSES	97,391.06

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Sum EXPENSES	<u>97,391.06</u>
Surplus	9,564.29

B. Report of the auditors

The report of auditors Sibylle Gröters and Olivia Kershaw was acknowledged and the finance report of 2016 approved by the membership.

C. Budget for 2018

CREDITS	€ Euro
Membership fees	59,000
Exam income (fees, hires)	20,000
Summer school income	25,000
Sponsorship	3,000
Bank interest	700
<u>Vet Path Commission</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Sum CREDITS	109,200

EXPENSES	€ Euro
General admin. (incl. EBVS + insurance)	25,000
Vet Path journal	13,895
Council	10,000
Exam expenses	16,000
Exam committee	16,000
Summer school expenses	20,000
Postages	100
<u>Bank and credit card costs</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Sum EXPENSES	102,495

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Sum CREDITS	109,200
<u>Sum EXPENSES</u>	<u>102,495</u>
Surplus	6,705

6. Council Changes

New members of the Council are

Vice-President	Laura Peña
Secretary-elect	Annabelle Heier
Councillor	Kerstin Baiker
Councillor	Kai-Inge Lie
Councillor	Valentina Zappulli

The demitting Council members Sean Callanan (Past-president), Johanna Bailey (Councillor) and Natàlia Majó (Councillor) were thanked for their commitment.

7. ECVP Committees: Updates

A. Nomination Committee

The nomination committee, consisting of Lluís Luján (chair), Wolfgang Baumgärtner and Flavio Cramer, was thanked for their work.

B. Applications Committee

The Applications Committee, composed of Natàlia Majó (chair), Christiane Krudewig and Paola Roccabianca, received 24 applications from new candidates to sit the ECVP certifying examination in 2018 and 9 applications from candidates to resit. 3 quick eligibility checks for potential candidates were accomplished.

16 new trainees were registered in 2017. 175 trainees are registered, 156 for the standard and 19 for the alternate route.

C. CPD Re-registration Committee

The CPD Re-registration Committee, by Fatima Gärtner (chair), Elisabeth Liebler-Tenorio and Xavier Palazzi, has reviewed a total 39 diplomates for re-registration (number corrected after the AGM). It was completed successfully by all 39 diplomates. Diplomates were reminded that all members are required to attend at least one Annual General Meeting in three consecutive years. Exemptions are possible, but must be applied for in advance.

Note added post-AGM: Certificates of the AGM attendance have been sent out in the meantime to attending members.

D. Education Committee

The Education Sub-Committee (Christiane Herden, Linda Morrison and Annabelle Heier) has reviewed and approved applications of 2 new training centres. These are the Universidad Cardenal Herrera, Valencia, Spain and the International Zoo Veterinary Group (IZVG) in UK. Currently, 49 training centres in Europe and a few countries outside Europe are registered with the ECVP.

8. Training

A. Summer School

Another successful Summer School was organized by the Education Committee, chaired by Chiara Brachelente, together with Achim Gruber (local organizer), with support from Monika Hilbe (ECVP Treasurer), Gail Leeming (ESVP Secretary) and Sandra Scholes (ECVP Secretary). From 16th until 28th July 2017, the 15th Summer School took place in Berlin and was attended by 69 participants from 19 countries. 90% of attendees came from universities and 10% from private industry and government institutions. Achim Gruber and his local organizing team (Sophie Merz, Judith Hoppe, Anne Petrick, Christof Bertram, Hannah Pischon and Moritz Radbruch) received the Summer School plaque for acknowledgement for their organizing two Summer School events.

The next Summer Schools will take place at the Universidad Cardenal Herrera in Valencia, Spain, in 2018 and 2019.

B. Training centres

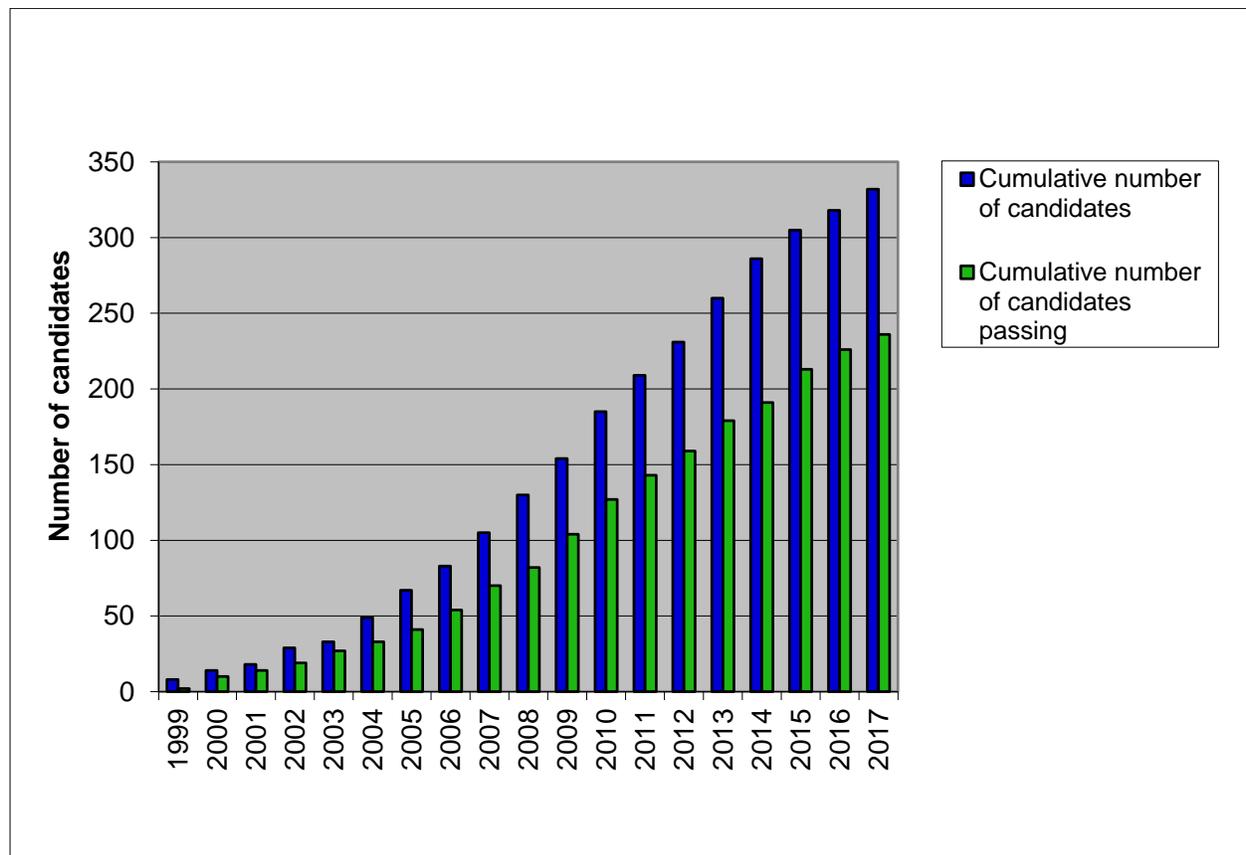
A questionnaire has been sent out to all training centres which were approved before 2006. A few training centres had yet to respond. Dialogue with training centres will be sought in order to develop support for training centres. In the future, inactive training centres will be removed from the list of approved training centres.

9. ECVP Examination

A. 2017 Examination

A review of the 2017 exam was presented by the leaving chair of the Exam Committee, Koen Chiers. The Exam Committee consisted of Giancarlo Avallone (Italy), James Baily (UK), Alexandre Bidaut (France), Catherine Botteron (Switzerland), Koen Chiers (Belgium), Marie-Anne Colle (France), Gjermund Gunnes (Norway), Heike Marxfeld (Germany), Pernilla Syrjä (Finland) and Judith van den Brand (The Netherlands). Stéphane Lezmi (France) and Roberta Rasotto (UK) served as proctors. The examination took place in Ghent, Belgium, at the Het Pand. The local team Leslie Bosseler and Christian Puttevels was thanked for excellent organisation of the facilities.

Of the 36 initial applicants for the 2017 examination, 5 candidates withdrew and 1 candidate was ineligible due to insufficient publications. 18 new candidates sat the examination (14 full exam and 4 split exam) and 12 candidates retook parts. Out of 10 new diplomates 3 were new candidates, successfully passing the entire exam, and 7 candidates successfully completed remaining parts of the exam. The ECVP has now 236 diplomates by examination since 1999.



B. 2018 Examination

Alexandre Bidaut is the new chair of the Exam Committee and presented an update for the coming exam. The leaving members of the Exam Committee, Heike Marxfeld and Koen Chiers, were thanked for their hard work.

For the 2018, the Exam committee will be composed of Giancarlo Avallone (Italy), James Baily (UK), Andreas Beineke (Germany), Catherine Botteron (Switzerland), Marie-Anne Colle (France), Gjermund Gunnes (Norway), Roberta Rasotto (UK), Pernilla Syrjä (Finland) and Judith van den Brand (The Netherlands) and be chaired by Alexandre Bidaut (France). Edouard Reyes-Gomez (France) and Anna Domenech Fontenals (Spain) will serve as proctors.

33 applications have been received for the 2018 exam (24 new candidates with 15 for the full exam and 9 for the split format of 3 + 2 parts and 9 retakers). In order to ensure continued quality of the exam and to address the changes in our profession, the following modifications have been and will be adopted:

Since 2014, the question style has been adapted to describe real situations. In 2017 for the multiple choice questions (MCQ) the number of possible answers was reduced from 5 to 4 and the number of questions was increased, so that the total number of points for the MCQ parts remains unchanged. Starting from the 2018 exam, for the Veterinary Pathology the toxicologic pathology part will be omitted. The laboratory animal part will be revised and it is planned to include spontaneous background findings and animal models of human diseases, starting with the exam in 2020. Detailed information will be provided in advance.

10. EBVS matters

The European Board of Veterinary Specialists (EBVS) is now a trademark and the specialist titles are in the process to be trademarked as well. The title for our diplomates will be European Specialist in Veterinary Pathology.

A new terminology has been suggested by the EBVS: an active diplomate will be called a certified diplomate. These are diplomates who have passed the certifying examination, are de facto members and recognized as EBVS European Specialist in Veterinary Pathology. A non-practising member should be called a non-certified diplomate; this applies to members who did not re-register voluntarily, who did not meet the re-registration criteria, or who have chosen to be EBVS European Specialist in another EBVS College (as this status is only possible in one discipline).

The rules on alternate training have been adapted to the EBVS requirements with the Constitutional changes from 2016. Up to now, the alternate program lasts 5 years with a minimum of 12 months training under direct supervision of an ECVP/ACVP diplomate in an ECVP-recognised residency training centre. For all future applications, the alternate program will last no more than 6 years and an equivalent of at least 60% of a period of 3 years or equivalent must be directly supervised by a diplomate of the College. A subcommittee of the Education Committee will consider how to maintain the alternate program as a valid option for candidates.

11. ECVP - ESVP interactions

President Anja Kipar attended the face-to-face ESVP board meeting. A very effective collaboration has been established for the Scientific Organizing Committee of the Conference and the training support (Summer School, histology slide database).

12. ESTP update

Erio Barale gave an update from the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology (ESTP). A survey was initiated by the ESTP and French Society of Toxicologic Pathology (SFPT). Of 228 respondents, the majority (> 60%) is employed by large companies employing 2000 people or more. The age distribution is between 25-44 years (32%), 45-65 years (60%) and > 60 years (8%). 60% of the respondents will retire within the next 15 years. A stable or even increasing number of open positions for toxicologic pathology is foreseen for toxicologic pathologists in the future. The main fields of activity of the respondents are in the field of regulatory toxicity, small molecule drugs, risk assessment, therapeutic antibody development and carcinogenicity studies. Further areas covered by this survey were main daily tasks, ranking of required skills of a toxicologic pathologist, remuneration and continuing education.

13. Update on ACVP activities

ACVP president Anne Barger presented an update. The ACVP has currently 2165 members (1713 anatomic pathologists and 377 clinical pathologists, with 61 dual certifications). In 2017, the ACVP certifying examination included for the third time a separate Phase I examination in general pathology. The Phase II was offered in Ames, Iowa, for the last time in the previous format and in Tampa, Florida, in a new format at the American Board of Pathology testing facility, partially as computer-based examination. In 2016 the ACVP introduced the requirement to their new members to renew their certification on a 10-year cycle (maintenance of competence). The ACVP website has been updated. A survey among membership was conducted to reveal specific areas of focus. Engagement by the membership, standards of the profession, sustainability and growth, were revealed for the upcoming plan to put in place by the strategic planning task force.

14. Veterinary Pathology Journal

The impact factor has slightly dropped to 1,996. Veterinary Pathology is 37th among pathology journals and 13th among 136 veterinary science journals. The backlog time to print publications has been resolved. The Environmental Pathobiology section was discontinued. All ECVP representatives were thanked for their work.

15. Next AGM

The next AGM will take place on 6th September during the ESVP/ECVP Meeting in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, held from 5-8th September 2018.

16. Any Other Business

Anja Kipar was thanked for her commitment and hard work for the ECVP as Pierre Maliver was introduced as new president.

The question was asked by member Anna-Maria Giusti if the ECVP AGM could be attended via teleconference. This is not seen as an option as it excludes an interactive participation of members under financially viable conditions.

Minutes by Annabelle Heier