



Joint ESVP and ECVP Congress

September 5-8, 2018



Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the **Joint ESVP and ECVP Congress (The European Society of Veterinary Pathology/European College of Veterinary Pathologists)** which is going to be held at the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (**USAMV Cluj-Napoca, Romania**) (Address: Calea Mănăştur 3-5, 400372, Cluj-Napoca) from 5th September to 8th September 2018.

The programme of the **Joint ESVP and ECVP Congress** includes Keynote speakers, Open Scientific Sessions and Workshops, among which will be the following topics: The dendritic cell in pathology with special emphasis on skin diseases; Large animal models of human diseases; Advances in molecular pathology and stem cell technology driving personalized medicine; Novelties in large animal pathology; Current developments in digital pathology; Neurology/neuropathology workshop; Musculoskeletal pathology workshop; and Designing and publishing observational studies in veterinary pathology. For more details, please check the congress website: <https://www.esvp.eu/meetings/13-future-meetings/212-esvp-ecvp-annual-meeting-2018>.

Cluj-Napoca (German: Klausenburg; Hungarian: Kolozsvár; Medieval Latin: Castrum Clus, Claudiopolis), is the second largest city in Romania, and the seat of Cluj County in the northwestern part of the country. Geographically, it is roughly equidistant from Bucharest (324 kilometers), Budapest (351 km) and Belgrade (322 km). The city is considered the unofficial capital to the historical province of *Transylvania*. From 1790 to 1848 and from 1861 to 1867, it was the official capital of the *Grand Principality of Transylvania*. Today, the city is one of the most important academic, cultural, industrial and business centers in Romania. In 2015, Cluj-Napoca was *European Youth Capital*.

As regards the congress location, the USAMV Cluj-Napoca (Romania) is the successor of the prestigious Higher School of Agriculture of Cluj, founded 145 years ago, in October 1869. The university's green campus is a short stroll away from the city center, easily accessible by public transport or by foot. It includes the Agrobotanic Garden which contains over 1800 plant species that can be admired by visitors. The Garden, which was established in 1903, was created near the ruins of a monastery from the XI century where the monks had a medicinal herb garden and a pharmacy; it is probable that some of the species which the monks grew have been preserved.

This experience will be a great occasion to meet friends and colleagues in a pleasant location. As the *Local Organizing Committee*, please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information regarding the meeting.

On behalf of the Congress Organizing Committee,

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