



ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology



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Résumé

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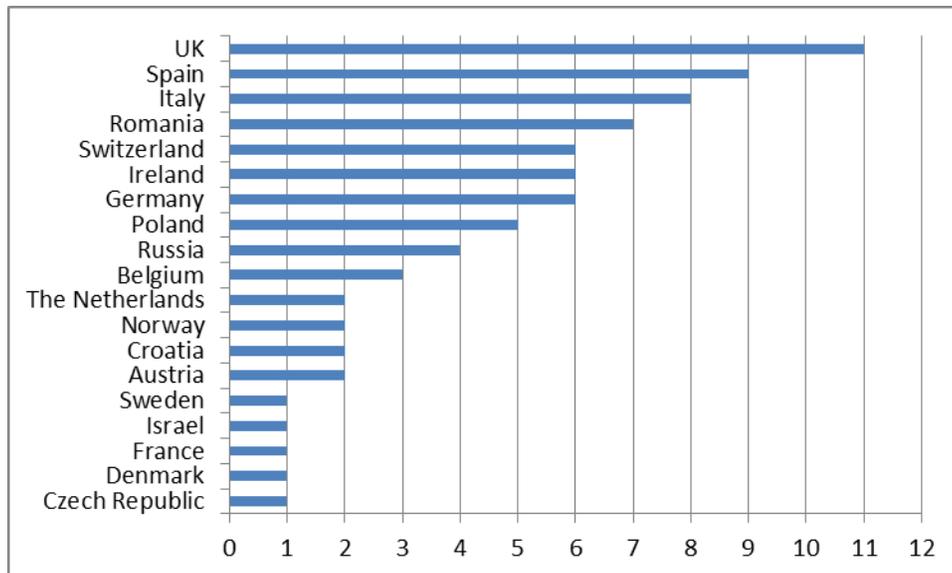
The 10th ECVP/ESVP Summer School took place in Dublin, Ireland the capital and most populous city of Ireland. Dublin is situated near the midpoint of Ireland's east coast, at the mouth of the River Liffey and at the centre of the Dublin Region.

FACILITIES

The event took place in July 2012 (16.-27.07.2012), under the local organisation of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, University College of Dublin (Prof. Sean Callanan and his team). This Summer School was the second of a series of four events with a continuous sequence of programme topics.



Altogether, we had 78 participants from a highly variable background, with regard to their country of origin, their working background/scientific environment and their level of experience. Participants came from 19 countries within the EU and abroad (Graph 1).



Graph 1: Country of origin of participants of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2012

Like in previous years, most participants work in academia (73%), but also in pharmaceutical companies (14%), state laboratories (9%) and research institutes (4%). 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.

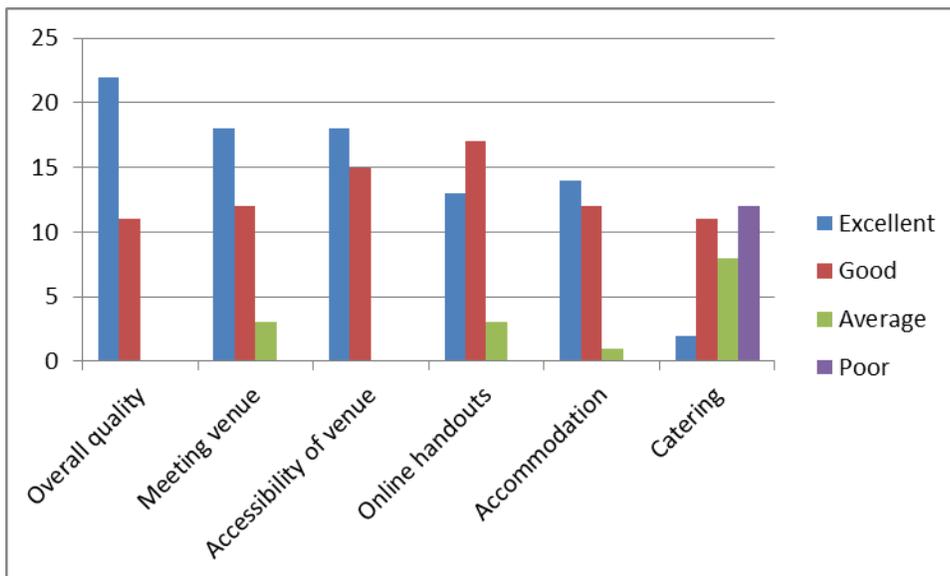
ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation was provided on the UCD Campus, mainly in Roebuck Hall from where it was a leisurely 5-minute walk to the main meeting areas. Rates were per single room per night in shared

apartment style accommodation. All apartments had wireless internet access. Rates amounted to €49.50 per single room per night including breakfast.



The overall evaluation of the Summer School 2012 by participants showed that the event was in general considered as good to excellent (Graph 2).



Graph 2: Overall evaluation of the Summer School

PROGRAMME

The programme of the ECVF/ESVP Summer School 2012 is provided in Table 1. It comprised a 2-day session on "**Avian Pathology**" (Frederique Nguyen, Jerome Abadie, Ecole Nationale Vétérinaire Agroalimentaire et de l'Alimentation Nantes-Atlantique-ONIRIS, France) followed by a 1-day module on "**Inflammation**" (Bruce Car, Bristol-Meyers Squibb Company, USA) and a 1-day module on "**Laboratory Animal Pathology**" (Paul Stromberg, Department of Veterinary Biosciences, USA). One day was dedicated to Cytology (Paula Grest, Institut fuer Veterinaer-Pathologie, University of Zurich, Switzerland). Saturday was the "day off". The second week started with a 1-day session on "Muscular System" (Diane Shelton, University of San Diego, USA), followed by 2 days "**Mock Exam**" organised by Natalia Majo (U.D. Histologia i Anatomia Patologica Facultat Veterinaria Universitat

Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain) and colleagues. A 1.5-day session covered the "**Respiratory Tract**" and was delivered by Dennis Wilson (University of California, USA). The last day was dedicated to the "**Skeletal System**" and the module was delivered by Cathy Carlson (University of Minnesota, USA) and Stina Ekman (Dept of Biomedicine and Veterinary Public Health Division of Pathology, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden)

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 ECVP 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 ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology 2012

Topic	Lecturers	Duration
Avian Pathology	Frederique Nguyen, Jerome Abadie	2 days
Inflammation	Bruce Car, Vicki Eng	1 day
Laboratory Animal Pathology	Paul Stromberg	1 day
Cytology	Paula Grest*	1 day
Muscular System	Diane Shelton	1 day
Mock Exam	Natalia Majo et al.	2.5 days
Respiratory Tract	Dennis Wilson	1.5 days
Skeletal System	Cathy Carlson, Stina Ekman	1 day

As in previous years, Reading Lists were provided for the different modules and forwarded to the participants for their preparation. In addition, handouts were provided to participants in an online format in advance to the Summer School. 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 Education Committee wishes to thank all those involved with the successful running of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology 2012.

We are particularly grateful to:

- the local organisers, Sean Callanan and his team
- the lecturers who put enormous efforts which into the preparation for the event
- and last, but not least, all the participants who were, as usual, a highly motivated and enthusiastic audience.