



# ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology



## EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PATHOLOGISTS EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF VETERINARY PATHOLOGY The Education Committee of the ECVP/ESVP Résumé 20<sup>th</sup> Summer School 2022, Cluj-Napoca, Rumania July 17<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

The 20<sup>th</sup> ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2023 was hosted in Cluj-Napoca, Rumania. The 2023 Summer School was an onsite event without any restriction.



## FACILITIES

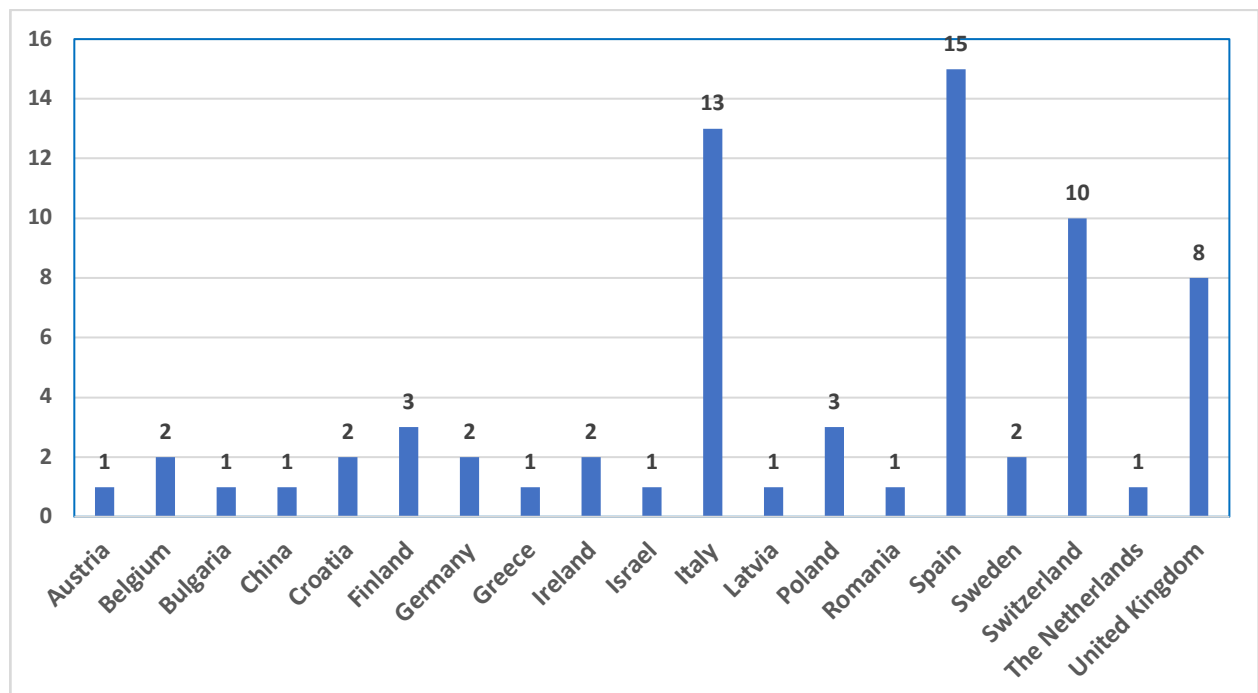
The event took place from July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>nd</sup> 2023 at the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UASVM). The faculty was founded in 1869. The faculty has achieved the recognition as an ECVF training center in February 2018.

Our local organizers in Cluj-Napoca did a tremendous job and were wonderful hosts to attendants from all over Europe. The team was led by Marian Taulescu with Cornel Cătoi as officiating rector and head of the department of the Veterinary Pathology with the help of Dragos Hodor, Raluca Marica, Corina Toma, Andrada Negoescu, Pop (Ionică) Romelia, Andrei Ungur, Alexandra Morar, Ana Hîruța.

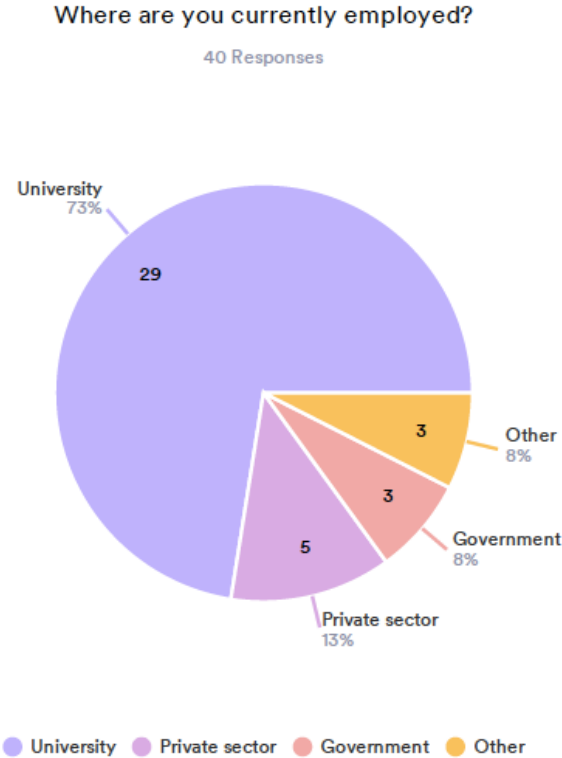
Thank you so much!!



Altogether 70 young pathologists attended the Summer School. We had participants from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands and United Kingdom (Figure 1).



**Figure 1:** Country of origin of participants of the ECV/ESVP Summer School 2023  
 The majority of participants (73%) came from academic/university background and the remainder from the private sector (13%), government (8%) and other industries (8%). (Figure 2).



**Figure 2:** Employment of participants of the ECV/ESVP Summer School 2023

**ACCOMODATION**

Accommodation in a student residency hall was available. Most participants arranged their accommodation by themselves.

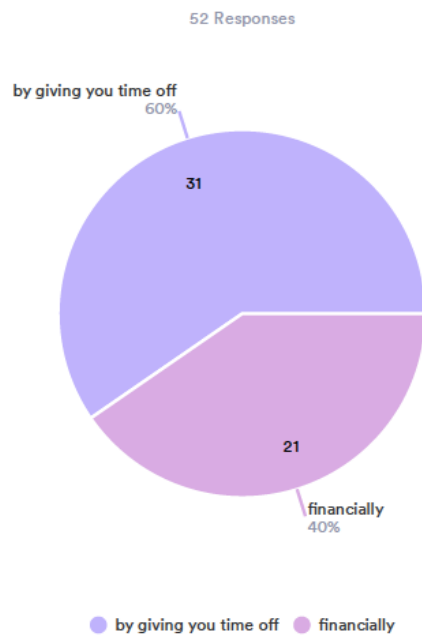
**FEEDBACK**

A survey was sent out to participants after the lectures and after the Summer School. Evaluation forms were filled in, partially or totally by half of the attendees. Overall the Summer School and the lecturers were evaluated as good to excellent. Some participants suggested more practical work or fewer topics.

9 participants plan to sit the exam in 2024, 10 in 2025, and 16 after 2026.

Participants received support by their employer either by financial support or by receiving time off to attend the Summer School (Figure 3).

Does your Department / University / Employer support your participation?



**Figure 3:** Support by department/employer of participants in the Summer School 2023

The overall evaluation of the Summer School 2023 participants showed that the event was considered as good to excellent. The team in Cluj-Napoca was considered extremely friendly and helpful. No catering for lunch was provided this year due to increasing special dietary requirements. A list of several restaurants, bakeries and supermarkets in proximity to the venue was provided to the participants. The coffee breaks were arranged by the local organizing team. In addition, a welcome dinner was held at the faculty on the first evening. It allowed participants to connect with each other.

## PROGRAMME

This Summer School covered the topics: Gastrointestinal tract pathology by Paco Uzal (UC Davis, USA), Fish pathology by Heike Schmidt-Posthaus (University of Berne), Urinary Tract Pathology by Monika Hilbe (University of Zürich), Jaco van der Lugt (IDEXX, Holland), Mock exam by Andrea Gröne (University of Utrecht) and supporters, Reptile Pathology by Eva Dervas and Udo Hetzel (University of Zürich), Marine Mammals by Mariano Domingo (CRESA Spain) and New Technologies by Vanessa Herder and Lev Stimmer.

Additional sessions were a presentation about career opportunities in toxicologic pathology by Laura Polledo, Johannes Junginger and Silvia Guionaud (on behalf of the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology).

**Table 1:** Programme of the Summer School 2023.

Day	Topic	Lecturer/s
Sunday, 16.07.23	- ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS -	
Monday, 17.07.23 - all day - evening	Gastrointestinal Tract  Welcome Apéro	Francisco Uzal  On site
Tuesday, 18.07.23 - all day until 15:00 -From 15:00 onwards	Gastrointestinal Tract Fish Pathology	Francisco Uzal Heike Schmidt-Posthaus
Wednesday, 19.07.23 - all day	Fish Pathology	Heike Schmidt-Posthaus
Thursday, 20.07.23 - all day	Urinary Tract	Monika Hilbe, Jaco van der Lugt
Friday, 21.07.23 - all day - evening	Urinary Tract  ESTP: Career opportunities in Toxicologic Pathology *	Monika Hilbe, Jaco van der Lugt  Laura Polledo, Johannes Junginger and Silvia Guionaud
Saturday, 22.07.23	- FREE -	
Sunday, 23.07.23 - all day	Mock Examination	Andrea Gröne et al.
Monday, 24.07.23 - morning	Mock Examination	Andrea Gröne et al.
-afternoon	Reptile Pathology	Udo Hetzel/Eva Dervas
Tuesday, 25.07.23 - morning	Reptile Pathology	Udo Hetzel/Eva Dervas
- afternoon	Marine Mammals	Mariano Domingo
Wednesday, 26.07.23 - all day	Marine mammals	Mariano Domingo
Thursday, 27.07.23 - all day -evening	New Technologies Summer School Dinner	Vanessa Herder and Lev Stimmer
Friday, 28.07.23 - all day	Discussion Mock Examination	Andrea Gröne et al.

We are very grateful to all our speakers who put enormous efforts in presenting their topics and did their best to vary the theoretical parts with interactive elements, switching between power point slides and microscope camera, glass and virtual histology slides, gross and histology quizzes.

As in previous years, reading lists were provided to participants before the event. In addition, handouts were supplied for each session. The glass slide sets were made available for some of the topics by the Lecturers to the ECVP Office. The slides will be obtainable to the participants, upon request, for their private study after the event. In addition, digital slides are available on our website <https://www.ecvpath.org/histology>

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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- our sponsors for the financial support,
- Bernadeta Kieromin from the ECVP Office for her tremendous support,
- the lecturers who put enormous effort in the preparation of the event and gave excellent lectures,
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ESTP and University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UASVM), Cluj-Napoca for sponsorship,



- and last, but not least, all the participants who were, as usual, a highly motivated and enthusiastic audience.

Thanks to all for the great effort to make this Summer School 2023 a success!

## **ECVP/ESVP Education Committee**

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