

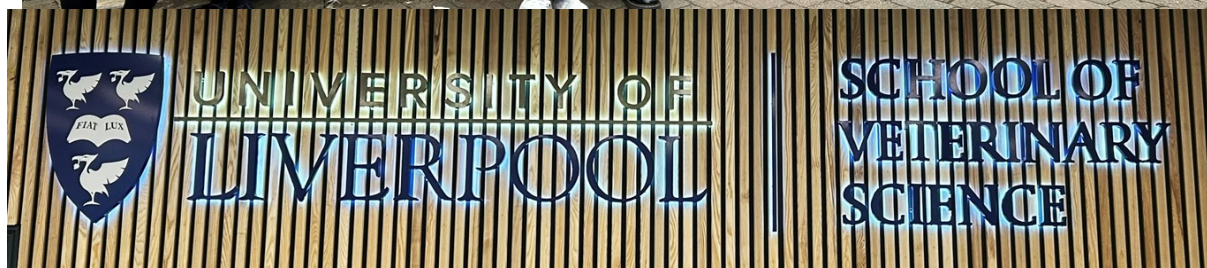


ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology



**EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PATHOLOGISTS
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The Education Committee of the ECVP/ESVP Résumé
22nd Summer School 2025, Liverpool, UK
July 21st - August 2nd, 2025**

The 22nd ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2025 was hosted in Liverpool, UK.



FACILITIES

The event took place from July 21st – August 2nd 2025 at the University of Liverpool - School of Veterinary Science. The Vet School was established in 1904 at a time when the port of Liverpool had the largest cattle trade in Europe and used many hundreds of horses in the transport of goods to and from the dock. The vet school was initially funded by the shipowners of Liverpool “engaged in the transport of cattle, the Cartowners, Cowkeepers and other Associations”. Since then, it has led the way in veterinary research, care and education, and nurtured a global alumni community.

Our local organisers in Liverpool did a tremendous job and were wonderful hosts to attendants from all over Europe (and beyond). The team was led by Gail Leeming and Hayley Crosby-Durrani with the help of Lorenzo Ressel, Richard Blundell, Guido Rocchigiani, Julian Chantrey and Emanuele Ricci.

Thank you very much!!

Altogether 71 young pathologists attended the Summer School. We had participants from the following countries: Belgium, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom (Figure 1).

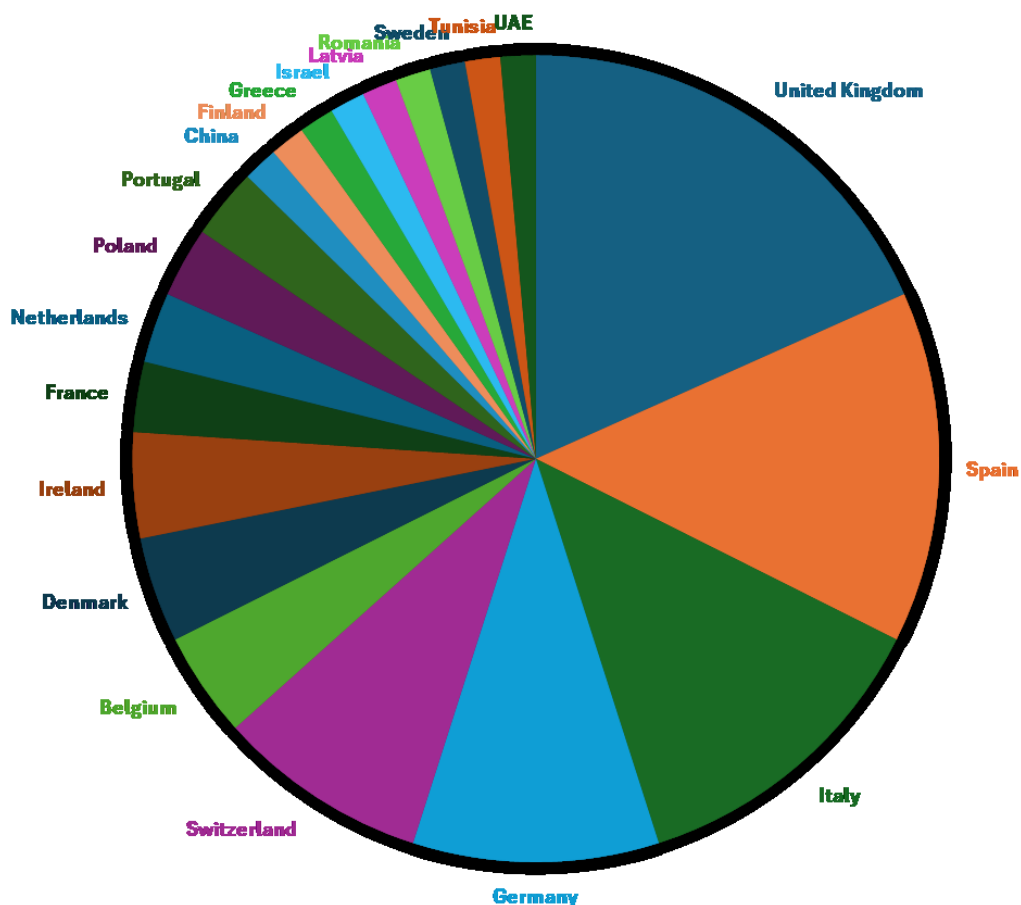


Figure 1: Country of origin of participants of the ECV/ESVP Summer School 2025.

The majority of participants (69%) came from an academic/university background and the remainder from the private sector (6%), government (4%) and other (4%). (Figure 2).

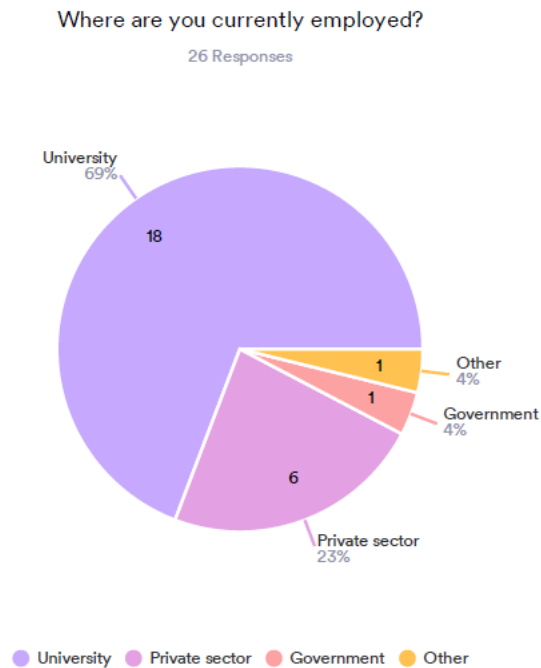


Figure 2: Employment of participants of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2025.

ACCOMODATION

Accommodation in rooms at the University of Liverpool Crown Place Halls of Residence was available for participants. This is located on campus and a short distance from the Summer School venue.

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.

Nine participants plan to sit the exam in 2026, and 19 from 2027 onwards.

Participants received support from their employer either financially or as time off to attend the Summer School (Figure 3).

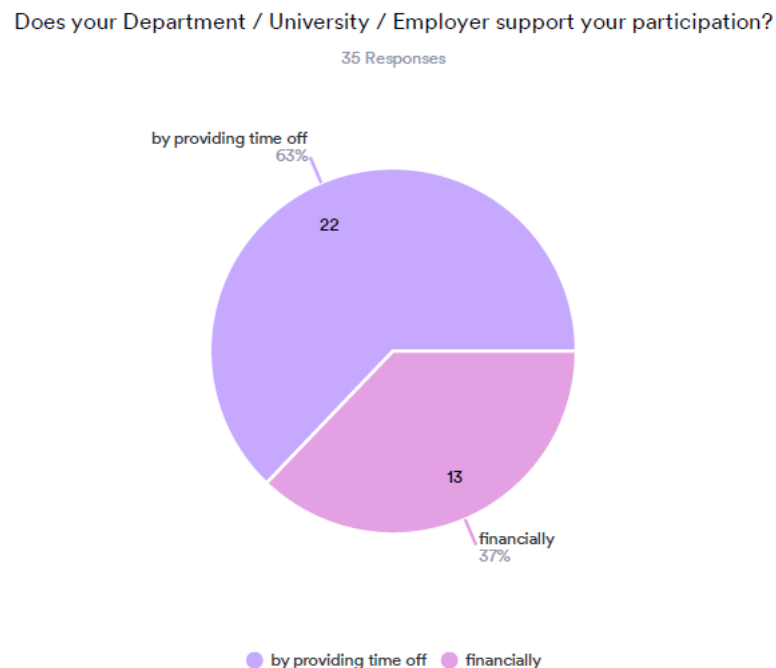


Figure 3: Support by department/employer of participants in the Summer School 2025.

The overall evaluation of the Summer School 2025 participants showed that the event was considered as good to excellent. The team in Liverpool 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 organising team. The social dinner took place at the iconic Philharmonic Dining Rooms (more commonly known locally as “The Phil”), a pub dating from 1900, with a fantastic interior decorated in musical themes that relate to the nearby concert hall. The Phil laid on a great buffet dinner which was enjoyed by all.

PROGRAMME

This Summer School covered the topics:

- Cytology by Paula Grest (University of Zürich)
- Carcinogenesis by Robert Klopfleisch (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Pathology of Skin by Chiara Brachelente and Ilaria Porcellato (University Perugia)
- Pathology of Female Reproductive System by Barbara Banco (University of Milan), Chiara Palmieri (University of Queensland)
- Avian Pathology by Natalia Majo (CReSA) and Bernat Marti Garcia (Royal Veterinary College)
- Electron Microscopy by Koen Chiers (University of Ghent)
- Mock Exam by Andrea Gröne, Luca Bacciarini and Edouard Reyes Gomez
- Stress coping session by Helen Allwood (The Vet Project).

An additional session was a presentation about career opportunities in toxicologic pathology by Josep Monne Rodriguez from Roche (on behalf of the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology).

Table 1: Programme of the Summer School 2025.

Day	Topic	Lecturer/s
Sunday, 20.07.25	- ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS -	
Monday, 21.07.25 - all day	Cytology	Paula Grest
Tuesday, 22.07.25 - AM	Cytology	Paula Grest
- PM	Carcinogenesis	Robert Klopffleisch
Wednesday, 23.07.25 - all day	Carcinogenesis	Robert Klopffleisch
Thursday, 24.07.25 - all day	Skin	Chiara Brachelente, Ilaria Porcellato
Friday, 25.07.25 - all day	Skin	Chiara Brachelente, Ilaria Porcellato
Saturday, 26.07.25	- FREE -	
Sunday, 27.07.25 - all day	Mock exam	Andrea Gröne, Luca Bacciarini, Edouard Reyes Gomez
Monday, 28.07.25 - AM	Mock exam	Andrea Gröne, Luca Bacciarini, Edouard Reyes Gomez
- PM	Female Reproductive	Barbara Banco, Chiara Palmieri
Tuesday, 29.07.25 - AM	Female Reproductive	Barbara Banco, Chiara Palmieri
- PM	Avian	Natalia Majo, Bernat Marti Garcia
Wednesday, 30.07.25 - all day	Avian	Natalia Majo, Bernat Marti Garcia
Thursday, 31.07.25 - all day	EM	Koen Chiers
- evening	Social dinner	
Friday, 01.08.25 -AM	Mock exam: discussion	Andrea Gröne, Luca Bacciarini, Edouard Reyes Gomez
-PM	Stress coping session	Helen Allwood (The Vet Project).

We are very grateful to all our speakers who put enormous efforts into presenting their topics and did their best to vary the theoretical parts with interactive elements, switching between power point slides, 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. In addition, digital slides are available on our website <https://www.ecvpath.org/histology>.





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- the lecturers who put enormous effort in the preparation of the event and gave excellent lectures,
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- Roche, ESTP and University of Liverpool - School of Veterinary Science for sponsorship,
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- 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 2025 a success!

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