



ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology



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The 21st ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2024 was hosted in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.



FACILITIES

The event took place from July 15th - 26th 2024 at the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UASVM). The faculty was founded in 1869 and achieved recognition as an ECVP training centre 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 Veterinary Pathology with the help of Dragos Hodor, Raluca Marica, Corina Toma, Andrada Negoescu, Pop (Ionică) Romelia, Andrei Ungur, Alexandra Morar, and Ana Hîruța.

Thank you so much!!

Altogether 59 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).

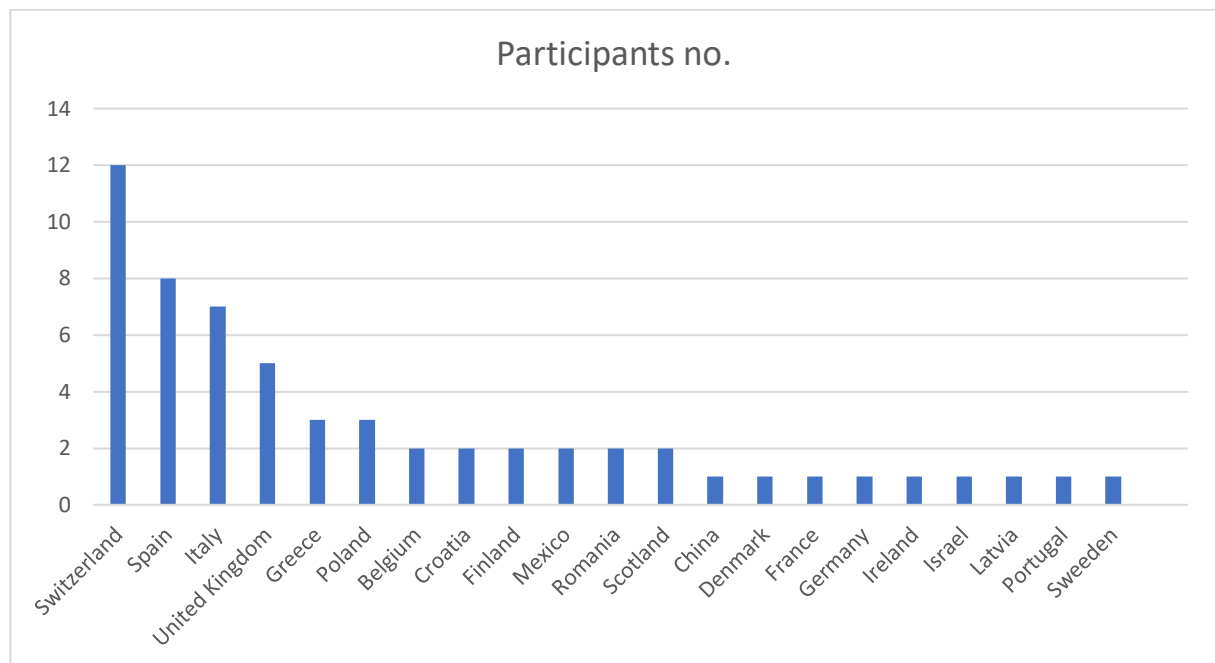


Figure 1: Country of origin of participants of the ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2024.

The majority of participants (67%) came from an academic/university background and the remainder from the private sector (11%), government (2%) and other industries (4%). (Figure 2).

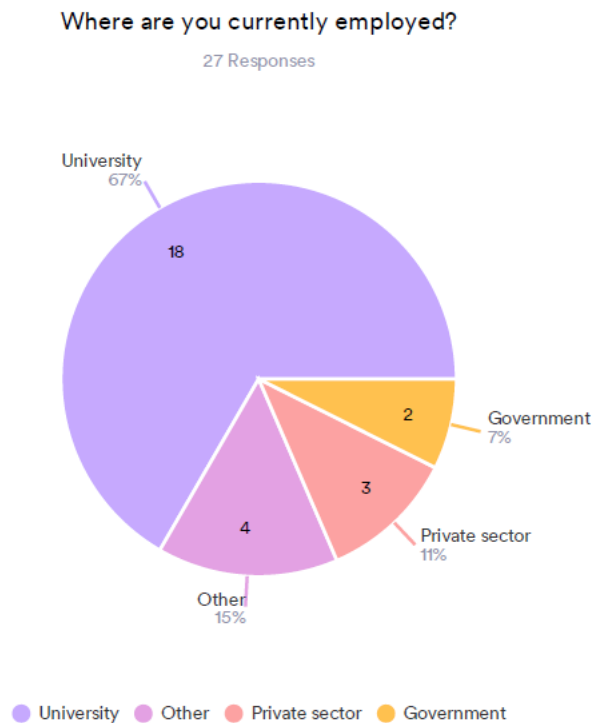


Figure 2: Employment of participants of the ECV/ESVP Summer School 2024.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in a student hall of residence was available. Most participants arranged their own accommodation.

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. Many participants wrote that they would like to have glass slides on the histology section (instead of digital slides).

Eight participants plan to sit the exam in 2025, and 17 from 2026 onwards.

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

Does your Department / University / Employer support your participation?

36 Responses

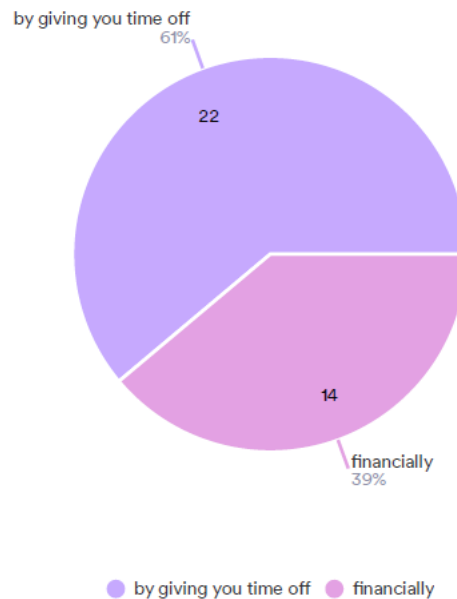


Figure 3: Support by department/employer of participants in the Summer School 2024.

The overall evaluation of the Summer School 2024 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, allowing participants to connect with each other.

PROGRAMME

This Summer School covered the topics:

- Pig Pathology by Joaquim Segales (University of Barcelona, CRESA)
- Histopathology by Paola Roccabianca and Giancarlo Avalone (University of Milan and University of Bologna)
- Liver Pathology by John Cullen (Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine),
- Ocular Pathology by Chiara Giudice (University of Milan)
- Clinical Pathology by Charalampos Attipa (University of Edinburgh) and Marta Costa (Idexx, UK), Gross Pathology by Jérôme Abadie and Frédérique Nguyen (Oniris, National Veterinary School of Nantes)
- Musculoskeletal Pathology by Stina Ekmann (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences) and Cathy Carlson (University of Minnesota)
- Pathology of animal models of human disease by Giovanni Pellegrinni (Evotec)
- Forensic Pathology by Lorenzo Ressel
- Primate Pathology by Ronnie Chamanza

An additional session was a presentation about career opportunities in toxicologic pathology by Enrico Vezzali from Idorsia and Theresa Brömel from Roche (on behalf of the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology).

Table 1: Programme of the Summer School 2024.

Day	Topic	Lecturer/s
Sunday, 14.07.24	- ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS -	
Monday, 15.07.24 - all day - evening	Pig Pathology Welcome Apéro	Joaquim Segales UASVM
Tuesday, 16.07.24 - all day	Histopathology	Paola Roccabianca, Giancarlo Avalone
Wednesday, 17.07.24 - all day	Liver Pathology	John Cullen
Thursday, 18.07.24 - all day	Liver Pathology	John Cullen
Friday, 19.07.24 - all day	Eye Pathology	Chiara Giudice
Saturday, 20.07.24	- FREE -	
Sunday, 21.07.24 - all day	Clinical Pathology	Charalampos Attipa, Marta Costa
Monday, 22.07.24 - all day - evening	Gross Pathology ESTP: Career opportunities in Toxicologic Pathology	Jérôme Abadie/Frédérique Nguyen Enrico Vezzali and Theresa Brömel
Tuesday, 23.07.24 - all day	Musculoskeletal Pathology	Stina Ekmann, Cathy Carlson
Wednesday, 24.07.24 - morning - afternoon	Musculoskeletal Pathology Pathology of animal models of human disease	Stina Ekmann, Cathy Carlson Giovanni Pellegrini
Thursday, 25.07.24 - all day -evening	Forensic Pathology Summer School Dinner	Lorenzo Ressel
Friday, 26.07.24 - all day	Primate Pathology	Ronnie Chamanza

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 and microscope camera, 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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- 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 2024 a success!

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