

Mondovi 1994

Where darn or what is Mondovi you might ask?

Mondovi is a small town in Piedmont, northern Italy, about 50 mi south of Turin.

Mondovi, what does it mean to the European College of Veterinary Pathologists?

There, 26 years ago in September 1994 the 12th Autumn Meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology was held. One of these legendary events organized by Franco Guarda, Torino, Italy and his crew.

What did this meeting mean for the constitution of ECVP?

The Annual General Meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology (ESVP) held during the Mondovi meeting decided to accept a proposal of a working party to establish the European College of Veterinary Pathologists (ECVP). The initiative for the working party was taken during the 40th ESVP held at Friedrichshafen, Germany in 1991. Members were Johann Mouwen, Utrecht, the Netherlands, André Parodi, Alfort, France, Jochen Pohlenz, Hannover, Germany and Andreas Pospischil, Zurich, Switzerland (Honorary Secretary of ESVP). They met several times and proposed the following procedure to establish ECVP according to the procedure of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training of the European Commission. As first step Ted van den Ingh, Utrecht, the Netherlands was appointed secretary to deal with organizational business. Secondly, a number of esteemed and outstanding veterinary pathologists had to be nominated as "invited members" to start the process. Elected were Norman Cheville, ACVP member, Ames, Ia., USA, Peter Kennedy, ACVP member, Davis Ca., USA, Wim Misdorp, Utrecht, the Netherlands, André Parodi. This group selected 85 experienced veterinary pathologists as ECVP "charter members" from applications having been sent to the secretary.

Since ECVP started to exist in Mondovi in 1994 this place deserves special memory. One of the remarkable social events at the meeting in Mondovi was a ride with a special "Settebello" train (fig. 1) symbolizing the start of ECVP.



Figure 1: Historic Italian train "Settebello" (ETR 300) of the Ferrovie dello Stato (Italian State Railway)