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Note from the Editor



Dear colleagues:

This short summer newsletter brings you a couple of important updates: announcement of EBVS recognition of the ECVCP, a historical moment and important milestone in the history of this young College; news on the work being carried out to update our website; and a detailed update from the Local Organizers of our upcoming annual meeting in Budapest. Wishing you all a wonderful summer,

Anne Lanevschi-Pietersma, anne.lanevschi-pietersma@astrazeneca.com

MESSAGE FROM THE ESVCP PRESIDENT

Greetings!

Since the last newsletter more changes have happened in the College than the society. However, as you will read in this edition the ESVCP-ECVIM AGM is a few short months away. We invite you as Tibor so elegantly states to come and join together in Budapest 12 – 15 September for our annual event; this year with ECVIM. So please follow the information to register and find accommodation through the congress website. As an ESVCP member you will get reduced registration. For those presenting research abstracts (oral and poster) and cases there is a further reduction in registration fees. Early registration ends 1 August 2007. After that date there is an increase of 50 Euro. Our scientific abstracts have already gone to the journal editors and we expect to publish them in the December 2007 Vet.Clin.Path Journal.

For all ESVCP members there is a special invitation to join us on the Pre congress continuing education day. Also that evening there will be a reception/ get together for us. Tibor, Peter and Harold, and Anne Provencher – Bolliger have been very busy organizing an exciting scientific programme for us. Now we have to do our part and
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Next year we will be in Barcelona Spain with ISACP in early October 2008. The organizing committee headed by Josep Pastor as local organizer in Barcelona will be happy to receive any comments, ideas, about topics for the scientific programme, which are of mutual interest to both societies. Please start thinking about cases and oral and poster abstracts that you would like to present at this congress and put the date in your diaries as soon as it becomes available.

I hear that our web site will have a fancy new look very soon!!!!!! And be user friendly for those who want to keep us up to date on events and topics of interest to us all.

Because of the recent college elections and the advanced stage of organization for the meeting I will be changing hats in Budapest. Please come to the Society AGM to welcome our new ESVCP president and chair of the ECVCP scientific committee. I am sure that you will give our new president your wholehearted support in the task of taking the ESVCP forward to bigger and better things.

It has been a privilege to be your president, and I sincerely thank you for all your help and loyalty over these past years in helping the society to grow and establish our participation in numerous scientific meetings.

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Background on ESVCP

The European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP, <http://www.esvcp.org>) was formed in Sept 1998 for the promotion of this discipline, and out of the need for well-educated clinical pathologists with certified experience for leading positions in commercial laboratories, industry, and veterinary schools. The Society is open to everybody, veterinarians and non-veterinarians alike, interested in one of the many areas of interest of Veterinary Clinical Pathology.

ESVCP Website: For information on constitution, membership, past and coming meetings, or to consult documents submitted to EBVS concerning application for specialty status and more, please visit <http://www.esvcp.org>, which will be the permanent domain name.

Interested in accessing a veterinary clinical pathology discussion forum?

This LISTSERV mailing list provides ASVCP and ESVCP members with access to over 500 colleagues interested in discussing and finding information on topics involving veterinary clinical pathology. To join the list, interested persons must request to be subscribed by writing an e-mail to John Hofmann jhofmann@asvcp.org ; please include full name, e-mail address, and organization in the body of the message.

Letter from the ECVCP Past-President

Dear Colleagues,

PERMANENT RECOGNITION of ECVCP: As announced on April 23rd earlier this year, the ECVCP has received full recognition by the EBVS after discussion and voting at its annual meeting this Spring. Attached is the letter from the EBVS confirming and formally recognising this, as of 4th July 2007. You will note that in this letter we have been asked to make a few minor changes to ensure that our constitution is in line with the expectations of the EBVS. These will be specifically voted upon at the upcoming ECVCP AGM at the Budapest congress.



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NEED FOR DIPLOMATE ENGAGEMENT: Several of the leadership of the ECVCP have cautioned us that while we should celebrate our accomplishment in formally establishing the ECVCP, we need to ensure that there is strong ECVCP diplomate engagement in its further development and leadership. The specific challenges to the ECVCP were identified by the diplomats in the last newsletter, including need for more of training and vocational opportunities, undergraduate and continuing education, laboratory quality standardisation, and development of the veterinary profession's understanding of the need for clinical pathologists. The upcoming conference and AGM seems the ideal opportunity for diplomates to step forward and volunteer for engagement and leadership.

THE WEBSITE: Our call for assistance with the website in the last newsletter was heard and responded to. Ernst Leidinger has considerable expertise in this area and has joined me for this purpose. Please see attached letter from Ernst that explains our proposed way forward and requests input from you. In a nutshell, a content management system software will be introduced that will allow the various committees to maintain their own sections from any location and without the need for much training. Some specific recommendations are made for specific sections. There will be a prize draw at the upcoming congress for all contributors to the website.

Best Regards, Peter

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When did you visit the ESVCP-website the last time?

If you did recently, you might have noted, that the shared ESVCP/ECVCP homepage (www.esvc.org or www.esvc.com) was not updated since the congress in Cambridge last year.

Peter O'Brien, past president of the ECVCP had this fact and the demands of a growing society and college in mind when he asked for assistance in the previous society's newsletter (Winter 2007, Volume 7, No. 1). From some past frustrating experiments with my labs homepage I knew how troublesome maintenance of a website could be, so I contacted Peter and volunteered to help him.

Peter maintained and paid for the website since Johannes Hirschberger stepped down as President of the ESVCP (thanks for all that work, Peter). The website is under the responsibility of

the science committee. It contains a number of very essential information, for example the Constitution of the ESVCP (1998) and of the college (2001), the Bylaws, the Letter of Intent or the information brochure. The publication of these and some other information is mandatory for colleges by the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS). The present website also covers a membership section, examination guidelines and some historical information on past meetings.

June 28th Peter and I met in Vienna and discussed the website issue. The following points are some ideas as framework of a new website:

- Installation of a content management system. Without too many technical details, this system allows fast changes and updates of the website with text and pictures from any PC worldwide if you have the privileges.
- New design of the website with the integration of templates like “news” which are filled by information entered by the content management system
- Visual separation of ESVCP and ECVCP (link(s) from www.esvcp.com)
- News section: annual congress, workshops, training & job opportunities
- Committees sections
- Section for sponsors and contributing members
- Exam section (date, locations, examples). We also plan a template for the submission of exam questions to the examination committee
- Download area (newsletters, forms, membership directory)
- Links, f. e. to the Journal of Veterinary Clinical Pathology-website
- Searchable membership directory
- A password protection with different accession levels seems to be desirable to protect some information from the general public and also should be part of the new website
- A “case of the month” could be useful to attract society members to regularly revisit the website
- The current annual costs for provider, domain name and web space are about 150 €per year. Additional (on-time) costs would result from the content management system and the website programming. Currently we call for offers from different providers and programmers. Peter tries to rise funding for this purpose.

We kindly would invite all members of the ESVCP/ECVCP to share any ideas (layout, sections, links...) with us and hope that the new website will be the product of many different and continuous inputs – OUR website. Please send any comments and suggestions to Peter.James.OBrien@ucd.ie or ernst.leidinger@invitro.at.

Among all contributors there will be a drawing at the congress in Budapest with a clin path book as prize.

Best regards,

Ernst

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ESVCP- Membership Dues Notice
Membership Year: January 1- December 31, 2007

All members of the Society and the College who have not done so, are requested to NOW pay their 2007 Dues.

Please take a moment to renew your membership.

Renewing your membership requires two steps:

1. Email your up to date contact information to **Peter Graham**, pgraham@nwlabs.co.uk . This will ensure that copies of Veterinary Clinical Pathology are sent to the correct address.
2. Select your payment method and amount. Payments are processed by **Heather Holloway**, heather-holloway@idexx.com .

All members of the ECVCP should also renew their membership of the Society in addition to paying the Dues for membership of the College. It is a requirement of the Constitution that ECVCP members are also members of ESVCP.

1. Membership Details update

Please send a copy of your full postal address by email to pgraham@nwlabs.co.uk .

2. Membership Fees and Payment Methods

ESVCP Membership Fees 2007

- **100 Euros for regular members.** This includes Veterinary Clinical Pathology journal subscription (4 issues per year).
- **80 Euros for ASVCP members.** Journal subscription is not included as this is paid for through ASVCP Dues.

Payment Options

Paypal

This option will be available soon with a second reminder distributed by email shortly that will also enclose Paypal instructions.

International Funds Transfer : in Euros or pounds sterling

For members in countries where Paypal payment is not possible or if you choose, payment can be made using International Funds Transfer. See instructions below. This system does not however generate automatic receipts and is more expensive for the Society. Frequently members will have to pay transfer fees to their bank in addition to the Dues.

This usually requires completion of a form at the bank. **Please note that when using this method of payment it is essential that the member's name is given in the payment details.** A number of payments using this method have been received which cannot be traced because the member's name is not given on the transfer document. Please state this first in the payment details field of the form.

UK members

Cheques in UK pounds can be accepted (posted to the address below) or funds transfer from any UK bank.

Bank details for Funds Transfer:

Bank: Lloyds TSB

Account name: European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology

Account No: 1963022

Address: 8 Cambridge Crescent, Harrogate North Yorkshire HG1 1PQ ENGLAND

Sort code: 30 93 91

Swiftbank code (Bank Identification Code): LOYDGB21214

IBAN code: GB48LOYD30939101963022

OR

Postal address to mail cheques:

Heather Holloway
ESVCP Treasurer
Hostlers
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Suffolk
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United Kingdom

If you have any queries regarding membership payments please contact the Treasurer, Heather Holloway at to heather-holloway@idexx.com .

ECVCP- Call for Diplomate Fees for 2007
Membership Year: January 1- December 31, 2007

All members of the College who haven't done so, are requested to NOW pay their diplomate fees for 2007. **Please remember that you must also be a member of the Society in order to retain your diplomate status. If you have not paid 2006 dues, please pay both 2006 and 2007 dues. If you do not recall whether you have paid 2006 dues, please contact Kathy Freeman at kathy-freeman@lineone.net.**

Please take a moment and renew your membership NOW.

Renewing your membership requires three steps:

1. Complete and email the Excel spreadsheet below giving your up to date contact information. This will ensure that any communications are sent to the correct address.
2. Select your payment method and amount.
3. Make your payment.

1. Membership Details update

Please complete the attached Excel spreadsheet and email it to kathy-freeman@lineone.net

2. Diplomate Fee and Payment Methods

ECVCP Diplomate Fee 2007

- 100 Euros

Payment Options

Paypal

See information above in ESVCP Membership notice.

International Funds Transfer

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UK members

Cheques in UK pounds can be accepted (posted to the address below) or funds transfer from any UK bank (the UK equivalent of 100 Euros will be considered to be £68.00)

Bank details for Funds Transfer:

Account name: European Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology

Bank: Lloyds TSB

Address: Aberfeldy Branch, Bank Street, Aberfeldy, Scotland, United Kingdom

Account No: 0511748

Sort code: 30 25 87

Swiftbank code (Bank Identification Code): TSBSGB21280

IBAN code: GB97TSBS30258700511748

Postal address:

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3. Making your Payment

Using Paypal to pay Dues

Go to Paypal on the Internet. Either follow the link below:

<https://www.paypal.com/uk/> or search for Paypal in your country of residence

Click on the **Send Money** Tab

Open a personal account if you do not already have one. Once this is open please enter the College's Paypal email and payment details as below

Recipient's Email: kathy-freeman@lineone.net

Amount: (100)

Currency: Euros

Type: Service

Subject: ECVCP Diplomate fee 2007

Notes: Please enter your name and the fact you wish to pay the diplomate fee

Click on the Send Money button

Paypal will email you confirmation that money has been sent

International funds Transfer

This usually requires completion of a form at the bank.

Please note that when using this method of payment it is essential that the member's name is given in the payment details. A number of payments using this method have been received which cannot be traced because the member's name is not given on the transfer document. Please state this first in the payment details field of the form.

If you have any queries regarding membership payments please contact the ECVCP Treasurer, Kathy Freeman at kathy-freeman@lineone.net .

**9th annual ESVCP Congress
Budapest, Hungary, Sept 12-15, 2007**

As local organizers of 9th ESVCP Congress to be held in Budapest, Hungary, on September 12-15th, 2007, we extend a warm welcome to all to attend our annual meeting. As you know, this year the meeting is planned with ECVIM-CA at the Budapest Congress Centre on the Buda (West) part of Budapest, Hungary. Visit the website www.budapest.com for details. All necessary information regarding the scientific part of the congress is available at www.ecvimcongress.org. The ESVCP website (www.esvcpcongress.org) should be renewed soon and include both Mystery cases and other information.

Continuing Education Day – Wednesday, September 12th

This day will be shared with the clinical toxicological pathology group in the morning. Details of the programme are available on the ECVIM website. Just click on the “ESVCP Precongress” on the left side menu. In the morning, we have 3 invited speakers presenting on the theme of cytology (Alan Rebar from USA, Davide de Lorenzi and Carlo Masserdotti from Italy) while the clinical toxicological pathology group will have a parallel session with 4 invited speakers (Martin Bedigian from USA, Francesco Bertolini from Italy, Jean-Sylvain Beaufils from France and Jeff McCartney from Canada). They will offer presentations on the role of clinical pathology in cardiovascular safety assessment. In the afternoon, two parallel sessions are again planned. In one session, there will be 3 speakers (Urs Giger, Mary Christopher, Linda Vap, all from the U.S.) with 5 presentations on different aspects of clinical pathology, while the parallel session, led by Asger L. Jensen from Denmark, will focus on immunoassay, divided into 4 presentations. After this amazing scientific programme, we have a short Get Together Party, most probably at the venue of the Congress.

ESVCP days during ECVIM, Thursday to Saturday, September 13-15th

Thursday, September 13th

This day is shared with ESVONC and the theme is lymphoma. Jaime F. Modiano from USA and Elizabeth Villiers from UK, will be our invited speakers on animal lymphomas, while Tony Todd from UK will share his experiences on human lymphoma classification. These talks will be followed by 14 free communications. In the evening, the Dean of the Veterinary Faculty will have a Welcome Reception for all the participants of ECVIM/ESVCP congresses.

Friday, September 14th

The morning topic is clinical pathology testing of bone changes. Two invited speakers (Peter Lakatos from Hungary and Anne Liesegang from Switzerland) will discuss bone biomarkers in human and veterinary medicine. The main lecture of ECVIM will be given this year by Robert Washabau (USA) on gastrointestinal diseases followed by 3 Award winning abstracts.

In that afternoon, 12 case presentations are scheduled with one extra case if time permits, moderated by Harold Tvedten from Sweden and Peter Vajdovich from Hungary. These cases will be placed on our website as unknowns shortly. Members should try to make their diagnoses before the meeting and see if they were correct. A CD containing case descriptions and interpretations is planned as in previous years. In the evening, the Gala Dinner will be held in the Museum of Fine Arts, in a decorative and impressive milieu.

Saturday, September 15th

In the morning, 2 invited speakers (Gabor L. Kovacs from Hungary and Davide de Lorenzi from Italy) will speak on clinical pathology of the central nervous system in human and veterinary medicine. From the U.S., Urs Giger will present on laboratory diagnosis of genetic neuromuscular diseases in dogs followed by 3 free communications. During lunchtime, the ESVCP Annual General Meeting will be held. In the afternoon, 8 further free communications will close the scientific part of ESVCP Congress. Before having a Farewell Drink, ECVIM will have its General Meeting.

Oral and Poster research communications

For the ESVCP meeting, communications dealing with large animals were accepted. Besides the invited lectures, a total of 109 oral research communications and 90 posters will be presented during 4 days by members of 7 Societies. Nearly one-fourth of talks and one third of the posters will be by ESVCP members. We are confident that invited lectures, free research communications, together with case presentations will offer a valuable scientific experience for the participants of the 2007 ESVCP meeting. Abstracts of Continuing Education and Clin Tox Path sessions will appear in a separate proceedings, a supplement to the main ECVIM proceedings, available on registration September 12th. All other abstracts presented at ECVIM will be printed in a main ECVIM Proceedings provided at the main registration desk on September 13-15th.

Technical information

All necessary information is available on the ECVIM Congress website. In late June, some participants could not register and book rooms at Hotel Novotel on line via the website. This problem is solved. There are still rooms available at Hotel Novotel adjoining the Budapest Congress Centre. Those who have difficulties with registration or accommodation should directly contact Miss Zsuzsa Sallai, MICE Manager of BCC. Her email address is h0511-rd1@accor.com One-day registration for September 12th is possible between 8.00-8.45 AM at the Congress venue. For ECVIM days, on-site registration is also possible September 13-15th.

Case Presentations

Most of the submitters of cases for the case session have provided the case both as an interesting unknown (Mystery Case) for the website and a very informative case report to be placed on a CD for those attending the Case Presentation Session. There was a limited number of cases submitted this year so all submitted cases were accepted. The moderators (Harold and Peter) were required to submit 3 additional cases of their own. The membership needs to support the Case Presentation Session part of the annual meeting better if it is to be of good quality and rewarding to attend. Plan ahead for next year and prepare a good case yourself or have your trainee prepare one. The quality of the ESVCP is seen through the quality of what we present at our meeting.

Sponsors

Sponsors of ESVCP events (especially the September 12th programme) are Novartis, Roche, DiaMed, Diatron IM, Diagon, and Olympus, Hungary. Thanks for their generous help with which we hope to arrange everything properly for you.

Come and enjoy Budapest and a stimulating meeting with us. On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee,

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