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## Notes from the Editor

Dear colleagues:

This year's annual meeting is scheduled a little earlier than usual, in June, in combination with the AECCP (Association of European Comparative Clinical Pathology), a 2nd time these two organizations will meet together. So be sure to check the timetables enclosed in this newsletter to submit material for this early summer meeting. A preliminary program has already been put together for this meeting with renowned international speakers. A debt of gratitude to Florence Poitout for assistance in preparing this newsletter.

Cordially, Anne Lanevski-Pietersma

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## Message from the ESVCP President

### Greetings

A special welcome to all our new members: I am sure that you will help us to expand the activities of the society and to meet our special needs for continuing education and stimulating discussion, along with collaborative research in the field of clinical pathology. Many thanks to all of you that helped to make 2004 another banner year for the society. Despite many hiccups, we managed to put on and enjoy two great meetings last year, one with ESVP in Olsztyn, Poland and one with ECVIM in Barcelona, Spain, both in the same month!! Bad planning. Also special thanks to Johannes Hirschberger for skilfully navigating the changes in our constitution with the German authorities and in assisting Nick Carmichael, our treasurer, with the reporting of our biannual returns.

This year we have our AGM planned with the AECCP, in Utrecht, the Netherlands, and we can see the remarkable job that the local organizing committee are doing for that in this newsletter with the inclusion of a preliminary program. We also have an ESVCP day scheduled for September 3rd in the ECVIM –CA congress in Glasgow, Scotland.

We need to think about venues for 2006 before the AGM in Utrecht. Suggestions so far are Edinburgh, Amsterdam, and Istanbul and may be even dull old Cambridge!!

We are looking forward to an exciting meeting in Utrecht with lots of stimulating cases. Please send them to Zoe Polizopoulou early if you can!! Watch the deadlines for the congress as they are rapidly approaching.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Utrecht in June !

Best wishes,  
Joy

## Message from the ECVCP President

Dear Colleagues,

Again, many thanks to Anne Lanevski-Pietersma and Florence Poitout for putting this informative newsletter together. Below I would like to highlight a few developments within the ECVCP since the last newsletter, last Spring. Please contact the committee chairpersons and consult the website ([esvc.org](http://esvc.org)) if you have specific questions regarding the activities of these committees.

**Exam Committee:** Last Sept due to a big effort of this committee, led by Saverio Paltrinieri, the first ECVCP exam was held and was deemed unanimously by examiners, examinees, and observers to be a resounding success and a model for the future. Three talented and knowledgeable candidates took the exam and passed. They have already taken important posts on committees within the ECVCP: Natalie Bauer, Nick Carmicheal, and David Ledieu. This year the exam will be held in Milan in September for several new candidates. Success of the exam committee depends on diplomates meeting their constitutional obligation to submit some exam questions. This was important last year and diplomates are now encouraged to provide more exam questions. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

**Credentials Committee:** ECVCP membership has grown to about 50 diplomates now and is continuing to grow at a high rate, placing it mid-range amongst European veterinary professional colleges. This December 2005 is an important milestone for membership, as beyond this date, defacto diplomates can no longer be admitted, according to constitutional requirements. Interested persons should review the qualifications needed and submit an application as soon as possible to Anne Provencher-Bolliger

**Science Committee:** ECVCP-ESVCP conferencing and continuing education programmes are growing at a remarkable rate. As detailed within, the next annual conferences and general meetings are at Utrecht in June 2005 and in Cambridge, England in September 2006, both being held with the AECCP (Association for European Comparative Clinical Pathology). Additionally, small satellite meetings are now routinely held at the ECVIM-CA and ESVP annual meetings, because of the close relationship of ECVCP to these colleges and their strong interest in veterinary clinical pathology. Also, occasional local clinical pathology meetings are held, such as in Milan in Sept 2005. Thanks to the hard work of Joy Archer and her committee! It is also noteworthy the effectiveness of the ASVCP-ESVCP listserv in addressing many of the day-to-day questions of veterinary clinical pathologists.

**Education and Laboratory Standards Committees:** These committees, chaired by JP Braun and Kathy Freeman, respectively, have now well established criteria and plans for their activities and have successfully launched certification practices for training programmes and clinical pathology lab standards.

**Regulatory Affairs Committee:** This was established to meet the current needs of European regulatory authorities for expert advice on clinical pathology testing for safety assessment of pharmaceuticals and chemicals. Anne Provencher-Bolliger is chairing the committee and working closely with a counterpart committee within the ASVCP.

Last, but not least the activities of the **ECVCP Board** should be acknowledged, having met several times since last newsletter, either in person at the annual conference or by telecon to address questions and support issue-resolution related to the activities of the above committees. A request we would like to make is that diplomates pay their fees on time, especially now that as we grow as a college, so do our expenses.

Best Regards and Many Thanks, Peter

## 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.

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**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.

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## 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 ASVCP or ESVCP members must contact Mike Scott at: [scott@depah.msu.edu](mailto:scott@depah.msu.edu) and include their full name, email address, and organisation in the body of the message.

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## ESVCP/ECVCP news:

In September 2004, **three candidates passed the College examination**. They are:

Natali Bauer (G)

Nick Carmichael (UK)

David Ledieu (F)

The 2005 ECVCP examination will be held on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, at the new Large Animal Hospital of the University of Milan, located in Lodi (about 40 Km from Milan). Further information about the exam location (how to reach Lodi, hotel booking, etc...) can be asked directly to Saverio Paltrinieri ([saverio.paltrinieri@unimi.it](mailto:saverio.paltrinieri@unimi.it)).

Guidelines for both the 2005 candidates and for candidates interested in taking the next examination are provided in this newsletter

The College welcomes the following **new de facto members**:

Denis Fritz (F)

Alessandra Gavazza (I)

Urs Giger (USA)

Stephan Neumann (G)

Jacqueline Tarrant (UK)

ESVCP will participate to the annual **ECVIM-CA Congress in Glasgow, Scotland, September 3rd, 2005**. For any information regarding program, deadlines, accommodations and registration to this meeting, you can visit the following website:

<http://www.ecvimcongress.org> or e-mail [congress@ecvim-ca.org](mailto:congress@ecvim-ca.org)

ESVCP will participate to the **ESVP Congress in Naples Italy, on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005**. Details of the programme, accommodation, registration, will be placed on the ESVCP website as soon as they are available.

**Books, books and more books** There are still copies of the Osbourne Urinalysis for sale. If interested, please contact Joy Archer at ja331@cam.ac.uk.

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## Minutes of the ESVCP Annual Business Meeting

### Olsztyn, Poland, September 16-18, 2004

The meeting was opened by Joy Archer president.

Apologies were received from Peter Graham secretary and Nick Carmichael treasurer for their absence.

Joy Archer presented a brief notice on behalf of the secretary.

The remaining Osbourne Urinalysis books are now in Cambridge. Any persons who did not receive one either in Poland or Barcelona, or did pay for one and sent their delivery address should contact Peter Graham if they are interested in receiving one.

Joy Archer presented some brief comments on behalf of the treasurer.

The treasurer and/or secretary should have members' correct mailing and e-mail addresses on records, in order for them to receive both printed and online version of the International Journal of Veterinary Clinical Pathology.

There are still some problems with the automatic online paypal dues payment system. To facilitate the payment system, the society treasurer must have the correct e-mail address of each member. Payment by credit card incurs an excess of 6 % which should be paid by the members, and not by the ESVCP. Likewise fees for bank transfers should be paid by members.

Members are requested to pay their renewal dues on time. There will be reminders sent out at the end of 2004. The fee is 100 Euros for ALL members including ECVCP diplomats.

Joy Archer welcomed all new Society members.

There was a proposal ( H.Tvedten, seconded by P.O'Brien ) that a reduced membership fee be offered to residents and students in training. This was affirmed. But no decision on ratification was taken because the large part of the fee is the cost of the journal and fees to ECVIM.

Josep Pastor (local organizer) reported on the ESVCP CE day and congress day during ECVIM meeting in Barcelona September 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2004. The general response was very encouraging (both from ECVIM and ESVCP delegates). Around 47 persons registered for the CE day with 6 speakers (free registration). The ECVCP day during ECVIM was very well attended; some sessions hosted more than 120 attendants.

Joy Archer thanked all the delegates and participants to the Olsztyn congress. She also thanked the local organizers and the scientific committee for the excellent organization, especially of social events, transportation and accommodation in Olsztyn

She also thanked all the speakers, and sponsors who made this meeting possible.

She said that she anticipated that all the expenditures and the incomes from both Barcelona and Olsztyn would result in a small positive balance for the society.

Theo Niewold (Utrecht) gave a slide presentation regarding the next meeting and invited all of us to attend. This will be a joint meeting with the AECCP (European Society of Comparative Pathology) in Utrecht. It will be the AECCP 6<sup>th</sup> annual congress and 2nd joint meeting with ESVCP. It will be the 7<sup>th</sup> annual congress for ESVCP. The meeting will be held in a conference center at the University of Utrecht between June 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Anne Lanevski- Pietersma, Eric Teske and Carlo Masserdotti are representing ESVCP on the local organizing committee. The first announcement flyers were distributed.

Stefano Comazzi ( Milan) gave a slide presentation and invited all of us for next year's CE day during the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual general meeting of the ESVP in Naples, Italy, on September 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Professor Steve Stockman USA has been invited to speak at this meeting. A local organizing committee including S. Comazzi, S. Paltrinieri, C. Masserdotti and G. Lubas will be working on this event. The second ECVCP membership examination should also be held during this meeting. First announcement flyers were distributed.

Joy Archer said that there would most likely be an ESVCP day during ECVIM in Glasgow, Scotland probably September 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

There was an open discussion about the possible venue of the 2006 Annual congress.

An invitation has been received from the ESVP to join them in Edinburgh Scotland, possible date: August, 29<sup>th</sup> 2006.

An invitation has been extended to ESVCP to join ISACB in Turkey in 2006.

JP Braun also proposed consideration of joining ECVIM again in 2006 as their theme would be renal disease. No decision was taken about 2006.

Mary Christopher spoke about the clinical pathology journal. She thanked all authors for submitting manuscripts to the editors. She noted that the numbers of manuscripts are increasing She also thanked J.P. Braun and A. Jensen for their hard work on the editorial board. She noted that there was a need for manuscript reviewers and invited interested persons to contact her. Mary also noted that

the impact factor of the journal is increasing. She also stated that the journal management had been improved and the review process should be considerably shorter in the future.

Mary Christopher also commented that common sessions with pathologists may not be ideal and that parallel sessions would be better for clinical pathology.

Peter O'Brien commented that there will be more than one meeting (or a main congress and smaller meetings) in 2005 and that the topics covered should not overlap.

Anne Provencher- Bolliger and Peter O'Brien requested ideas on topics and speakers for the Utrecht Annual General Congress and asked that they be sent to the organizers before the end of October 2004.

There were no further points for discussion and the meeting was closed.

Minutes taken by J Pastor (ESVCP executive )

## ECVCP examination

The pre-requisites to be admitted to sit the examination, the format of the examination and additional information about the examination are listed below. A list of journals and textbooks to be used to prepare for the examination is available on the ESVCP website.

Anyone seeking to sit the 2005 examination is invited to consult the pre-requisites below and contact the credentials committee for information about the application procedure. Anne Provencher-Bolliger who coordinates this committee can be reached at [acbolliger@bluewin.ch](mailto:acbolliger@bluewin.ch). Further information about the location will be provided to the candidates after the application deadline, which is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

**The examination committee:** Saverio Paltrinieri, Corinne Fournel-Fleury, Anne Lanevschi-Pietersma, Peter O'Brien, Ilse Schwendenwein, Kerstin Thoren-Tolling, Harold Tvedten, Peter Graham, Hugh Larkin.

### 1) Pre-requisites

- a) Have a satisfactory ethical standing in relation to the practice of veterinary medicine
- b) Be qualified to practice veterinary medicine in Europe
- c) Be active in veterinary clinical pathology for at least 60% of your working week
- d) Be normally a resident in Europe or be significantly active in veterinary clinical pathology in Europe
- e) Have completed 1 year of post-graduate rotating internship or 2 years experience in clinical practice
- f) Have participated in a 3-year post-graduate training program directed by an ECVCP Diplomat OR in an "alternative" 4 year-training program approved by the ECVCP
- g) Be the first author of two original articles published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal (excluding short case report and review articles)

**2) Format of the examination**

- a) General Clinical Pathology: 60 multiple choice questions and 4 essay questions about the pathophysiology of clinical pathology changes and general principles of laboratory management.
- b) Clinical Biochemistry: 50 multiple choice questions and 4 cases discussed by essay.
- c) Haematology: 40 multiple choice questions, 20 questions on projected photomicrographs, and 10 haematology glass slides (description, morphologic and an etiologic diagnosis, or appropriate differential diagnosis with suggestions for additional diagnostic procedures)
- d) Cytology: 25 multiple choice questions, 25 questions on projected photomicrographs, and 15 cytology glass slides (description, morphologic and an etiologic diagnosis, or appropriate differential diagnosis with suggestions for additional diagnostic procedures)

**3) Further information:**

- a) The examination will be held in September of each year.
- b) The application must be received by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the examination and is valid for only 1 year.
- c) For each part a grade of 60 percent or more is a passing mark.
- d) Candidates who pass all parts of the exam are certified as a "Veterinary Clinical Pathologist"; candidates who pass 2 or 3 parts retain credit for the parts passed for the next four years, provided a mark of more than 30% has been attained in the failed parts. Only two additional attempts to pass the failed parts are permitted within these next four years; candidates who fail 3 or 4 parts must reapply as new candidates
- e) The examination fee is 500 €(250 €for repeat candidates)

**ECVCP Diplomates as of Fall 2004**

Joy Archer	Queen's Veterinary School University of Cambridge, UK
Gad Baneth	School of Veterinary Medicine, Hebrew University, Israel
Natali Bauer	University of Giessen, Germany
Jean-Pierre Braun	Veterinary School of Toulouse, France
Hege Brun-Hansen	Norwegian School of Veterinary Medicine, Norway
Nick Carmichael	CTDS Laboratory, United Kingdom
Jose Joaquin Ceron	Murcia Veterinary School, University of Murcia, Spain
Mary Christopher	University of California-Davis, USA
Frances Clemo	Pfizer Global Research and Development, UK
Stefano Comazzi	University of Milan, Italy
John Dunn	Axiom Veterinary Laboratories, UK
Corinne Fournel-Fleury	Veterinary School of Lyon, France
Kathy Freeman	Idexx Laboratories, United Kingdom
Denis Fritz	Companion Animal Laboratory, Troyes, France.
Tibor Gaal	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Szent Istvan University, Hungary
Alessandra Gavazza	University of Pisa, Italy.
Urs Giger	University of Pennsylvania, USA.
Peter Graham	North Western Laboratories, UK
Jean Francois Guelfi	Veterinary School of Toulouse, France



Shimon Harrus	School of Veterinary Medicine, Hebrew University, Israel
Johannes Hirschberger	Universitaet Muenchen, Germany
Asger Jensen	Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark
Bernt Jones	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
Anne Lanevski	University of Montreal, Canada
Hugh Larkin	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Dublin, Ireland
Inger Lilliehook	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
Jean-Pierre Magnol	Veterinary School of Lyon, France
Elsbeth Milne	University of Edinburgh, Royal School of Veterinary Medicine, UK
Peter O'Brien	Pfizer Global Research and Development, UK
Maud Palm	Astra Zeneca R&D, Sweden
Saverio Paltrinieri	University of Milan, Italy
Kostas Papasouliotis	University of Bristol, UK
Josep Pastor	Veterinary Faculty, University of Barcelona, Spain
Florence Poitout	Consultant, clinical pathology, USA
Zoe Polizopoulou	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Anne Provencher Bolliger	Novartis Pharma AG, Switzerland
Ilse Schwendenwein	University of Veterinary Sciences, Austria
Brigitte Siliart	Veterinary School of Nantes, France
Jacqueline Tarrant	Royal Veterinary College, United Kingdom
Stein Istre Thoresen	Norwegian School of Veterinary Medicine, Norway
Kerstin Thoren-Tolling	Ross University, School of Veterinary Medicine, West Indies
Harold Tvedten	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
Peter Vajdovich	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Szent Istvan University, Hungary

### Call for examination questions – ECVCP Diplomates

Dear ECVCP member,

According to the ECVCP constitution and By-laws, all diplomats must submit five questions, along with their fully-referenced answers, each year (by June 30<sup>th</sup>) to the examination committee. Failure to submit questions for two consecutive years would cause suspension of approval of training programs. Late submission of written questions results in inconvenience to the section leader and extra mailings of segments for review. The task of preparing all items for various sections is sizable. To meet deadlines, provide the highest quality items. We encourage everyone to start assembling materials as soon as possible to avoid last-minute rush preparations. In order to be sure that all the members have sent their 5 questions, we send this message monthly to the ECVCP mailing list.

Please provide 3-4 multiple choice questions and 1-2 questions to be chosen among the following: biochemistry cases, cytology or haematology images or glass slides.

In order to have further information about how the questions should be sent, please send an e-mail to: [saverio.paltrinieri@unimi.it](mailto:saverio.paltrinieri@unimi.it)

**ESVCP- Membership Dues Notice**  
**Membership Year: January 1- December 31, 2005**

All members of the Society and the College are requested to pay their Dues for this year now.

**Individual reminders for Dues will not be sent this year as the information is now posted on the website and set out below.**

**Please renew your membership before the end of March 2005.**

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 copies of Veterinary Clinical Pathology are sent to the correct address.
2. Select your payment method and amount.
3. Make your payment.

**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 complete the attached Excel spreadsheet and email it to [Nick-Carmichael@lineone.net](mailto:Nick-Carmichael@lineone.net)

2. Membership Fees and Payment Methods

**ESVCP Membership Fees 2005**

- 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**

The preferred payment method for payment of Dues is with Paypal.

Paypal is an Internet based payment system that transfers funds through an account linked to your credit card to the Society's account.

Paypal has the advantage to the Society of being able to accept multiple currencies, providing automatic receipts and significantly reducing banking and administrative costs.

For members, it provides a secure and convenient payment method allowing you to use your credit card over the Internet from your personal computer. The system costs nothing for members to set up and use. All members who set up accounts last year will find that their accounts are still functional, making payment very simple and easy.

For further information and to open a Paypal account see: [www.paypal.com/uk/](http://www.paypal.com/uk/)

**International Funds Transfer**

For members in countries where Paypal payment is not possible, payment can be made using International Funds Transfer. The information required to make these transfers is given on the website and is copied 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.

**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

**Postal address:**

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ESVCP Treasurer

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Selby Road, Garforth,

West Yorkshire

LS25 1NB

ENGLAND

Fax 0044 (0)1937 529953

Phone 0044 (0)113 287 0175

**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 Society's Paypal email and payment details as below:

Recipient's Email: [ESVCPAY@NTLWORLD.COM](mailto:ESVCPAY@NTLWORLD.COM)

Amount: (100 or 80)

Currency: Euros

Type: Service

Subject: ESVCP DUES 2005

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

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 Treasurer, Nick Carmichael at [Nick-Carmichael@lineone.net](mailto:Nick-Carmichael@lineone.net)

**ECVCP- Call for Diplomate Fees for 2005**  
**Membership Year: January 1- December 31, 2005**

All members of the College are requested to pay their diplomate fees for 2005 now.

Please remember that you must also be a member of the Society in order to retain your diplomate status. Please renew your membership before the end of March 2005.

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.
- ~~3-2.~~ Select your payment method and amount.
- ~~3-3.~~ Make your payment.

*1. Membership Details update*

Please complete the attached Excel spreadsheet and email it to [kathy-freeman@lineone.net](mailto:kathy-freeman@lineone.net)

*2. Diplomate Fee and Payment Methods*

**ECVCP Diplomate Fee 2005**

- 100 Euros

**Payment Options**

**Paypal**

See information above in ESVCP Membership notice.

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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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ECVCP Treasurer

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Perthshire FK21 8TY

Scotland, United Kingdom

Tel: +44 (0)1567 820 580 Mobile: 07766 600 274

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](mailto:kathy-freeman@lineone.net)

Amount: ( 100 )

Currency: Euros

Type: Service

Subject: ECVCP Diplomate fee 2005

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

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**ESVCP/ECVCP  
7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at a glance  
Utrecht, Netherlands  
June 21-24, 2005  
in combination with the  
Association of European Comparative Clinical Pathology**

**Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005**

Continuing Education day and Case presentations

**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005**

Laboratory management and clinical chemistry biomarkers

**Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Hematology and New Diagnostic Techniques

*Committee and business meetings are scheduled at the following times:*

Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

*ECVCP executive meeting @ lunch*

Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Credential committee: 7:45 AM (coffee & tea served) & lunch*

*Exam committee @ lunch*

*ESVCP annual general meeting @ 18.00*

Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

*Journal editorial board meeting @ 7.30 AM (coffee & tea served)*

*Credential committee: 7:45 AM (coffee & tea served) & lunch*

*ESVCP executive meeting and science committee @ lunch*



Association of European Comparative Clinical Pathology  
European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology  
European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology

## ***European Congress on Comparative and Veterinary Clinical Pathology***

*7<sup>th</sup> Annual General and Scientific meeting of the ESVCP / ECVCP  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Meeting of the AECCP and ESVCP/ECVCP*

### **Dates & location**

June 21 – 24, 2005  
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine  
Utrecht University, The Netherlands

### **Additional to the programme**

Tuesday, June 21, evening: Get together & reception  
Wednesday, June 22: Partner programme: bus tour to the city of Delft  
Thursday, June 23: Conference Dinner

### **Essential deadlines**

**15 March 2005:** Second announcement with Keynote speakers and Call for Abstracts  
**15 April 2005:** End of Early Bird Registration  
**15 April 2005:** Case presentations submitted to Zoe Polizopoulou at poliz@vet.auth.gr  
**10 May 2005:** End of pre-booked hotel reservation

### **Hotel**

The conference organisers have pre-booked a number of hotel rooms in the various price categories near the conference venues. Deadline of the room blocks is **May 10, 2005**.

After this date rooms will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Hotel Contact Utrecht handles the reservations of the room blocks.

Please select your hotel and book online at: <http://www.hotelcontact.nl/utrechtjune2005>

For additional hotel information please call during office hours (08.30 hrs – 18.30 hrs)  
 Hotel Contact Utrecht, The Netherlands, Tel: +31 30 236 48 22 ; Fax: +31 30 236 48 42  
 E-mail: [wlefrandt@hotelcontact.nl](mailto:wlefrandt@hotelcontact.nl)

Facilities for students are available at low prices and will be mentioned on the conference web site.  
 Public transportation cards to travel from your hotel to the conference venues will be made available by the conference organisers.

### Exhibition

A vendors' exhibition providing new info on the latest technology and methodology will be held on the same site as the poster session and coffee break.

### Information

FBU Conference Office, Odette Jansen, tel. +31 30 253 2728 or e-mail: [aeccp\\_esvcp@fbu.uu.nl](mailto:aeccp_esvcp@fbu.uu.nl)

### Conference Venue

The conference will take place June 21-24, 2005.  
 Registration on June 21 at the Academy building ;  
 (Academiegebouw) next to the church tower “Dom” in the city centre, Utrecht;  
 Registration as of June 22 at conference venue in the Marinus Ruppert Building at De Uithof;  
 Reception on June 21 & Conference Dinner on Thursday June 23 at the Academy building;  
 All presentations will take place in the De Uithof (campus of Utrecht University).

Utrecht is an old city, founded by the Romans. It is located in the heart of The Netherlands, on the banks of the river Rhine. Its university is more than 350 years old and the largest in the country. Besides, Utrecht has a medieval city centre with canals, a number of old churches, musea, a modern concert hall and a municipal theatre. Open air markets, pubs and restaurants can easily be found.

### Scientific and organizing committee

Guillaume Counotte	David Eckersall	Jean-Sylvain Beaufils
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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AECCP-ESVCP-ECVCP

### Continuing Education Day

Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 8.00 Registration (possible as of 15.00 Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> )
- 8.30 Welcome
- 8.45 Title TBA
- 9.45 Molecular analysis of canine liver pathologies  
L Penning, NL
- 10.30 Coffee & tea
- 11.00 Mini-forum on endocrinology: Different perspectives on the diagnosis of canine and feline hyperadrenocorticism (Peter Graham UK, Hans Kooistra NL, Anne Provencher-Bolliger CH)  
Moderator: TBA
- 12.30 Lunch ECVCP Executive Meeting
- 14.00 Canine blood groups in transfusion medicine  
U Giger, USA
- 14.45 Case presentations in Cytology and Haematology  
Chair: TBA
- 15.30 Coffee & tea
- 16.00 Case presentations, cont'd
- 17.00 Veterinary clinical pathology and drug safety  
D Davies, UK
- 17.30 Recommendations for assessment of clinical pathology data to identify preclinical drug-induced hepatotoxicity, A Provencher-Bolliger

AECCP-ESVCP Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Session Laboratory Management

- 7.45 AECCP executive meeting
- Plenary session (Chairs TBA)
- 8.45 Forum of the European Quality Assessment Scheme
- 10.00 Laboratory Accreditation Program  
J Archer, K Freeman, UK
- 10.30 Coffee, tea & view posters
- 11.00 Implementation and Quality Aspects of a laboratory information system  
G Counotte, NL
- 11.45 ISO certification of a university diagnostic laboratory  
I Schwendenwein, A
- 12.30 Lunch

Examination &amp; credentials committee meetings

**Session Clinical Chemistry Biomarkers**

<b>Parallel session: laboratory animals</b> <b>14.00 Clinical pathology techniques in discovery, safety assessment and biomarker development</b> L O'Rourke, USA <b>14.30 Inhibin B biomarker</b> D Davies, UK <b>15.00 Relevance of dairy herd monitoring for parameters of energy metabolism</b> L Goetze, UK	<b>Parallel session: domestic animals</b> <b>14.00 Free radicals, antioxidants and their laboratory evaluation in domestic animals</b> T Gaal, H <b>14.30 The role of farm animals on environmental monitoring</b> M Alonso, E <b>15.00 The pathophysiology and diagnosis of Ca metabolism disorders during growth</b> M Tryfonidou, NL
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**15.30 Coffee, tea break & poster session****Plenary session****16.00 Pharmacokinetics of biomarkers**

PL Toutain, F

**16.45 Acute phase proteins: general concepts and particularities in different animal species**

J Ceron, E

**18.00 ESVCP annual meeting****20.00 – 24.00 Official Diner****AECCP-ESVCP Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>****Haematology Session**

7.30 Journal editorial board meeting

**Plenary session****8.45 Abnormal erythrocyte metabolism: enzyme deficiencies in dogs and horses**

J Harvey, USA

**9.45 Bone marrow physiology: the neuro-endo-hematopoietic connection**

A Provencher Bolliger, CH

**10.30 Coffee, tea & view posters**

**Parallel session**

<p><b>Laboratory animals</b></p> <p><b>11.00 Haematology in laboratory animals</b> A Saad, UK</p> <p><b>11.45 Immunotoxicology and veterinary clinical pathology</b> M Pallardy, F</p> <p><b>12.00 Oral abstracts</b></p>	<p><b>Domestic animals</b></p> <p><b>11.00 Clinical haematology of zoo animals</b> P Clarke AUS</p> <p><b>11.20 In-Clinic Haematology Instruments:</b> <b>A Panel Discussion.</b> Moderator and key Main speaker: U Giger, USA</p>
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**12.30 Lunch**  
ESVCP executive meeting

**Session New Diagnostic Techniques**

<p><b>Parallel session: laboratory animal</b></p> <p><b>14.00 Cellomics of drug screening</b> P O'Brien, UK</p> <p><b>14.30 Developing markers from omics</b> C Waterfield, UK</p> <p><b>15.00 Personal flow cytometry</b> S Cormack, UK</p>	<p><b>Parallel session : domestic animals</b></p> <p><b>14.00 Oral abstract presentations</b> Moderator: TBA</p>
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**15.30 Coffee, tea break & poster session**

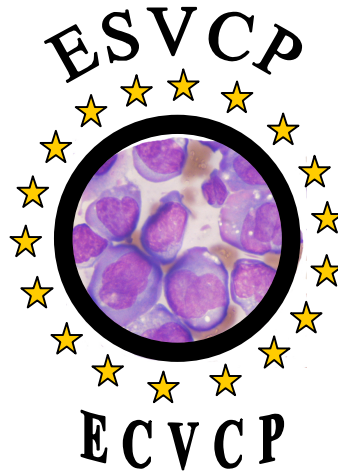
**Plenary session**

**16.00 Canine DNA micro array for cancer diagnosis**  
R van Ham, NL

**16.30 Farm animal genomics**  
M Smits, NL

**17.00 Protein and chips: do they fit together?**  
C Hogarth, UK

**17.30 Discussion and closing**



### *Case presentations*

#### **Annual meeting of the ESVCP June 21-24, 2005 in Utrecht, Netherlands**

We invite you to submit cases for consideration for presentation at the annual meeting. PLEASE submit the case(s) by **April 15, 2005** to Zoe Polizopoulou at poliz@vet.auth.gr following the guidelines below.

#### **Prepare TWO files in Microsoft word**

File 1 should include:

- a. Names with presenting author underlined, institution with complete address, country and e-mail address
- b. Signalment
- c. Clinical history
- d. Physical examination
- e. Clinical pathology data to include any or all of the following: \*\*haematology, biochemistry, urinalysis, endocrinology, immunology, microbiology, \*\*cytology, \*\*histology

\*\* if digital images of blood cells, cytology, and / or histology are submitted please transmit as a separate attachment in a suitable size and format. Suggested size 550 pixels

( **maximum size 1000 pixels**) Please be careful with the format and resolution of the images.

This part of the case and the images will be placed on the ESVCP web site to give everyone the opportunity to make a diagnosis for the selected cases.

File 2 should include:

- a. haematology /cytology /histology description if included in case
- b. interpretation of the data
- c. diagnosis / differential diagnosis
- d. discussion
- e. relevant literature citations

At the meetings a printed copy of the cases will be provided and the answers as well as a CD of the cases from the meeting will be available. *This can only happen if ALL cases are submitted in the correct format and on time .*

## **Other ESVCP conferences in 2005**

**ESVCP day  
Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, ESVP Congress  
Naples, Italy**

Details of the programme, accommodation, registration, will be placed on the ESVCP website.

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**ESVCP day  
Sept 3rd , 2005, ECVIM –CA Congress  
Glasgow, Scotland**

### **ESVCP portion of the programme**

- 8.45-9.30      **F. Ponce (France)**                      Cytology in classification and therapy of lymphoid neoplasia
- 8.40-10.25    **E. Villiers (United Kingdom)**      Flow immunophenotyping in lymphoid neoplasia

### *Coffee & tea break*

- 10.50-11.35    **P. Graham (United Kingdom)**      Endocrine laboratory diagnostics, recent developments
- 11.45-12.30    **K. Papasouliotis (UK)**                      Liquid based cytology: an update

### *Lunch*

- 14.00-15.40    Abstract presentations

### *Coffee & tea break*

- 16.10-16.55    **S. Thoresen (Norway)**                      Advances in Acute phase proteins testing
- 17.05-17.50    **J. Archer (United Kingdom)**      Uses of newer laboratory tests for cardiac disease

### *Closing ceremony*

For more details on registering or to consult other sections of the program, logon to:  
<http://ecvimcongress.org/programme.htm>

## ECVCP Laboratory Standards Committee

To date the ECVCP Laboratory Standards Committee has received and approved 7 laboratories as training laboratories for candidates preparing to sit the ECVCP examination. We encourage all laboratories interested in training candidates for the ECVCP examination to submit their applications for review! Remember, you also need to submit a Training Programme to the Education Committee.

We'd also like to formally welcome Natalie Bauer as a new member of the Laboratory Standards Committee.

The upcoming meeting in Utrecht will have some good presentations and discussion regarding external QA for veterinary laboratories in Europe. If you have any items you would like to bring up for discussion or want feedback, please contact me ([kathy-freeman@lineone.net](mailto:kathy-freeman@lineone.net)).

If any member has items that you would like to submit to the Lab Standards Committee for consideration or additional discussion, please let one of the members know.

The members of the Laboratory Standards Committee are:

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## Advertisements

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### Faculty position in veterinary clinical pathology

The School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Giessen, Germany invites applications for a faculty position (W2-Professur) in **Clinical Pathophysiology and Clinical Pathology**. The position is tenure track with professorial rank. Candidates must have an excellent doctoral thesis (Promotion) in veterinary medicine, board certification by the European or American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine or board certification by the European or American College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology, the German "Fachtierarzt" in a relevant field, and a publication track record in the discipline (i.e PhD or habilitation). Candidates are expected to represent the position in its full depth, including research, teaching and the provision of the service. Profound experience in Internal Medicine is expected. Experience in clinical pathology, especially haematology, clinical chemistry and cytology is desirable. Successful candidates are expected to initiate and manage a clinical pathology service for all species. He or she will have to teach Internal Medicine including clinical pathology in accordance with the German Approbationsordnung for Veterinarians (TAppO).

The Justus-Liebig University strives for a higher percentage of women in academia and thus qualified female academics are especially invited to apply. Send your application with **reference 0 - 02/05** with all relevant material including meaningful proof of teaching capability until the **31<sup>st</sup> March 2005** to the **Präsident der Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, Ludwigstrasse 23, D-35390 Giessen, Germany**. The German version of the job advertisement, which can be downloaded from

<http://www.uni-giessen.de/stellenmarkt/pdf/stelle0000870.pdf> is the official and legal version.



## Advertisements, cont'd

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### **Exciting Opportunities within Clinical Pathology**

A new opportunity has arisen for experienced scientists who can demonstrate a high level of enthusiasm and initiative to work for a one year contract within the Safety Sciences division of Pfizer's world-leading research and development facilities in Sandwich, Kent. Over 75% of your time will be spent in the laboratory where you will need a sound knowledge of good laboratory practise, quality control, quality assurance and method development and evaluation.

### **Clinical Pathology Scientists**

#### **- Method Development**

**Circa £30 - £35K**

The successful candidates will be competent with automated clinical pathology analysers and will have either strong assay development experience or an understanding of physiology of clinical pathology change. You will need good skills in method development and application as well as an enthusiasm for increasing your knowledge of state-of-the-art technology. An MSc with at least 3 years experience in clinical pathology, preferably in a toxicology or pharmaceutical setting is a prerequisite for these positions.

### **Laboratory Assistant**

#### **- Assay Performance**

**Circa £17 - £20K**

You will be responsible for operating a highly programmable, automated chemical analyser, as well as processing the associated samples and maintenance and operation of the analyser. A BSc or equivalent is essential with ideally some experience in a biochemistry or clinical pathology laboratory. The successful candidates will be employed by SRG for a twelve month contract.

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**rebecca.dobbs@srg.co.uk or contact Rebecca on 01304 646709**

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