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Foreword

Dear Colleagues and friends,

This booklet started with Royal Canin contacting us with a generous offer: 16 pages to introduce the European Society of Veterinary Dermatology (ESVD), its aims, plans for the future and to introduce the board members who share a common passion in veterinary dermatology. We want you to appreciate that the ESVD is a friendly society that is always there for its members.

The creation of the ESVD started in 1984 with a group of friends who used to travel across Europe to meet and share their passion for veterinary dermatology. They thought that friendship would support their sincere desire to improve, advance, promote and develop the discipline. Many other clinicians and scientists shared the desire to build a society and this has been ongoing for the past 27 years...

We would like to take you on a brief journey through the history of the ESVD, to outline current events and to take a glance at plans for the future which we hope you will want to share with us. We hope that you enjoy this “lecture” and share our passion and enthusiasm for veterinary dermatology and for ESVD!

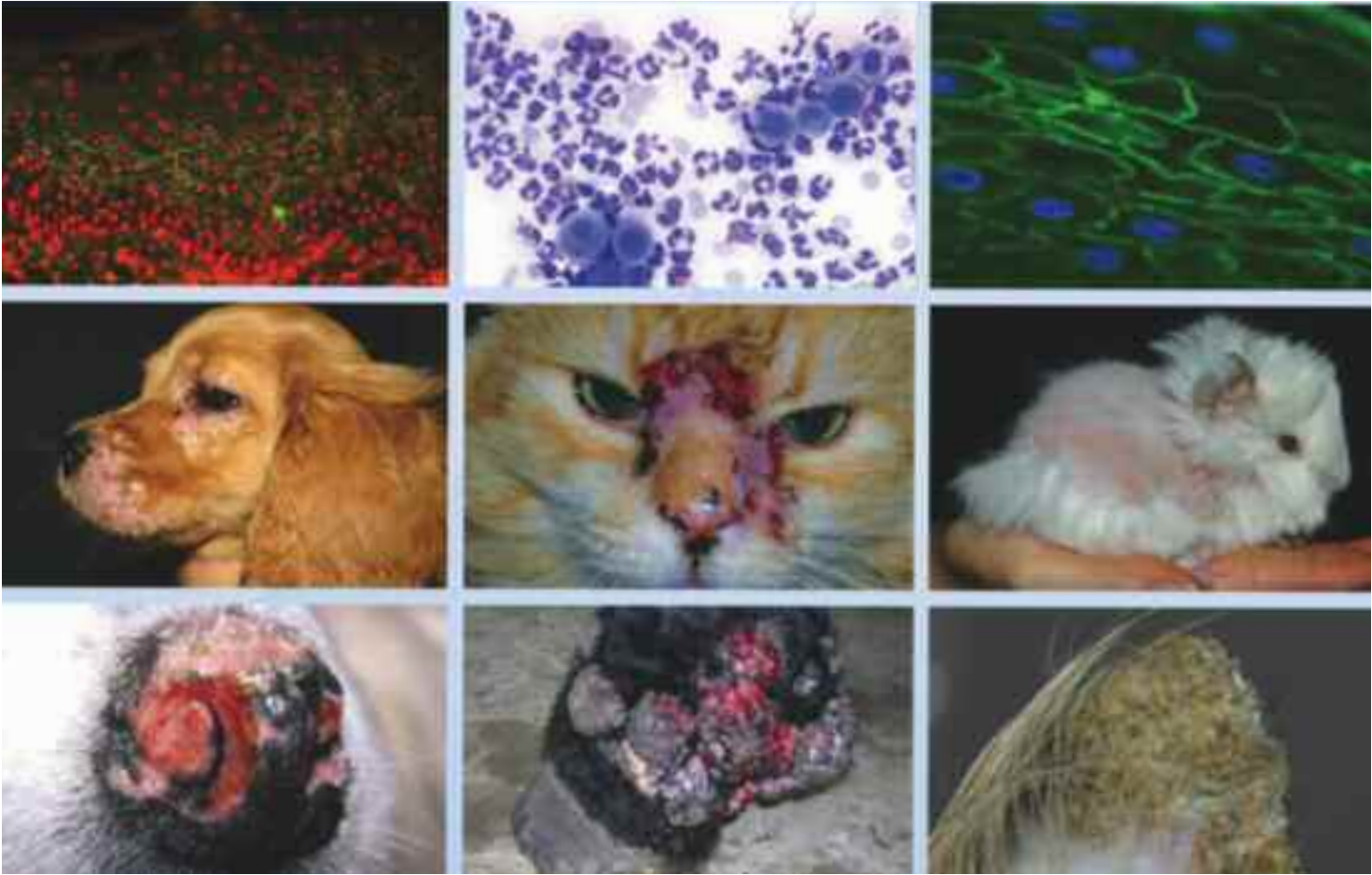
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On behalf of the ESVD Board
Belgium, July 2011



Preface

In life, one is more than once profoundly indebted to those who make their passion and dreams come true.

Without Royal Canin Belux and in particular T. Rambaud and B. Flament the ESVD would not have the opportunity to introduce itself in this booklet, dedicated to veterinary dermatology.

We also would like to thank Prof. D. Lloyd, for providing us permission to use his amazing booklet “ESVD 25 years”. Last but not least, we would like to express our gratitude to Didier Carlotti, Hans Koch, Peter Ihrke, Toshiroh Iwasaki, Chiara Noli, Pierre Cadot, Claudia Von Tschärner, Richard Halliwell and Ton Willemse for sharing their texts with us.

If there is one thing to remember from the following pages, it is the fact that veterinary dermatologists are not only colleagues but often friends. Our working field is a binding element, especially when we face the first case of a new disease. Global climatic change, migration of disease vectors, new diseases promoted by increasingly rapid travel, new breeds and fashions for exotic pets, and the alarming emergence of multiresistant microorganisms make us face new challenges. Fortunately one need never be shy to ask colleagues for ideas and we are all there to help each other. On top of that, we like to have fun when we meet at congresses and workshops as you will discover in the ensuing pages.

So, why not join our growing family and become an ESVD member on www.esvd.org ?

Once upon a time: the creation of ESVD

The initial origins of veterinary dermatology in the US had come from Europe. Schindelka, a teacher at the Vienna Veterinary School, who published his book, "Hautkrankheiten bei Haustieren" (skin diseases in domestic animals), at the beginning of the 20th century, and Frank Kral, who had emigrated from Europe to the US. Frank Kral had introduced veterinary dermatology to America as a "new" discipline. As a professor for veterinary medicine at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, he had laid the basis for modern veterinary dermatology.

In US, the appointment of George Muller to the clinical faculty of Stanford University School of Medicine in 1958 led to the publication of major dermatology textbooks like the first edition of the "Small Animal Dermatology", considered by many as the bible of Veterinary dermatology (1969). The American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology (AAVD) was created in 1964. The ACVIM-Dermatology in 1974 and the American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD) as a stand-alone College in 1982 led to rapid advances.

During the 1970s, a new vital stage in global development virtually exploded; the burgeoning rise of organized dermatology in Europe led by private practitioners in some countries and University faculty in other countries. National dermatology groups were born in England, France, Germany and then many other countries.

The very first European Veterinary Dermatology congress was held on September 19th, 1984 in Hamburg. It was the birth of the ESVD which, since its infancy in 1984, has become one of the two largest European clinical veterinary specialty associations. Looking back, there is no doubt that the origin of ESVD was based first and foremost on personal friendship and passionate dedication to veterinary dermatology.

This first European Veterinary Dermatology Congress was self funded and very costly despite the fact that less than 50 delegates participated at this meeting. In order to learn about the status quo of veterinary dermatology in various European countries invited speakers were asked to present a short communication on a scientific subject and on the situation of veterinary dermatology in each of their home countries.

The meeting was vivid and very successful. Never before had veterinarians with such diverse dermatological and national backgrounds exchanged information on their experience and work.

The founding assembly for the creation of ESVD took place in the evening in the Hotel Hafen, Hamburg. The concept had been thoroughly prepared by George Muller and Hans Koch and they invited founder members for the ESVD from central European countries in order to save travel costs for future board meetings. These founding members were Didier Carlotti and Pierre Fourier, both from France, David Lloyd from the UK, Ton Willemse from the Netherlands, Claudia von Tscharnner from Switzerland (in absentia) and Hans Koch from Germany.

The activities were soon extended to the organisation of CE-programs and the creation of the journal Veterinary Dermatology - a particular achievement by David Lloyd. The seeds were laid for the development of the European College of Veterinary Dermatology and the organisational structures for world congresses in veterinary dermatology. With its manifold activities ESVD helped to create a very significant market for veterinary dermatology products.

The Founders members during the celebration of the 25th anniversary during the ESVD-ECVD congress in Bled - Slovenia. Left to right: Ton Willemse, Claudia Von Tscharnner, Didier Carlotti, Hans Koch, David Lloyd



The ESVD Family: one to join!

The ESVD family is an impressive one. It started as a small family, a group of 6 motivated persons with a vision in 1984 as we explained in previous pages, rapidly growing to a Society of 140 persons in 1987, 270 in 1989, over 400 in 1992 to a peak of over 600. From them onwards our number has reached a plateau of +/- 550 - 600 members. It is just like bacteria. They multiply exponentially until they fill the whole Petri-Plate, then they stop. Do bacteria have the same fun as ESVD members?

Because we have a lot of fun! We have fun in attending congresses, we have fun in dancing disco-music of the eighties, and we have fun in seeing those dear persons whom you only meet once a year at THE congress. After so many years you suddenly realize that you have become friends! Yes, because dermatologist like each other! This is special!

In 1989 our members came from "only" 17 different countries, while in 2011 we have delegates from over 40 countries including Argentina, Mexico, India, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Japan and Taiwan!

There must be something special about veterinary dermatology, something like a gentle virus that infects us and never leaves us. How could you explain that so many different cultures, countries and views can be friends, do not suffer conflict between one another and even like to dance together until dawn at our famous annual congresses? The occasional soft tissue injuries testify to our congress dancing exploits and tremendous amount of fun!



Funding the ESVD: the treasurer's story



The post of ESVD Treasurer is not the most glamorous of the Board positions, but it is generally acknowledged that without sound financial underpinning, the current quality and quantity of activities and services of ESVD for the benefit of members could not be sustained. Over the 25 year-long history of ESVD financial reserves have been accumulated to ensure that there is always sufficient money at hand to fund a year's expenditure, including our share of the cost of the annual ESVD/ECVD congress. This financial reserve has been accumulated by the fund-raising efforts of ESVD volunteers and the ESVD is hugely indebted, not only to them, but to the veterinary pharmaceutical, pet food and related companies for their long-standing generous support and sponsorship of ESVD events.

Although ESVD has always been a 'not-for-profit' organisation, some years ago the decision to convert the society into a charity was taken. This change involved some quite complex financial and legal processes and was very difficult and time-consuming for the ESVD Board. However, in 2010 ESVD became a Charity registered in the UK. The future of the ESVD is secure. We have substantial financial reserves to enable us to continue to serve our members and advance the science of veterinary dermatology for the benefit of our patients and their owners.

*Part of the commercial exhibition
held in Mainz – Germany 2007*



International Impact of the ESVD

After its creation in 1984, the ESVD was busy developing a variety of activities. In 1989 the First World Congress in Veterinary Dermatology was held in September at Dijon, France. From 2000 the World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology Association (WCVDA) with Prof. Richard Halliwell as the first president was formed. It is now known as the WAVD (World Association for Veterinary Dermatology) with Dr. Didier Carlotti as president.

Let's not forget the creation of national veterinary dermatology groups:

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1976

Formation of the "British Veterinary Dermatology Study Group" (BVDSG)

1981

Formation of a French Veterinary Dermatology Group called: "Groupe Spécialisé en Dermatologie des Petits Animaux", France. The name of the organization was later changed to: "Groupe d'Etude en Dermatologie des Animaux de Compagnie", GEDAC

1982

Formation of a German Veterinary Dermatology organization called the "Freundeskreis Hautkrankheiten interessierter Tierärzte". The name of the organization was later changed to "Arbeitskreis Veterinärdermatologie"

1984

Formation of an "Australian Veterinary Dermatology Organization": started informally that year under the auspices of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists.

Formation of the: "Groupe de Travail en Dermatologie Vétérinaire" GTDV, in Belgium

Formation of the: "Swedish Veterinary Dermatology Study Group" in Sweden

1985

Formation of the: "Dansk Selskab for Veterinær Dermatologi" in Denmark

1986

Formation of the: "Canadian Academy of Veterinary Dermatology".

Veterinary dermatology needed recognition of veterinary dermatology specialists. Therefore, in 1992 The European College of Veterinary Dermatology was granted approval as a certifying body in veterinary dermatology. The following individuals were elected as Invited Specialists ("grandfathers"): Dr. Didier Carlotti, Prof. Richard Halliwell, Dr. Hans Koch, Prof. David Lloyd, Prof. Keith Thoday and Prof. Ton Willemse.

1987

Formation of the "Italian Veterinary Dermatology Group" as part of the Italian Small Animal Veterinary Association (SCIVAC).

Formation of the: "Grupo de Dermatologica de Asociación de Veterinarios Especialistas en Pequeños Animales" in Spain

1992

Formation of the: "Werkgroup voor Diergeneeskundige Dermatologie" in Belgium

1995

Formation of the: "Study Group Omada Ktiniatrikis Dermatologias" in Greece

Formation of the: "Italian Society of Veterinary Dermatology" in Italy

Formation of the: "Association of Veterinary Dermatology – Taipei" in Taiwan

Formation of the: "Arbeitskreis Veterinärdermatologie" in Austria

1997

Formation of the: "Deutsche Gesellschaft für Veterinärdermatologie" in Germany

1998

Formation of the: "Nihon Juhi Hifuka Gakkai" in Japan

2000

Formation of the: "Brazilian Society of Veterinary Dermatology" in Brazil

2001

Formation of the "Swiss Association of Veterinary Dermatology" (SAVD)

2003

Creation of the "Asian Society of Veterinary Dermatology" in Seoul, South Korea

2009

Formation of the "Slovenian Group of Veterinary Dermatology" Dermatološka sekcija Slovenskega združenja Veterinarjev za male živali

Educational Programme of the ESVD



One of the first tasks of the ESVD Board was to create the outline for a continuing education programme leading to the award of an ESVD diploma in veterinary dermatology and this was carried out by Claudia Von Tschamer. They decided to organise workshops with a maximum of 50 participants. Hans Koch wrote in his presidential message in the Annual Report of 1988 that the creation of an ESVD diploma would be the most exciting task to achieve within the coming years. The programme was planned to include both basic and specialized courses covering small animals, large animals and exotic species.

Didier Carlotti as president appointed David Lloyd to be responsible for the continuing education programme and Luis Ferrer to establish an ESVD dermatopathology group. This group became a forerunner of the International Society for Dermatopathology (ISVD).



In 1987 David Lloyd organised the first week long workshop on veterinary dermatopathology at the Royal Veterinary College in London, which was a great success. Participants came from all over western Europe, from Africa and from North America. Both pathologists and clinicians were represented amongst the participants and there was a wide spectrum of experience between them. The course included lectures and practical sessions using specially prepared slide sets. Time was also allowed for the presentation of mystery slides by the participants. Five more dermatopathology workshops have been held since then, the last one in May 2009 in Cremona, Italy, organised by Fabia Scarpella.

In the ESVD Bulletin, Volume 1 Number 2, published in the summer of 1989, David Lloyd published a detailed ESVD continuing education programme. This illustrates the ambitions which ESVD had from the earliest days to help raise and establish standards of veterinary dermatology. Although the original ESVD Diploma concept was overtaken by the establishment of veterinary specialisation and the formation of the ECVD, the education programme has remained a strong part of the ESVD and continues to grow in 2011.

Following the courses on basic science, workshops on canine, feline and equine dermatology were organized and lately more specialized courses in immunology, therapy, infectious diseases, structure & function, endocrinology have been established. The first workshop on otitis took place in 2009 in UK under the supervision of Sue Paterson.



In 2010 and 2011, new workshop topics were explored and the ESVD saw the creation of the “young vet subcommittee” and the “eastern countries subcommittee”. These two subcommittees have the task to promote veterinary dermatology amongst our youngest colleagues and our eastern colleagues.

We hope to see our new ESVD members at our outstanding future workshops and congresses!



2011

WORKSHOP: Skin Immunology

October 27-29th 2011 Hamburg – Germany

Speakers: Michael Day, Claude Favrot, Monika Linek, Ralf Mueller and Tim Nuttall
Local organizer: Monika Linek

The 25th Annual congress of the European Society and College of Veterinary Dermatology in the beating heart of Europe: "Brussels".

In 2011 the ESVD and ECVD have the pleasure to welcome two other associations: the International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology (ISVD) and the Veterinary Wound Healing Association (VWHA).

The main theme of the Congress is: bacterial and viral diseases in dogs and cats, methicillin-resistant infections in animals and man, immune mediated diseases in dogs and cats, melanocyte biology and diseases, wound healing and dressings in animals, atopic dermatitis and food allergy, epidermal stem cells, and hair follicle diseases.

The Local Organizing Committee has selected one of the most beautiful cities in Europe to welcome ESVD, ECVD, ISVD and VWHA. In Brussels beat different architectural styles from the magnificent gothic Grand Place to the "Art Nouveau" houses near the new giant glass cube of the Square

Brussels Meeting Centre. You will have the opportunity to discover the creativity of Belgian Artist from Breughel, to Magritte and to the Belgian comic strips like Tintin... You will have also the opportunity to taste some Belgian specialties like the mussels with fries, special beers, waffles, cuberdons, speculoos and the wonderful chocolates... In Brussels you will also find a friendly atmosphere where you will feel very welcome! That's what we call "the Belgian way"!



25th Annual Congress of the ESVD-ECVD
8 -10 September 2011, Brussels - Belgium

The main theme of the Congress will be:

- Bacterial and viral diseases in dogs and cats
- Methicillin-resistant infections in animals and man
- Melanocyte biology and diseases
- Wound healing and dressings in animals
- Immune mediated diseases in dogs and cats
- Atopic dermatitis and food allergy and epidermal stem cells and hair follicles diseases.

For more information about the Scientific Programme, Speakers, Registration, Venue etc. please visit www.esvd-ecvd2011.com

Don't forget to register!

2012

WORKSHOP: Feline Dermatology

June 8-9th 2012 Majorca – Spain

Speakers: Linda Frank, Hillary Jackson, Laura Ordeix and M. Bargadi
Local Organizer: Amparo Ortunez and Maite Verde

WORKSHOP: Equine Dermatology

November 2012 Utrecht – The Netherlands

Speakers : Kerstin Bergvall
Local Organizer: Marianne Sloet van Oldruitenborgh-Oosterbaan

2013

The 26th Annual congress of the European Society and College of Veterinary Dermatology

September 19-21st, Valencia, Spain

For more information and to see the provisional calendar of events, go to www.esvd.org (education) or have a look at our ESVD Bulletin edited twice a year by Dr. Jane Rose on www.esvd.org (publications).



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Aiden P Foster, Editor in Chief
"Veterinary Dermatology", UK,
2011

Creation of the journal, Veterinary Dermatology

In 1988, the ESVD Board recognised the need for a scientific journal dedicated to the publication of research and clinical reports on veterinary dermatology. The title, Veterinary Dermatology, was chosen and it was subtitled "An International Journal" to emphasise that it was targeted at authors and readership throughout the world. The language was English, the official language of ESVD, to give it widest appeal and it was decided that it should be printed in colour and that no charges would be made to authors to encourage free use of colour images. Initially there would be four issues annually.

Pierre Fourrier, chair of the ESVD Publications Committee, and Prof. David Lloyd were appointed editors. Pierre took charge of the generation of advertising revenue. The ESVD Board allocated a budget for the launch of 7,500 ECU (European Currency Unit). In 1988 an ECU was approximately equivalent to one US dollar. The first volume was created and produced privately with David Parkes who organised the printing in England and enabled the production of the journal at a price nobody else thought would be possible.

The journal was targeted to be launched at the First World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology in Dijon in September 1989. Initially it was difficult to attract high quality papers that could be accepted for publication and a great debt of gratitude is owed to the early authors who contributed to this fledgling publication.

A major development was the agreement made with the American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD) in 1994 to share editorship and copyright of the journal, while ownership remained with the ESVD. It is now the official journal of seven colleges and societies of dermatology in North America, Europe, Australia and Asia.

The journal is now produced by Wiley-Blackwell, based in Oxford. For 2010 the journal was ranked 23/145 journals in veterinary science with an impact factor of 1.647. Veterinary Dermatology is now well established as a prestigious world veterinary journal that is eagerly awaited every two months by its readers including the members of the seven societies that have it as their official journal.



First issue of Veterinary Dermatology



August 2011 issue of Veterinary Dermatology

Looking ahead: a new vision for the ESVD

The declared charitable aims of the Society include:

- 1) To further scientific progress in veterinary and comparative dermatology
- 2) To co-ordinate research in veterinary dermatology
- 3) To provide an exclusive organisation for dedicated individuals who devote a significant portion of their professional activity to research, teaching, or the practice of dermatology in animals
- 4) To further dermatological education by encouraging training in dermatology in veterinary colleges and providing by means of meetings, seminars and courses, the opportunity for graduate veterinarians to carry on advanced studies in dermatology
- 5) To encourage and promote improved methods of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of skin diseases in animals
- 6) To provide for the exchange of information on comparative dermatology through affiliation with human dermatology organisations

How will the Society seek to pursue these aims in the future?

Much has been done in the past in order to pursue these aims: through the annual congresses and specialized workshops, one or more research grants are sponsored each year, and there is the journal dedicated to publishing on all aspects of veterinary dermatology. The ESVD has also been involved with and supported the creation of the European College and Diploma, and the World Association for Veterinary Dermatology and the associated World Congresses.

One major challenge to pursuing these aims is that the international community of veterinarians and others who are busy in the Society, the College and the Journal is small and at times it can be difficult to plan for succession given that many of the people involved are very busy.

The quality of the education that the society is providing through the congresses has greatly improved by assigning to the ECVD Diplomates the task of drafting the congress programmes. The ECVD requires Diplomates to be members of ESVD so the relationship between the Society and the College will always be strong. In the future, the Scientific Organising Committee of the Congresses will seek to draw on the expertise of specialists including from the human dermatology field to speak at our congresses and this will also be reflected in the commissioning of review and scientific articles in the journal from authors who can provide relevant material for the comparative study of dermatology.

The advent of evidence-based veterinary medicine studies, the deployment of randomised controlled trials and consideration of the potential for conflicts of interest when particularly dealing with commercially sponsored research should not form an intimidating barrier to studying veterinary dermatology. Rather they help to provide a framework to raise standards for all concerned and provide the best quality evidence for therapeutic interventions, and we need to be aware of these elements of the framework. Consequently, multi-centre randomised clinical trials should form a major feature of future studies; especially if they can be commissioned and orchestrated by organisations such as the International Taskforce on Canine Atopic Dermatitis, which involves Society members, in conjunction with appropriate sponsors.

In the future the two most important areas for development are research grants and workshops.

The ESVD has established, from 2011, a PhD scholarship of three years duration.

Veterinary dermatology is growing in eastern European countries and a European society like the ESVD should take this into consideration. It is important that the national veterinary dermatology groups- whether they are well-established or just starting out- are supported by the Society. The choice of organizing an annual congress in eastern countries such as Slovenia in 2009 and Poland in 2014 goes in this direction.



Beautiful Lake Bled in Slovenia, former holiday home of both the Slovenian royal family and Marshal Tito, President of Yugoslavia, and location of the 2009 Annual ESVD-ECVD Congress. The congress hotel is located at the far end of the lake



So what of the future- we are a small international community that share an interest in a discipline that is important for veterinary practice and to commercial organisations. The discipline will prosper if we work together, sharing information and collaborate in research studies. I suspect that many of us have been drawn into this discipline by the support, enthusiasm and interest bestowed on us by colleagues and (hopefully) we in turn will be willing and able to share our knowledge and enthusiasm with others.

Aiden P Foster, ESVD Past-President, UK, 2011



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