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Research and Publication Secretary

President's Remarks

President's remarks

This annual report reflects a busy year for the European Society of Veterinary Dermatology and I would like to thank the Board members for their hard work dealing with their various activities during this past year.

Our ESVD ECVD congress in the Square Meeting Center was attended by 650 participants coming from 43 different countries. Some of the participants have travelled around the world to join us. The scientific programme built thanks to an ECVD team led by Rosario Cerundolo was very interesting with a high level scientific session and also with a continuing educational programme especially targeted for the local veterinarians. The organisation of the meeting reached a new level with the welcome of two other societies in the programme: the ISVD and the VWHA. Our fruitful collaboration allowed a "cross learning" very well appreciated by the participants. The venue, located in the heart of Brussels with numerous high quality hotels in the nearby allowed us to add a nice social programme. We had the opportunity to enjoy the welcome reception in the wonderful City Hall located in the "Brussels Grand place". It is always a nice moment for each of us, it is the time for friends to meet again and to share some news and good time. The dinner and dance held in the Theater of the Plaza Hotel was well attended. This evening gave us the opportunity to taste some of the typical Belgian dishes and, for a large number of us, to burn the dance floor and some calories earned during this informal dinner. Last but not least one of our sponsors invited young vets and organizers for a last evening in the top of the incredible Atomium. ESVD remains grateful to all of its partners and in particular to its Long Term Partners (ICF, Royal Canin and Merial). We greatly appreciate their significant contribution to the society.

During 2011 the ESVD organized also two very successful workshops thanks to very efficient local organizers and to experienced lecturers. In May we were in Thessaloniki (Greece) for a workshop about "Where clinical and histopathological pattern don't match". This event organized by Alexander Koutinos and his Greek team was fully booked and really appreciated by the participants. A second workshop about "skin immunology" was held in Hamburg in October. This organisation perfectly managed by Monika Linek had the same success and remains a key event for residents and updated dermatologists.

Beside the different events organized the ESVD worked especially for the young members. We decided to reduce the membership fees and to give very low rates for undergraduates, applicants who graduated less than 3 years ago and for dermatology residents. We apply also reduced registration fees for residents and students for our annual congress. It was the first step in our wish to help young vets to join us.

We built also the first draft of a new website and of a corporate identity. This important task took some times already. Our goal is to create a good tool for the promotion of Veterinary Dermatology for the vet community but also for our promotion to the pet's owners.

As we did in the past we distributed the ESVD grants and the ESVD-ECVD PHd to people involved in research keeping in mind that one of our goal is to help research in Veterinary Dermatology.

Our society can be proud of its publications! Our journal "Veterinary Dermatology" remains the best one in the world if you like veterinary dermatology. Our other publication is since spring 2011 eco-friendly with only an online availability. This decision was taken in part because of financial factors and because of concerns about climate change and the need to use environmental resources carefully.

Last September the ESVD board welcomes new members Ana Rostaher and Lucia Panakova. With this new team a fresh wind from the eastern European countries is blowing on the board. However, I must express some regrets for having lost too early very important experienced board members and good friends. We must be really grateful to Aiden Foster our last President for his incredible but discrete action for the good of the society. We are also thankful to Ian Mason our previous treasurer for his personal commitment in the ESVD. Thanks to them we finalized the transfer of ESVD in UK began years ago by previous boards.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning members to our next major dermatology event: the World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology in Vancouver. Please, if it is not done already, book your flight and register as soon as possible.

As you can see 2011 was an important and busy year. During 2012 we will continue to work in the ESVD board with one idea in mind... the good of ESVD members and the promotion of Veterinary Dermatology.

Luc Beco
ESVD President

Publications

I would like to thank the Board members and Aiden Foster, editor-in-chief of *Veterinary Dermatology*, who provided me with the material published in this edition of the **Annual Report**. As usual, I'm very happy to answer all your questions relating to publications, research and grants at publications-grants@esvd.org.

Journal - *Veterinary Dermatology*

- A total of 87 papers were published in six issues in 2011.
- The most popular downloaded paper was "Treatment of canine atopic dermatitis: 2010 clinical practice guidelines from the International Task Force on Canine Atopic Dermatitis" (n=9379)
- The impact factor has increased from 1.200 (2005) to 1.64 (2010).

The **ESVD Bulletin** is an important way of communication to and between members. It includes reports of past courses and congresses, the announcements for future national and international meetings in veterinary dermatology and the "Web Watch", a number of web pages related to dermatology.

Last, but not least, please visit our web site, <http://www.esvd.org>. There you will find links to the constitution, you can download membership registration forms, and you can obtain updated information regarding future ESVD courses and direct links to the organisers' e-mail addresses. Our website has been slightly improved in the last months and will be modernised in the near future. The changes will be tremendous: have a look now and then!

Sandrine Herbelet
Research and Publication Secretary

ESVD Grant

The main role of the ESVD is to encourage veterinary dermatology and, especially, to promote related research. Therefore, an annual research grant has been awarded since 1996. Since 2008, thanks to the good financial situation of our society, we are able to fund one or more projects up to 15,000 Euros.

In 2011 one research grant was awarded to Georg Lehner and Anette Loeffler, Royal Veterinary College London for their study **Risk factors for methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* infection in dogs and cats.**

Grant applications are evaluated on the basis of scientific merit, feasibility and usefulness; usually by a dermatopathologist, a dermatologist working in academia and one in private practice.

Ordinarily projects are expected to be of one to two years' duration. Applicants are expected to propose a project of scientific merit that is applicable to veterinary dermatology. Preference will be given to novel proposals including the development of pilot studies. Applications for support of some identifiable component of an ongoing research work will also be considered. It is not the intention to provide funds for single items of capital expenditure. Please note that the Society is not in a position to support the costs of institutional overheads. Any use of experimental animals must conform to the local and national ethical and animal welfare regulations.

Proposals should be received by April 1st each year for consideration by the grant awarding committee. Research proposals should be submitted by email to the current ESVD Publications and Grant secretary, Dr. Sandrine Herbelet: publications-grants@esvd.org.

All applications will be subject to peer review and must include background information, project aims and objectives, project design, specific methods, and budget, together with an explanation of the relevance of the proposed work to veterinary dermatology, as described in the guidelines. The successful applicant(s) will be informed as soon as a decision has been reached and the successful

project applications announced at the next AGM of the Society. Payment of the grant will be made into a special account and a budget report will be required by the ESVD Treasurer at the end of the study. Any funds not spent must be returned to the ESVD. Annual progress reports are required and should be submitted to the current Publications and Grant Secretary at least 30 days before the Society's AGM.

Successful applicants will be expected to submit their results for publication in *Veterinary Dermatology* and to present their findings to ESVD members at an ESVD Annual Congress **within three years** from receipt of the grant. The funds cannot be used for travel and accommodation at the meeting but only for research. However, the principal awardee is entitled to free registration at any ESVD Annual Congress at which he or she will present the data generated as a result of the grant.

Proposals should be prepared according to the following guidelines. Submitted along with the body of the proposal, as a separate document, should be one copy of the curriculum vitae of each of the principal investigators.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF ESVD GRANT APPLICATIONS (2011):

Applications not adhering to these guidelines may be excluded from consideration. Number of pages listed are maximum numbers. Shorter proposals are acceptable and welcomed.

Section 1 (one page maximum)

Title page should include the project title, the name and title of the investigator, the institute at which the research will be performed, and the dates of the proposed project period.

Section 2 (one page maximum)

- i) Provide a brief abstract with clearly stated objectives and the importance of the research, the experimental design and the methods used for achieving the stated objectives.
- ii) Specific aim(s): State in general terms the long term objective(s) and the hypothesis to be tested.

Section 3 (two pages maximum)

Background and significance: In this section, briefly review the background for the present proposal, and the gaps in knowledge that the proposed project will fill.

Section 4 (two pages maximum)

Preliminary studies: If there are preliminary data to support the hypothesis or to demonstrate that the investigator is familiar with the proposed methods, they should be included. If there are no preliminary results, then this section can be omitted.

Section 5 (four pages maximum)

- i) Experimental design and methods: This section should contain a concise discussion of the experimental design and the procedures to be used to accomplish the specific aims listed above. This section should be sufficiently detailed so that feasibility may be judged. This section should list a brief description of resources available to investigators. It is important to discuss the means by which the data will be collected, analysed and interpreted, and the controls that will be required to allow a proper analysis. The type of statistical evaluation to be used for data analysis should be briefly detailed. Investigators should justify the sizes of experimental groups.
- ii) Animal use: Projects must fulfil the requirements of legislation in force in the country in which the work is to be performed. A statement to this effect should be included in the application. Any project proposal involving animals must be evaluated by the applicant's institution animal use committee and a statement to that effect should also be included in the proposal. If pets are to be used in the project, a permission form for the owners to complete should be appended to the proposal. Unless animal care and use has been carefully addressed, a proposal can not be considered for funding.

Section 6 (one page maximum)

A one page detailed budget should be included. The ESVD will not subsidise professional veterinary fees incurred by clients in the investigation of animals involved in clinical projects.

Section 7 (*one page maximum*)

References should be provided for Section 3 (background information) and section 4 (methods).

Sandrine Herbelet
Research and Publication Secretary

Further Education and Meeting Secretary report

I had my first contact to the ESVD during the congress in Kopenhagen. It amazed me how much fun this meeting of professionals was; in learning more about dermatology, but also in socialising and partying. I just had to become a member thereafter.

Therefore I do still believe that our further Education events – being a “full contact” possibility to meet veterinary dermatology and the people behind it, are not only important in spreading knowledge and spending time with “old friends”, but also the best tool to spark others with the dermatology virus.

This year I have to thank my ESVD colleagues on the board, and especially Luc for their support, understanding and filling in for me, since I was not able to take all the workload of this job because of the birth of my beloved son Felix.

Luc, as always, had done an amazing job in organizing the congress, which was a great success. Thank you Luc!

Meetings held in 2011: ESVD Congress – Brussels, Belgium

The 25th Annual Congress of the ESVD-ECVD, was held in collaboration with the International Society of Veterinary Dermatology (ISVD) and the Veterinary Wound Healing Association (VWHA) from 8-10 September 2011 in the beating heart of Europe: Brussels, Belgium at the Square Meeting Centre.

The Local Organizing Committee has selected one of the most beautiful cities in Europe to welcome ESVD, ECVD, ISVD and VWHA.

In Brussels beats 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. We had the possibility to discover the creativity of Belgian Artist from Breughel, to Magritte and to the Belgian comic strips like Tintin...

The welcome reception was held in the Brussels City Hall located on the Brussels Grand Place and the Dinner and Dance evening took place in the theatre of Le Plaza Hotel. We had the opportunity to taste some Belgian specialties like the mussels with fries, special beers, waffles, cuberdons, speculoos and the wonderful chocolates...

In Brussels we experienced “the Belgian way”!

The participants numbered around 630 and came from 43 different countries located in Europe, but also Australia, America and Asia. The Scientific Programme was organized by the Scientific Organizing Committee (President: Rosario Cerundolo) and run by the ECVD to whom we are very grateful for all their work.

Finally, this meeting could not have been planned and organized without the generous sponsorship of our Long Term Partners (ICF, Merial and Royal Canin), and all the other sponsors and exhibitors.

Workshops held in 2011

The workshop **‘Where clinical and histopathological patterns don’t match: controversies over common and uncommon canine and feline skin diseases’** was held from 12 – 14 May 2011 in Thessaloniki, Greece. The main speakers (Lluís Ferrer, Chiara Noli and Monika Welle) did a wonderful job. Thank you also to Alexander Koutinas as local organiser and speaker. Thessalonika is a vibrant focal point for the Balkans and a geographic landmark between the Eastern & Western Civilization, offering its guests a great variety of entertainment and leisure choices

From 27 – 29 October 2011, the workshop **Skin Immunology** was held in Hamburg, Germany. The expert speakers Michael Day, Claude Favrot, Monika Linek, Ralf Mueller and Tim Nuttall attracted 51 delegates from 18 countries. Interesting topics were covered during this workshop, such as: review of the immune system, the immune system meets microorganisms, diagnosis of ‘Immune-mediated diseases’, Atopy/Hypersensitivity/Autoimmunity and therapy of ‘Immune-mediated diseases’.

Forthcoming Events

7th World Congress 2012

The next World Congress will be held from 24 – 28 July 2012 in Vancouver, Canada and will be organized by The World Association for Veterinary Dermatology (www.vetdermvancouver.com).

ESVD-ECVD Annual Congress

The 26th Annual Congress of the ESVD-ECVD will take place in Valencia, Spain from 19-21 September 2013.



We would like to invite you to join us for the 26th Congress of the European Society and College of Veterinary Dermatology in Valencia, Spain.

The congress will be held in the Valencia Conference Centre (www.palcongres-vlc.com). In 2010, the Valencia Conference Centre (VCC) has been chosen as the World's Best Congress Centre, a highly prestigious international award through which the International Association of Congress Centres recognises a conference venue's excellence in management, facilities, equipment, services, accessibility and hotel capacity, among other factors.

The continuous education programme will be simultaneously translated in Spanish.

The main theme of the Congress will be: Skin barrier in dogs and humans, Pharmacology of topical therapy, Update on itch mechanism and treatment, Immunomodulators, Autoimmunity, Lasers, Update on demodicosis, Update on Malassezia dermatitis, Update on leishmaniosis, Update on feline hypersensitivities, Antibiotic therapy and Pododermatitis surgery.

This meeting will be a wonderful opportunity for meeting colleagues from all over the world in a friendly atmosphere and sharing scientific and cultural experiences.

This meeting could not be organised without the generous sponsorship of our Long Term Partners (ICF, Merial and Royal Canin), and all the other sponsors and exhibitors.

The professional organizer for this event will be Pauwels Congress Organisers (PCO); www.pauwelspco.nl

ESVD Workshops

Please, pay attention to the 'new' dates, the dates for some workshops have been revised.

2012

Feline Dermatology

Date: 8-9 June 2012
 Location: Majorca, Spain
 Speakers: Hillary Jackson, Laura Ordeix, Linda Frank and M. Bargadi
 Local Organizer: Amparo Ortunez and Maite Verde

The Feline Dermatology workshop is already fully booked!

Equine Dermatology

Date: 1-3 November 2012
 Location: Golden Tulip Amersfoort, the Netherlands
 Speakers: Kerstin Bergvall, Sue Paterson
 Local Organisers: Marianne Sloet van Oldruitenborgh-Oosterbaan in collaboration with Pauwels Congress Organisers (PCO)

This dermatology course will cover all of the common equine dermatological conditions encountered by veterinary surgeons in first opinion practice as well as many of the rarer diseases. Lectures over 3 days will take the form of a problem orientated approach. Sections that will be included will be:

Day 1

- 1) Investigation and therapy of pruritus to include ectoparasites and allergy
- 2) Investigation and therapy of nodular disease including infectious, inflammatory and neoplastic nodular conditions

Day 2

- 1) Investigation and therapy of crusting and scaling diseases to include bacterial and fungal infections, immune mediated disease (vasculitis, pemphigus, lupus, sarcoidosis) and environmental diseases and keratinisation disorders.

Day 3

- 1) Hair coat abnormalities including endocrine disease, hair cycle arrest alopecia and immune mediated causes of hair loss.
- 2) Genodermatoses including HERDA and chronic progressive lymphoedema

The tutors would very much like the days to be interactive and to encourage discussion they will be asking each delegate to bring a case they have been involved in. This may be a simple sweet itch or a more complex case. An hour will be put aside each day for case discussions.

ESVD workshops are provided to help ESVD members and residents in dermatology to improve their understanding and knowledge. We welcome suggestions for future topics and possible venues. For more information and to see the provisional calendar of events, go to <http://www.esvd.org> (education).

Please do not forget to register early. Places are allocated with priority given to early registrants and ESVD members. Workshops are organised for small groups of delegates (max. 50) and so if you try to register late then you might not get a place.

For more information and to see the provisional calendar of events, please visit: www.esvd.org (education).

2013

For 2013, the following workshops are planned. For further information please visit www.esvd.org

Dermatopathology

Date: 15-18 May 2013
 Location: Cremona, Italy
 Local Organizer: Fabia Scarampell

Communication and Presentation skills for Veterinary Dermatologists

Date: October 2013
 Location: Germany
 Local Organizer: Ursula Mayer

Minutes of the 26th AGM of the ESVD

Members of the Board present

Dr Luc Beco (President)

Dr Ian Mason (Treasurer)

Dr Aiden Foster

Dr Sandrine Hebelett

Dr Claudia Nett

Mrs Sue Paterson (Secretary)

Apologies for absence

Dr Ursula Meyer, Professor Keith Thoday, Dr Chris Chesney Professor David Lloyd

Uli Runge Harms Award was presented in the absence of Professor Lloyd by Dr Otto Fischer. The decision on the winner of the award had been made by a panel consisting of Dr Patricia Werham, Professor David Lloyd, Dr David Grant and Dr Otto Fischer.

Dr Marcel Kovalik was presented with a certificate and a cheque for his paper entitled "Ciclosporine A therapy associated with disturbances in glucose metabolism in dogs with atopic dermatitis"

Three candidates were presented for election onto the committee. These were

Lucia Panakova

Christine Prost

Ana Rostaher

Lucia and Ana were elected to serve on the committee.

Treasurer's report (for full report see later in the Annual report)

	Income (Euros)	Expenditure (Euros)	Surplus (+)/deficit (-)
2009/2010	20,1710	16,9120	+ 32590
2010/2011	20,6030	21,8920	-12,890

After a healthy profit in 2009/2010 it was decided to subsidise the Brussels Congress as a member benefit so that the deficit was anticipated and budgeted for. ESVD have reserves in excess of 50,000 Euros. This reserve is needed in case of disaster and cancellation of the Annual Congress. A full version of the ESVD accounts is available on the ESVD website. Membership fees have been reduced for young members as well as for members only subscribing to the digital version of Veterinary Dermatology.

In view of the charitable status of ESVD all members need to fill out a company membership form when they pay their subscription. All members were reminded to do this to date only 331 of 558 members have filled out forms.

Publication secretary report

Peter Forsythe is stepping down as editor of the bulletin. He was thanked for all his hard work in compiling this. The new editor will be Jane Rose. The Annual report for 2010/2011 has been published on line. The next bulletin was planned for the Autumn 2011 and would include a report on the forthcoming WCVD.

Veterinary Dermatology now has an impact factor of 1.647 which is increased over the last 6 years from 1.200 in 2005. It has a ranking of 23/145 out of all the Veterinary Science Journals. In 2010 93 papers were published in 6 issues. The Editorial team had decided to adopt a double blind reviewer process for the first time. The Wiley online web page had also now been established.

Research Grant

The Research Grant for 2011 was awarded as a single grant valued at 15,000 Euros. This was awarded for work into the "Risk Factors for MRSP in dogs and cats" by Georg Lehner and Anette Loeffler at the Royal Veterinary College London. In 2012 a new format is to be adopted. This is hoped to take the form of 3 separate grants

Major grant 20,000 Euros. This will be awarded to an outstanding advanced research project. It was suggested that candidates would this would probably be experienced scientists based in a University or other research institute

Training grant 5,000 Euros. Candidates for this grant would be expected to be less experienced scientists just starting research projects.

Practitioner grant 5,000 Euros. Candidates for this would be practitioners working exclusively in private practice.

It was suggested that candidates/institutions should only be allowed to apply for a single grant although Dr Mueller suggested that there should be some flexibility in this within the awarding panel.

ESVD/ECVD PhD award is funded 65% by ESVD and 35% by ECVD. Candidates for this should be from a European Veterinary School or may be a resident or previous resident from an ECVD approved residency.

In 2011 4 applications were received for the award. A panel of 3 scrutineers from ECVD and ESVD considered all of the application and made the award to Ivan Ravera and Lluís Ferrer, Barcelona University for work entitled "Deconstructing Demodicosis"

Further Education Secretary Report

Future ESVD/ECVD Congresses

Plans are well advanced for the 26th ESVD/ECVD Congress which will be in Valencia 19-21st September 2013. The venues for 2014 and 2015 have not yet been finalised. Stockholm is being considered for 2014 and Prague is to be assessed for 2015.

Workshops

Forthcoming workshops are

Skin Immunology Hamburg Germany Speakers Michael Day, Claude Favrot, Minica Linek, Ralf Mueller and Tim Nuttall October 27th – 29th 2011

Feline Dermatology Majorca, Spain Speakers Hilary Jackson, Laura Ordeix, Linda Frank and M Bargadi May 24th – 26th 2011

Equine Dermatology Mersfoort, Netherlands Speakers Kerstin Bergvall and Sue Paterson November 15-17th 2012

Further details for all workshops, speakers, venues are available on the ESVD website. Further workshops to be planned for 2013 include Dermatopathology in Cremona, Italy and Clinical Pathology in France. Some dates may be subject to change, the secretary would advice members to check the ESVD website for the most up to date information.

Any other business

Luc Beco discussed the location and times of future congresses. It was suggested that the Stockholm Congress in 2014 should be in August to avoid other meetings. In 2015 it could be moved back to September.

Suggestions were put forward about the possibility of a Creche at Annual Congresses for children less than 16 years of age. Luc promised that the organising committee would consider this.

There was discussion regarding setting up a subcommittee for young members. A new flyer has been designed by Sylvie Wilhem who can be contacted via swilhelm@vetclinics.uzh.ch

Luc Beco expressed thanks to Aiden Foster and Ian Mason for their hard work on behalf of the ESVD over many years. They were both presented with a magnum of champagne and Belgian chocolates. Luc welcomed the Ana and Lucia to the committee.

In view of the WCVD being outside Europe the next ESVD AGM will be at SEVC in October 18-21st 2012. The price date and time will be published on the ESVD website.

Mrs Sue Paterson Secretary ESVD September 2011

Treasurer's Report 2011

After taking over Ian Mason's job as the treasurer after our congress in Brussels, I only started to realize how much Ian had contributed to ESVD becoming an English charity and how much time and effort he put into ESVD's welfare and I would like to thank Ian once again for his tremendous work. Legal and financial issues that need to be considered with ESVD being an English charity are lengthy and time consuming. Fortunately, Ian is still very close to the board and offers his insight and help whenever needed. Besides dealing with the English charity organizations, I had to become a signatory of all ESVD accounts at HSBC. This process has been a major administrative task and has been completed by mid March 2012! To our benefit, HSBC now offers full internet banking which will make dealing with payments easier especially on an international basis.

The audited Financial Statements for our second year of activity 1st July 2010 - 30th June 2011 as a charity are now available on the ESVD website. As a charity, ESVD is free from VAT and taxes, however, we have to determine, whether ESVD will have to pay taxes on sponsorship money and VAT on some of its activities. These issues are dealt with by our accountants and solicitors.

ESVD has now accrued sufficient reserves to fund current and planned activities and the provision of services to our members and to provide a 'safety-net' equivalent to our financial commitment to the costs of a single annual congress. For this reason, we have been able to offer a PhD program together with ECVD in addition to the ESVD grants. Membership fees were reduced for our young members as well as for members only subscribing to the digital version of our Journal. On-line payments for subscriptions has been further simplified and we encourage all members to use this convenient method of payment. We further have introduced travel grants to aid people from dermatological remote countries with limited funds to attend ESVD congresses. This year we have allotted 5 ESVD travel grants of 1500 Euros. Further grant money has been offered to ESVD by some of our members which we would like to thank for their generosity again.

By the time of our Congress in Brussels last year, 548 members had paid their membership subscriptions and there are seven honorary members.

Claudia Nett
ESVD Honorary Treasurer

Agenda for the 27th Annual General Meeting

Venue: information not available yet

- 1 President's Address
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