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### AN ESVD MEETING WITH HIGH SCIENTIFIC STANDARD AND BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS

By Kerstin Bergvall, Swedish Veterinary Dermatology Study Group

The 14th annual ESVD congress, this year located in beautiful and picturesque Pisa, had an interesting, well composed and solid scientific programme with many highlights and good speakers.

Competent speakers held excellent and clear sessions during the well attended specialised programme, providing the latest updates within their fields. Some topics were especially interesting, as, for example, the enthusiastic discussion under the title "Markers in cutaneous pathology" and the very clear and competent sessions on Histiocytosis, Pre-neoplastic diseases and Pathogenesis of Vasculitis.

Another treasure was the thorough insight into the properties of collagen with, in my opinion as well as that of many others, a very good presentation which covered the nature of collagen, its veterinary implications and comparative aspects of human collagen disorders.

The general programme held many good titles for the general practitioner, some of them very easy to follow with nice presentations. Unfortunately, there were sessions which large parts of the audience could not follow, as they were held in Italian and the simultaneous translation equipment was not up to standard. All sessions are better held in the official congress language, or else delegates will neither be able to follow the lecture nor be able to pose questions nor understand answers.

The free communications and posters were

interesting as always and a very important part of the meeting.

Was the conference centre well suited for the conference? There were a few complaints: the most serious was that there was not enough room for everybody to have a seat during the general programme sessions. Many delegates had to sit on the floor or stand by the walls. That might be acceptable for a student, but for a paying delegate it is disrespectful. With a body that refuses to be treated like that, it makes listening to the session impossible. It must also be possible to ensure there is enough drinking water available, a problem that can be excused the first day, if a wrong calculation has been done, but should hopefully be corrected the next day.

How about Pisa as the location for the conference? It was wonderful to get a little Italian culture and, furthermore, a warm, sunny climate that gave us a last glimpse of summer before many of us will be caught inexorably in the cold and snow. Thanks to the town having a reasonably small area, everybody had time to visit the Leaning Tower, the Dome and the Cathedral. Many delegates also took the opportunity to spend a few days vacation and enjoy more of the famous Italian cuisine and the beautiful surroundings.

In conclusion, my impression is that it was a very rewarding and good meeting, with a high scientific standard, and we say thank you to the organising committee for having done a great job.

### URGENT NOTICE:

Applications to take part in ECVD Diploma Examinations.

Enclosed with this Bulletin are notices inviting entry to the next examinations for this diploma. Entries for the Full Membership examination must be returned by 31st January 1998

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# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ESVD AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keith Thoday (UK) reports

At the Annual General Meeting of the ESVD in Pisa, it was agreed that a committee be set up to evaluate proposed changes in the ESVD Constitution.

### The committee comprises:

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If any member of ESVD wishes to discuss changes in the Constitution, or to propose changes, they may contact any of the committee members, by telephone, fax, e-mail or letter. Ideas may also be proposed via the Bulletin, where there is the opportunity for some discussion. All suggestions should be forwarded to a member of this committee before the end of February 1998. This will provide sufficient time for the committee to consider and then make its proposals to the Board. We hope to bring any changes to the AGM in Maastricht for discussion and voting.

At the AGM, the Board proposed four topics for discussion:

- The Board to be elected for three year terms, rather than two;
- That one Board member be replaced by a part-time secretary;
- That the difference between Full and Associate membership be abolished;
- That a discounted membership rate be available to nationals from former Eastern bloc countries.

### Dominique Heripret (France) writes:

ESVD is a growing association and is no longer a small family in which organisation is easy. With more than 550 members, there is a great amount of work for everybody involved in the association (board members, Bulletin

editor, organisers of workshop, annual congress ...).

Decision and action must be in the hands of persons really involved in the association, i.e. full members.

It is true that there is not a big difference between full and associate members: ESVD is an open society and one has only to pay to become an (associate) member. However, to be a full member one has to make a positive action (find two mentors, write a letter and produce a CV). This action is the proof of a prospective member's involvement in dermatology and his or her interest in ESVD.

If there were no longer a distinction between associate and full members, many difficulties would arise. For amendments to the Constitution, two-thirds of the membership is required for adoption; members not really involved in ESVD would not take part in the vote and the quorum would be very difficult to obtain; it would slow down decisions. A postal vote would be very expensive. Calls for nominations and election to the board would be very difficult and expensive. Because one only has to pay to take part in decisions, a company might interfere in decisions and ESVD might lose its independence.

There is no elitism in my position but I think that people who really want to apply for full membership and take part in the ESVD's destiny have to show their interest, and make the effort to fulfil the criteria to be full members. A totally opened membership may be difficult to handle, more expensive and, at the end, dangerous for the society.

I think that members are happy with this situation (there were no questions from the floor during the AGM), and I find more inconvenience than profit for the association to abolish full membership.

### Margreet Vroom (Netherlands) writes:

We should consider the pros and cons of the many different types of ESVD membership.

At this moment the ESVD comprises six different types of membership: Founder members, Honorary members, Full members, Associate members, Affiliate members and Life members. One can read in the constitution, article III, section I, the qualifications for these different types of membership.

My opinion is that all these different types of membership are confusing. It appears to be difficult for many associate members to transform their membership into a full membership. Members who fill the criteria for the exam part I will be tested for their knowledge. To become a full member requires just paperwork criteria. Then, is it important to give non-veterinarians a different status? We are a large society and the number of affiliate members is very small. The ESVD should never be afraid that we will "be run over" by non-veterinarians.

I have no objections to leaving the Honorary and the Founding Membership categories. As a society it should be possible to honour certain members who did a lot for our society. It is good to know which members founded the ESVD. Their work should not be forgotten.

My proposal is to keep three types of membership: ordinary members, honorary and founding members. I hope to start a discussion in the Bulletin, so we can all discuss this matter at our next AGM in Maastricht.

## STAPHYLOCOCCI

The staphylococci can be divided into species on the basis of DNA relationships and the degree of homology.

*Staphylococcus intermedius* is found not only in dogs but in pigeons, ducks and mink, but not in chickens.

The closest bacterial relative of *Staph. intermedius* is *Staph. delphini*, which causes pyogenic infections in dolphins.

In cattle, *Staph. aureus* colonises the teats, but rarely the hairy skin.

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### PART ONE DIPLOMA EXAMINATION: 1999

The second examination for the Part 1 of the ECVD Diploma will be held in **June 1999**.

In order to apply to take the examination, candidates must have:

- 1) Reached the status of full membership of the ESVD
- 2) Attended a minimum of 4 weeks (140 hours) of courses on dermatology accredited by the ECVD, which currently include the courses organised by the ESVD, the EASVS and those for the French Dermatology Certificate
- 3) Attended a minimum of 3 Annual Meetings of the ESVD, or National dermatology meetings of equivalent status

A fee will be charged for consideration of an applicant's credentials. This is payable in advance of application and is non-refundable in the event that an applicant's credentials are not approved. An additional fee will subsequently be charged to sit the examination.

Requests for further information about the examination should, depending on the information required, be directed to the following:

- Dr Patrick Bordeau, Chairman ECVD Education Committee: matters regarding accreditation of courses
- Dr Keith Thoday, Chairman ECVD Credentials Committee: matters regarding the credentials process
- Dr Ian Mason, Chairman ECVD Part 1 Diploma Examination Committee: matters regarding the examination (including timetable of deadlines for the credentials and examination process and casebook and examination guidelines, in advance of requesting an application form)

**All applications must be received on the official application form.** These are available from Dr Keith Thoday, Department of Veterinary Clinical Studies, The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Summerhall, Edinburgh EH9 1QH, Scotland and will be accompanied by a timetable of the deadlines for the credentials and examination process and casebook and examination guidelines. **Completed application forms must be received by 1 March 1998. Without exception, incomplete or late applications will not be processed or reviewed.**

Dr Keith Thoday, Chairman ECVD Credentials Committee

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**EXAMINATION FOR FULL DIPLOMATE STATUS: 1998**

The third examination for full Diplomate status of the European College of Veterinary Dermatology will be held in **June or July 1998** at the Royal Veterinary College, London, UK.

There are three possible routes by which to apply to sit the Diploma Examination:

1. By completion of an approved ECVD residency programme. Details of documentation required for submission to the Credentials Committee by residents who have completed or will have completed a recognised programme by the time of the examination will be found in the ECVD Residency Programme.
2. Those who are internationally recognised in the field of veterinary dermatology with assessment by other means at the discretion of the Credentials Committee.
3. By passing the Part I ECVD Diploma examination followed by further study. This route is not currently available as the first Part I examinations will not be held until 1998. Candidates proposing to take this route should be aware that at the Annual General Meeting of the College in 1997, it was decided that dermatology certificates awarded by other bodies would not be accepted in place of the Part I ECVD Diploma.

A fee will be charged for consideration of an applicant's credentials. This is payable in advance of application and is non-refundable in the event that an applicant's credentials are not approved. An additional fee will subsequently be charged to sit the examination.

Requests for further information about the examination should, depending on the information required, be directed to the following:

- \* Dr Patrick Bordeau, Chairman ECVD Education Committee: matters regarding residency programmes
- \* Dr Keith Thoday, Chair-man ECVD Credentials Committee: matters regarding the credentials process
- \* Dr David Lloyd, Chairman ECVD Diploma Examination Committee: matters regarding the examination

There is no official application form. All persons who feel that they satisfy the required criteria should, prior to submitting an application, contact Dr Keith Thoday, Department of Veterinary Clinical Studies, The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Summerhall, Edinburgh EH9 1QH, Scotland, for further information and/or directions for payment of the fee for consideration of credentials, as soon as possible. **All completed applications must be received by 31 January 1998. Without exception, incomplete or late applications will not be processed or reviewed.** The decision of the Credentials Committee will be reported to applicants by 1 April 1998.

Dr Keith Thoday, Chairman ECVD Credentials Committee

# BOOK REVIEWS

By Dr. John E. Cooper

## THE IMMUNOLOGY OF HOST-ECTOPARASITIC ARTHROPOD RELATIONSHIPS

Edited by Stephen K. Wikel. CAB International, Wallingford, UK. 1996. ISBN 0-85199-125-4. 331 pages

This book explores what the editor calls "immunocentology" - host immune responses to ectoparasitic arthropods. A greater understanding of such relationships is needed if we are to combat the challenges presented by vector-borne pathogens and effectively to control diseases caused to humans, domestic animals and wildlife by a multitude of arthropod parasites.

There are 15 chapters to the volume, covering subjects ranging from "The immunology of the skin" and "Mouthparts and feeding mechanisms of haematophagous arthropods" to "Immunology of scabies" and "Immune responses to fleas, bugs and sucking lice". Of the 14 contributors, one is from Britain and another from Australia; the others are all American. Most of the chapters consist of text but there are also a few black-and-white photographs and some line drawings.

Although the publishers state that this book is "aimed particularly at medical and veterinary entomologists and acarologists", it will also be of value to clinicians and pathologists, especially those with an interest in dermatology.

## SEMINARS IN AVIAN AND EXOTIC PET MEDICINE

Vol. 4, No. 4 (October 1995). Special Issue on "Dermatology" edited by Drury R. Reavill, W.B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, USA

Much of the published material on skin diseases of "exotic" species is scattered - in journals, in text books and sometimes in the Proceedings of the ESVD and other dermatological or veterinary zoological associations. To find an issue of "Seminars in Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine" devoted to dermatology is, therefore, most welcome.

This soft-covered volume consists of 96 pages. There is a short introduction followed by seven papers. The first contribution, by David A. Pass, is devoted to a subject on which he is an acknowledged, international, authority: "Normal Anatomy of the Avian Skin and Feathers". Readers will recognise a number of figures from Pass's seminal article on the same subject in "Avian Pathology" but this in no way detracts from the value of

the present contribution as a starting point to understanding skin diseases of birds.

Nadine Lamberski continues the avian theme with an eminently practical, practitioner-orientated, paper entitled "A Diagnostic Approach to Feather Picking". The subject of Petra M. Burgmann's contribution is "Common Psittacine Dermatologic Diseases"; she discusses both infectious and non-infectious conditions and describes methods of treatment. "Dermatology of Raptors: A Review" by Stormy Hudelson and Paul Hudelson is a useful, but regrettably not comprehensive, review and bibliography of the subject.

The only chapter covering mammals is by Carolyn Harvey and addresses "Rabbit and Rodent Skin Diseases"; the species covered are, strictly, domesticated rather than "exotic", but warrant inclusion because they are so frequently presented for examination in small animal practice.

Two papers are devoted to ectothermic ("cold-blooded") animals. The first, by C. J. Harvey-Clark, "Common Dermatologic Problems in Pet Reptilia", contains much valuable information and has, as a bonus, tables of isolates with antibacterial drug sensitivities from 35 cases of skin disease in reptiles. The final contribution, "Aquarium Fish Dermatologic Diseases", is by K. Marcia Murphy and Gregory L. Lewhart. There is a useful introduction to the integument of fish, detailed description of sample collection and a review (which includes some colour photographs) of selected skin diseases.

The issue concludes with a Subject Index which is a little confusing as it incorporates entries from earlier numbers of the journal as well as in this special issue.

The main criticism that must be levelled at this special issue is, alas, the all too familiar one that (despite one paper by an Australian and two by Canadians) the majority of publications cited are from the USA. No reference is made to papers in languages other than English and when work by non-Americans is mentioned, this is almost invariably a chapter in an American text book. Such parochialism does a disservice to international collaboration in veterinary medicine and could hamper the growth of comparative dermatology.

Despite this reservation - and the reviewer's disappointment that neither amphibians nor invertebrates featured in the text - this special issue can be recommended to veterinary dermatologists. Reference to it will undoubtedly prove useful in the diagnosis and management of skin diseases in a wide variety of less familiar patients.

## ESVD RESEARCH AWARD

The applications for the 1997 ESVD Research Award went off to an extremely high standard and the Grant Awarding Committee found the task of deciding which project to fund to be very difficult. It was finally decided that the prize be awarded to Julie Yiger and Gail Kunkle for their project entitled, "A novel approach to investigating the pathogenesis and immune response in canine demodicosis: the SCID mouse canine skin chimera".

One of last year's recipients, Tim Nisrall of the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies (Edinburgh), presented a paper on some of his research on the canine immune response to *Milassezia* at the recent

ESVD Annual Congress in Pisa. Already we are starting to see the fruits of this research funding initiative. In future it is hoped to be able to attract commercial sponsorship for the annual grant.

Applications are now invited from ESVD members for the Annual Research Award of 5000 ECU.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the next ESVD AGM in Maastricht in September 1998. Further details and guidelines for applicants can be obtained from: Ian Mason, 2 Kempton Court, Kempton Avenue, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, TW16 5PA, UK; e-mail: ian\_mason@msn.com; fax: +44 1932 779701.

**SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP ESVD - September 1997**

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Australia  
Carter, Andrew  
United Kingdom  
Eichhorn, Gutz  
Frankfurt  
Einola-Koponen, Eva  
Finland  
Favrot, Claude  
France  
Fischer, Otto  
Austria  
Hammerling, Renate  
Germany  
Hill, Peter  
United Kingdom  
Koopman, Cees  
Netherlands  
Leistra, Mieke  
Netherlands  
Linek, Munka  
Germany  
Margnac, Genevieve  
France  
Muret, Teodora  
Switzerland  
Nagels, Luc  
Belgium  
Osellers, Angelo  
Italy  
Roccabianca, Paola  
Italy  
Riios, Evelyne  
Switzerland  
Schaefer, Astrid  
Germany  
Swinnen, Christine  
Belgium  
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Norway  
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Austria

A wide range of exciting meetings will be held in several European countries in 1998. Below, we print details, together with the names of persons to contact for further details.

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## THE PROGRAMMES:

### GERMANY

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Veterinär Dermatologie - DGVD  
**President:** Hans Koch, Am Schönenwald, 55765 Birkenfeld, Germany  
**Vice President:** Terrill Eckert, Im Bangert 4, 35781 Weilburg, Germany

**June 4-6, 1998:** 2' Day National Meeting, Hannover  
**Programme:** Diseases of the hair follicle: Dermatophytoses, Parasites, Pyodermas, Endocrine Alopecia, follicular dystrophies, equine dermatology.  
**Speakers:** Valerie Fadok and members of the national group.  
**Language:** English and German.  
**Contact:** Programme Chairman, Prof. Dr. S. Überschar, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Tierärztliche Hochschule, Hannover, Germany

### AUSTRIA

Arbeitskreis Veterinärdermatologie - AKVD - Study Group of VOK  
**President:** Otto Fischer, Bankmanningring 27, A2100 Korneuburg, Austria, e-mail owfischer@aol.com  
**24-25 Jan. 1998:** repeated 17-18 Oct. 1998  
**Programme:** Alopecias, feline atopy, flea allergy, cutaneous neoplasia, topical therapy, short communications  
**Speakers:** W. Rosenkranz, M. Paradis, L. Ferrer  
**Language:** English and French - two levels

### ITALY

Società Italiana di Dermatologia Veterinaria - SIDEV  
**President:** C. Noli, Viale dei Mille 32, 20129 Milano e-mail pitnoli@iol.it  
**22 Feb 1998:** Meeting with case presentations  
**Programme:** Neoplastic follicular diseases  
**Language:** Italian  
**May 1998:** Basic course of Dermatology I in Cremona  
**18 June 1998:** Seminar - FECAVA Pre-Congress day in Bologna  
**Programme:** Autoimmune skin diseases  
**Speakers:** D. Heripret and L. Ferrer  
**Language:** English  
**19-21 June 1998:** FECAVA Congress in Bologna  
**Programme:** General topics and clinicopathological conferences  
**Speakers:** D. Heripret and L. Ferrer and Italian speakers

**23-25 Oct 1998:** Advanced course in Cremona  
**Programme:** Skin immunology and immunopathology  
**Speakers:** Th. Olivry and J. Yager  
**Language:** English

**Oct. 1998:** ESVD Course 3' days  
**Programme:** Dermatological therapy  
**Speakers:** C. Griffin and M. Papich  
**Language:** English

**24-25 Jan 1998:** Dermatology III - seminar in Baden  
**Programme:** Alopecia, non-infective diseases of the hair follicle  
**Speakers:** C. Noli, R. Wagner, O. Fischer  
**Language:** German  
 This seminar will be repeated on 17-18 Oct 1998

### AUSTRIA

**21-24 May 1998:** Workshop in Vienna  
**Programme:** Dermatohistopathology  
**Speaker:** L. Ferrer  
**Language:** English  
**4 June 1998:** Workshop in cytology I in Ossiach, Carinthia  
**6-7 June 1998:** Workshop in cytology II in Ossiach, Carinthia.  
**Language:** German

### BELGIUM

Groupe de Travail en Dermatologie Veterinaire - GTDV  
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**Secretary:** L. Beco, 104 Av. Reine Astrid, 4900 Spa, Belgium  
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### FRANCE

Groupe d'Etude en Dermatologie des Animaux de Compagnie - GEDAC  
**President:** E. Guaguere, 598 Av. Du Dunquerque, 59169 Lomme, France e-mail: eguaguere@noradnetfr  
**29-31 Jan 1998:** Specialised course  
**Programme:** Histopathology  
**Speakers:** J. Yager, C. von Tscharner, J. P. Magnol  
**27-29 Mar 1998:** Annual meeting with the Belgian Study Group of Dermatology in Lille