

2009 Annual Report

European Society of Veterinary Dermatology

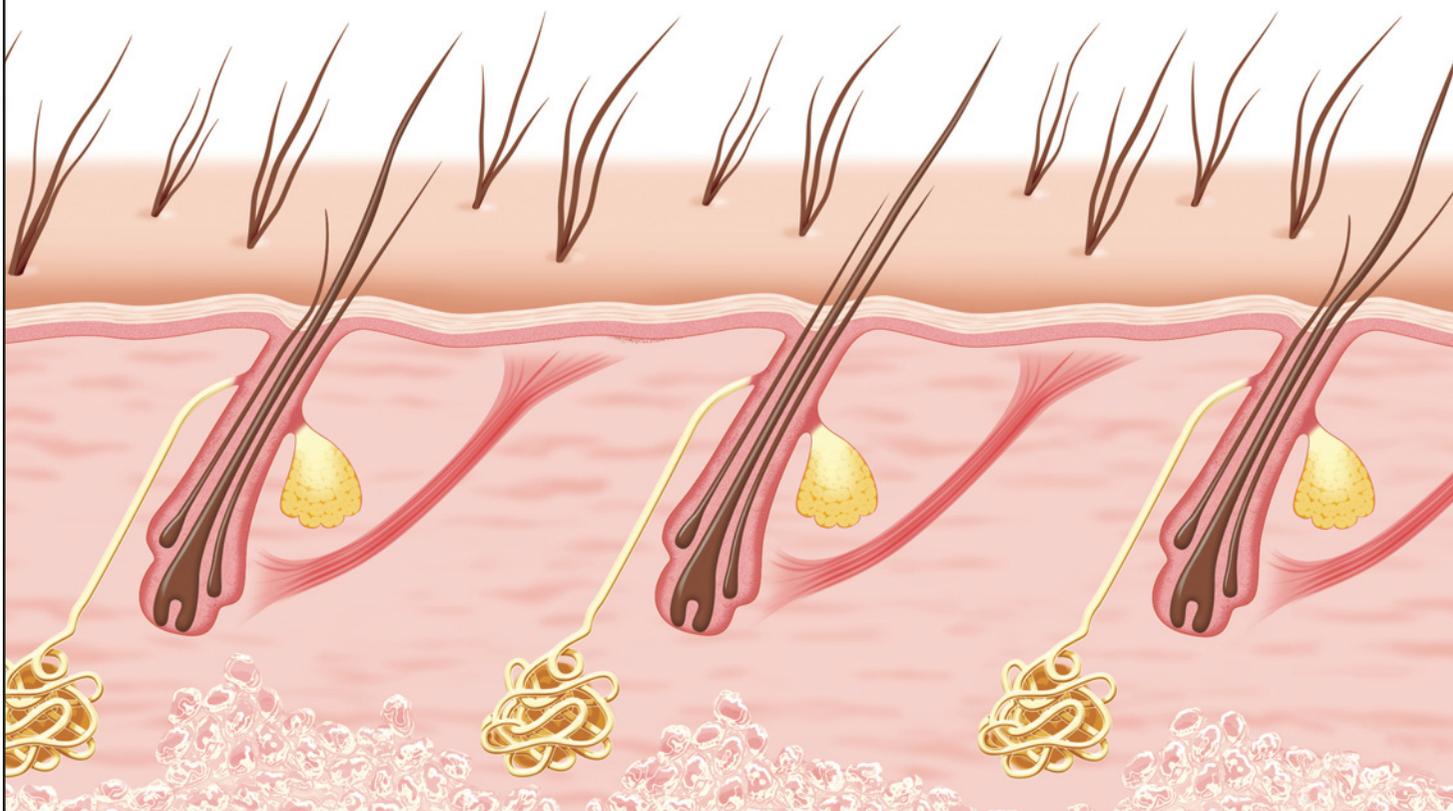
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President's Remarks

In 2008 the Society had a relatively quiet year because there was no ESVD/ECVD Congress because the world congress of veterinary dermatology was held in November 2008. Our Annual General Meeting was kindly hosted by the British Veterinary Dermatology Study Group as part of their annual autumn meeting. Under the rules of our Constitution we are obliged to have our AGM in Europe. I would like to thank the BVDSG committee for allowing us to hold our AGM with their meeting.

The main event last year was, of course, the sixth world congress of veterinary dermatology (WCVD6). This was the most successful such event ever, with 1049 confirmed paying delegates. The WCVD Association are to be congratulated on organising such a large and successful congress. Plans are in place to publish the proceedings of the WCVD6 congress as a book for the attending delegates and for the wider community through the Veterinary Dermatology journal. This is the first time that the journal has published not just the abstracts but also full papers from the congress. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the many Society members who have been involved in the preparation of the papers – as authors, reviewers and editors – both before and since the congress. The venue for WCVD7 in 2012 will be Vancouver (Canada). We look forward to supporting the preparations of WCVD7 for Vancouver.

While the ESVD Board did not have to plan an annual congress for 2008, plans for the 2009 meeting in Bled and for 2010 in Italy have been advanced by Luc Beco who is to be applauded for the many hours that he devotes to the organisation of the congresses. The scientific organising committee (SOC) from the 2007 congress has in large part also organised the congress program for 2009. We are indebted to members of the ECVD who make up the SOC, especially Thierry Olivry as chair, for their work in conjunction with members of the local organizing committee.

Luc has also continued with plans for workshops and in 2008 "Therapeutics" and "Equine Dermatology" were the topics for the successful meetings in Cuneo (Italy) and Spa (Belgium) respectively. We are very grateful to the organisers and speakers for making these meetings such a special event.

I would like to thank our secretary Christine Lowenstein for devoting her time to supporting the ESVD board meetings and sharing the important role of discussing the various issues that come to our attention.

Claude Favrot oversees the ESVD research grants and in 2008 we were able to fund two studies to the amount of some €26459 (£22,000). It is hoped that we can continue to use our funds to support research projects in the future. He is also responsible for managing the production of our publications – the Bulletin, Annual Report and Membership Directory. Hill's continue to provide substantial support to the Society through their support of the publication and mailing of the Annual Report, Membership Directory and Bulletin. We now have a contract with them to continue with this arrangement. We are grateful to them for their support and to Peter Forsythe for editing the Bulletin.

To fulfil our constitutional objectives we seek "to further scientific progress in veterinary and comparative dermatology and to co-ordinate research in veterinary dermatology". To this end we have made progress on converting the Society to a limited charitable company that will protect all members from financial claims on the Society that may arise; this is discussed further in Ian Mason, our Honorary Treasurer's report. This will eventually enable us to consider means of supporting research activities using the financial reserves built up by the Society. Given the uncertain economic climate that has overshadowed much of the past year we are keen to secure the financial security of the Society and its activities – especially the congress. In common with our commercial sponsors, the Society will need to be prudent in the use of its resources as we seek to promote all aspects of veterinary dermatology. I am particularly grateful for the thoughtful care that Ian Mason has brought to the role of treasurer.

Some members might wonder what past presidents such as Chiara Noli might do apart from helping to organise ECVD-ESVD workshops in Cuneo, and in eastern European countries; and also being involved in the preparations for the congress in 2010 and providing a link between ESVD and WCVD7. Chiara is to be thanked for dealing with all of these issues and for helping to plan celebrations for the 25th Anniversary of ESVD in 2009.

While the Annual Report covers the period 2008 I can not finish without due recognition that as I write that we are celebrating the 25th year of the ESVD and the 20th volume of the Veterinary Dermatology journal. These are two major landmarks in the world of veterinary dermatology for which we must applaud all those who helped to set up and promote the work of the Society and the Journal.

So to finish I would encourage you as a member to come to the annual congress in Bled, to support the Society, learn something new and share a wonderful social event in a special venue. Remember that the gala dinner is open to everyone!

AIDEN FOSTER
ESVD President

Publications

I am grateful to the Board members, who provided me with the material published in this edition of the **Annual Report**. I also would like to thank **Hill's** wholeheartedly for again covering the printing and mailing costs of the Annual Report, of the ESVD Bulletin and of the membership directory.

The year 2008 has again been a great year for our journal **Veterinary Dermatology**. The Editor-in-chief, Aiden Foster and four co-Editors, Karen Moriello, Sheila Torres, David McEwan Jenkinson and Tim Nuttall have selected and edited 58 excellent articles. I would like to thank all of them for their efforts. Our journal is also now indexed/abstracted in Medline, Current Contents, Focus on: Veterinary Science & Medicine, Index Veterinarius, Small Animal Clinical Endocrinology, SciSearch, Research Alert and Veterinary Bulletin. Veterinary Dermatology can also be found on line. Electronic subscriptions permit the rapid download of all published articles, including abstracts of most of the cited references. For more information please visit <http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0959-4493&site=1>. Last but not least, I would like to confirm, as an author and as a reviewer, that online submission works very smoothly and facilitates the work of both authors and reviewers.

The **ESVD Bulletin** is an important and efficient means of communication to and between members. In it you can find the reports of past courses and congresses, the announcements for future national and international meetings in veterinary dermatology, the "Web Watch", a number of web pages related to dermatology, and the "Abstract Watch", comments on recently published articles. I would like to use this opportunity to thank Peter Forsythe for his excellent work.

Last, but not least, please visit our web site, <http://www.esvd.org>. There you will find links to the constitution and byelaws, 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.

CLAUDE FAVROT

Publication Officer

ESVD Grant

The main role of the ESVD is to encourage veterinary dermatology and, especially, to promote related research. Therefore, an annual research grant is awarded since 1996. In 2008, thanks to the good financial situation of our society, we decided to fund one or more projects up to 15,000 Euros. In 2008 two research grants were awarded to Dr Marsella and Dr Santoro, for their projects "The in vitro and in vivo evaluation of filaggrin expression in keratinocytes harvested from dogs with and without atopic dermatitis" and "Investigation on antimicrobial peptides in the skin of normal dogs and in sensitized high IgE atopic beagle", respectively. Further grants will usually be evaluated on scientific merit, feasibility and usefulness 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 ethical and animal welfare regulations.

ESVD Grants (continued)

Proposals should be received by April 1 each year for consideration by the grant awarding committee. Research proposals (four copies) should be sent to the current ESVD Publications and Grant secretary (Dr. Claude Favrot, Dermatology Unit, Clinic for Small Animal Internal Medicine, Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Zurich, Winterthurerstrasse 260, 8057 Zurich, Switzerland). Grant proposals may also be submitted by email (cfavrot@vetclinics.uzh.ch). An acknowledgement will be sent. All applications will be subject to peer review and must include background information, project aims and objectives, project design, specific methods, budget together with an explanation of the relevance of the proposed work to veterinary dermatology, as described in the guidelines. The award will be granted and 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. As far as is practically possible, the proposals will be evaluated anonymously. Therefore, please include names, addresses and other identifying information only on the title page. Please make every effort to have no identifying information in the body of the proposal. 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:

Applications not adhering to these guidelines may be excluded from consideration. The maximum number of pages is listed for each section. 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 the 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

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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).

CLAUDE FAVROT

Publication Officer

Further Education and Meeting Secretary Report

Meetings held in 2008:

In 2008, we did not hold our annual meeting. This decision permitted our members and sponsors to attend the WCVD6 in Hong Kong. ESVD would like to thank the WCVD6 committee for the support they offered to our congress.

Workshops held in 2008 - 2009

The workshop on **Therapeutics held in Cuneo – Italy in May 2008** was really appreciated. Three main speakers were invited: Chiara Noli, Dough DeBoer and Manfred Kietzmann. The evaluations of the scientific content and the social evening were really positive. Thanks to Chiara Noli for taking care of the organization.

The workshop on **Equine Dermatology held in Spa - Belgium in September 2008** was successful with forty participants. Our speakers Kerstin Bergvall (coorganizer), Claudia Von Tscherner, Johan Bröjer and Toni Yu shared their experiences with enthusiasm. The social program gave the opportunity for everyone to share a relaxing time in a friendly atmosphere.

Forthcoming events

ESVD Annual Congress 2009

23rd Annual Congress of the ESVD – ECVD: Bled - Slovenia, September 17-19th 2009

It is our great pleasure to announce that the 23rd Annual Congress of the European College of Veterinary Dermatology and the European Society of Veterinary Dermatology will be held in Bled, Slovenia, 17-19 September 2009.

Bled (www.bled.si) has a mild, sub-Alpine climate. The ridges of the Julian and Karavanke Alps protect it from chilly northern winds. The average monthly temperature in September is 15°C, and some rainy days may be expected.

The Congress Centre of the Golf Hotel in Bled (www.hotelibled.com) is set in a quiet park and offers a panoramic view of Lake Bled. It is within walking distance of the hotels and major tourist facilities of Bled. We will do our best to make sure everyone has a great experience with the scientific and social programs.

Pre-Congress Symposium program & registration: <http://www.vetagenda.com/en/art.php?a=514>

For more information visit: www.esvd-ecvd2009.com

ESVD Annual Congress 2010

24th Annual Congress of the ESVD – ECVD: Firenze - Italy, September 23-25th 2010

Congress center: Firenze Fiera www.firenzefiera.it

The Professional organizer for this event will be AIM Group www.aimgroup.eu

ESVD Annual Congress 2011

25th Annual Congress of the ESVD – ECVD: Brussels - Belgium, September 2011

Congress center: Square Brussels Meeting Center

www.Square-brussels.com

ESVD Workshops

You will find details concerning our future workshops on www.esvd.org

Please, pay attention to the “new” dates. Some workshops have been reorganized in terms of dates.

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 register too late you might not get a place.

2010

Otitis

Date: February 4-5-6

Location: United Kingdom: St Helens – Abbotsfield Referral Hospital

Local Organizer: Sue Paterson

Preliminary programme

Thursday

9.00	Registration
9.45 - 10.30	Anatomy of the Canine and Feline Ear
10.30 - 11.15	Examination of the external ear canal
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee
11.45 – 12.45	Cytology and Histopathology of the canine and feline ear
1.00 – 2.15	Lunch
2.15 – 3.00	Diagnostic imaging of the canine and feline ear
3.00 – 3.45	Primary causes of ear disease
3.45 – 4.15	Tea
4.15 – 5.00	Predisposing causes of otitis externa

Forthcoming events (continued)

Friday

9.30 – 10.15	Perpetuating causes of otitis externa (including failure of epithelial migration)
10.00 – 11.00	Otitis media, otitis interna and vestibular disease: investigation and differential diagnosis
11.00- 11.30	Coffee
11.30 – 1.00	Neoplastic conditions of the ear pinna and canal, clinical signs, medical and surgical management
1.0– 2.15	Lunch
2.15 – 3.00	Laser surgery of the ear
3.00 – 5.00	Practical demonstration video-otoscope and laser surgery (tea taken as required by delegates)

Saturday

Therapy of ear disease	
Otitis externa	
9.30 - 10.15	Principals of effective ear cleaning
10.15 – 11.00	Deciding when medical therapy is appropriate/ Gram positive infection
11.00 - 11.15	Coffee
11.15 – 12.15	Therapy of Gram negative infection
12.15- 1.00	Malassezia infection/hypersensitivity
1.0– 2. 15	Lunch
2.15 – 3.00	Ototoxicity
3.00 – 3.45	Medical management of otitis media

From skin biology to cutaneous diseases: epidermis and dermis (without follicle and adnexae)

Date: June 17-19th 2010

Spa – Belgium

Speakers: Thierry Olivry and Keith Linder

Local Organizer: Luc BECO

Come to Spa in the “ Ardenne Bleue”. Discover this remarkable natural heritage area comprising the Hautes Fagnes, 12 nature reserves, five of the ten largest lakes in Wallonie, beautiful famous valleys such as l’Amlève, la Vesdre, l’Our, la Warche and la Gueule and much more!. This is where the Francorchamps Spa circuit, la Cascade de Coo, les Thermes de Spa and Herve cheese rub shoulders.

<http://www.ardenne-bleue.be>

Social programme

Welcome in the “Thermes de Spa”

<http://www.thermesdespa.com>

2011

When clinical signs and histopathology don't match: clinicopathological controversies

Date: Spring 2011

Location: Greece, Volos

Local Organizer: Alexander Koutinas

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)

I would like to thank our Long Term Partners: Bayer, Janssen and Royal Canin and all the other sponsors and exhibitors for their support. Without their help it would not be possible to hold our meetings.

Luc BECO, Further Education and Meeting Secretary

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Minutes of the 23rd AGM of the ESVD

President

Aiden Foster opened the meeting and thanked the BVDSG for hosting the ESVD AGM and the ESVD board members for their work. The president reported that along with the 2010 board elections there will also be a vote for a constitutional change moving all current members to full membership status. Aiden Foster will ask all full members to support the vote in favour of open membership.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, Ian Mason, gave a summary of the 2007 financial report as presented by Trevor Whitbread in the Annual Report and thanked Trevor for his help. Finances in 2008 were generally in line with 2007 and expectations. It is intended to enable members to subscribe (ideally on-line) in either euros or pounds by credit/debit card. Charitable status was registered in 2007 and there are still some minor steps to undergo to complete the process. Trevor Whitbread is kindly helping with this process including submission of returns to Companies House for 2007.

Publication and Grant

The Board of the ESVD decided during the last board meeting in Mainz, Germany to fund two projects up to 15,000 Euros each. There were 12 proposals, which was far more than previous years, and each was evaluated independently by the three reviewers. The two best projects were both elected for funding. They were proposed by Dr. Domenico Santoro, University of Illinois (Investigation on antimicrobial peptides in the skin of normal dogs and in sensitized high IgE atopic beagle) and Dr. Rosanna Marsella, University of Florida (The in vitro and in vivo evaluation of filaggrin expression in keratinocytes harvested from dogs with and without atopic dermatitis). Dr. Santoro will receive 12,616 Euros and Dr. Marsella 13,843 Euros.

Aiden Foster acknowledged all the work that Doug DeBoer and Ian Mason have done for World Veterinary Dermatology Congress including publication of the abstracts. In 2006 Peter Forsythe took over the production of the bulletins. He was thanked for his excellent work.

The 2008 Membership directory and the 2007 annual report have been issued in July 2008 and Aiden Foster thanked Hill's for their substantial support in the production and mailing of the bulletins, the annual report and the membership directory.

A new Hill's-ESVD agreement has been proposed to Hill's by our society and Hill's gave it a favourable reception. The agreement is, however, not finalized.

Meetings secretary report

Luc Beco invited everybody to the 23rd Annual Congress of the ESVD-ECVD in Bled, Slovenia 17th-19th September 2009 and pointed to the website <http://www.esvd-ecvd2009.com>. Future venues for the 2010 congress will be Italy, Florence* and Brussels in 2011.

*The final decision was made after the meeting.

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The 26th ESVD AGM will be held on 18th September 2009 at lunchtime in Bled, Slovenia. The meeting was closed by Aiden Foster who offered thanks to the board members and the members who attended the AGM.

CHRISTINE LÖEWENSTEIN

ESVD Secretary

Membership Secretary Report 2009

	At end of 2008	At end of 2007
Associate members	384	357
Full members	164	169
Honorary members	6	6
Total	554	532

Treasurer's Report 2009: Period 1/1/08–31/12/08

This is my first Treasurer's report and I am grateful to my predecessor Trevor Whitbread for his help and support during the transition period between our two treasurer-ships and for his continued help and advice. I have changed the format of the Treasurer's report for 2008 as the exchange rate between the Euro and the pound has fluctuated so much that to apply a conversion factor as Trevor has done in previous years would have been difficult (I don't know what figure to pick) and would have made meaningless any attempt of comparison with previous years. I have therefore kept the currencies (Euro for the Luxembourg account and pounds Sterling for the UK account) separate for the purposes of this report. The report for 2008 is presented in the following table. I have also included Trevor's figures for the previous two years (2006 and 2007) for comparison.

As well as overseeing and recording the finances of the Society, I have had to do quite a bit of work on the conversion of the ESVD into a charity as has been mentioned at previous AGMs and in annual reports. Work on this is progressing and it is likely that ESVD will become a fully Registered Charity and Limited Company in 2009.

One aim of the Board is to enable on-line payment of annual subscriptions and registration fees for courses etc via our website. This has proved to be rather complicated to arrange and has been delayed until we have made all the changes to our bank accounts required by the change to charitable status. We hope that by 2010 it will be possible to pay by this means.

The figures presented in these accounts are recorded based on the actual transaction date and not the date the credit/debit was due. So, for example the income from the Mainz Congress in 2007 was received in 2008 and is therefore shown in this set of figures as 'Annual Congress' income even though we held no such meeting in 2008. Please note that these figures are based on unaudited accounts.

a. Profit and loss account	Luxembourg bank account (in Euros)	UK bank account (in Pounds Sterling)
Income		
Subscription Fees	13755.00	22956.52
Interest	9120.13	60.71
Annual Congress	51894.01	
Education Courses	5873.51	
Sponsoring		
Miscellaneous	676.22	424.26
Blackwell		21801.00
TOTAL	81318.87	45242.49
Expenses		
Meeting – Travel expenses	4044.59	2051.49
Vet Derm journal		42714.55
Bank charges/Visa	669.99	1499.78
Secretary/Mailing		1354.20
ESVD Bulletin/Ann report		
Miscellaneous	105.00	165.00
ECVD	15653.65	
Congress Organisation	27191.64	
ESVD Grant	9985.00	21959.55
Professional fees		2435.00
TOTAL	57649.87	72179.57
Surplus for year	23669.00	(26937.08)

Treasurer's Report 2009: Period 1/1/08–31/12/08 (continued)

b. Balance of bank accounts	Luxembourg bank account (in Euros)	UK bank account (in Pounds Sterling)
Starting balance at 01/01/08	349171.00	79963.64
Balance at 31/12/08	372840.00	53026.56
Difference	23669.00	(26937.08)

2006 & 2007

Income (in Euro)	2006	2007
ESVD Fee	68178.33	73324.41
Interest	2234.15	7477.03
Annual Congress	295304.41	21787.70
Courses	600.00	11933.33
Sponsoring		0.00
Miscellaneous	1295.49	0.00
Blackwell	26350.08	35134.90
TOTAL	393962.46	149657.38

Expenses (in Euros)	2006	2007
Meeting – Travel expenses	1205.75	10534.67
Vet Derm	39624.40	60204.27
Bank charges/Visa	3239.55	2092.61
Secretary/Mailing		5102.00
ESVD Bulletin/Ann report		0.00
Miscellaneous	2452.36	3087.90
ECVD	39635.91	20912.28
Congress Organisation	97234.34	5457.52
ESVD Grant	10000.00	0.00
Workshop	24353.30	316.18
TOTAL	217745.61	107707.43

Balance of bank accounts	2006	2007
Luxembourg bank account (in Euros)		
BNP Investment Account	311779.12	337900.00
BNP Current Account	976.61	3385.79
Balance at 31/12/08	312755.73	341285.79

UK bank account (in Pounds Sterling)

Starting balance at 01/01/08	53968.07	70771.93
Income	57096.30	61312.25
Expenditure	40292.44	52120.54
Balance at 31/12/08	70771.93	79963.64
	(103327.02€)	(116746.91€)

Notes to the accounts

Income

Subscription Fees

Subscription fees this year, especially in the Euro account appear to be unexpectedly low. The reasons for this is that in 2007 two subscription reminders were sent out to members in error and a large number of people paid twice in that year; these overpayments were carried forward into 2008 and as a consequence many members did not need to pay in 2008.

Interest

During the year interest received dramatically decreased in line with significant reductions in interest rates as a result of the global economic crisis. In January we were receiving around 175-200 Euros per week and in December fell to as low as 56 Euros.

Annual Congress

There was no ESVD Congress in 2008 because this was the year of the 6th World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology, held in Hong Kong. The income shown in the 2008 accounts was for the 2007 ESVD Congress in Mainz for which payment was received from the professional congress organiser (PCO). The surplus was considerably reduced compared with the previous two years. In the last Treasurer's report this was predicted. Although retaining the services of a PCO is costly, the Boards of both ESVD and ECVD consider that it is necessary to do so in order to keep the burden of work on volunteers to acceptable levels and to arrange professionally-managed Annual Congresses.

Education Courses

Once again a modest surplus was generated by the Dermatology Therapy workshop. The instructions to organisers are not to lose money. We do not aim to accrue surpluses from courses, but if courses are fully subscribed and well sponsored then profits will arise.

Blackwell

Our income from Blackwell was approximately £4000 under budget due to reduced advertising, subscriptions and commercial offprints income. Last year the surplus was £24065.

Expenses

Meeting and Travel

These figures are broadly in line with expectations and previous years.

Veterinary Dermatology

Again, this figure is in line with expectations.

Bank Charges

These are slightly less than the previous year; this is probably because of the reduced number of transactions as fewer subscription payments were received within the year.

Secretary and Mailing

There were some relatively small payments made for secretarial assistance.

Miscellaneous

This figure includes FECAVA registration, logo design fees and costs associated with Companies House.

Congress Organisation

This represents 20000 Euro 'pump-priming' payment to the PCO for the 2009 Congress in Bled and a payment to the 2007 Congress local organisers.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

ESVD Grant

The 2007 grant was awarded but was not paid within the 2007 financial year and was paid this year out of the Euro account. In addition, there were two new awards in 2008 amounting to approximately £22000 which was paid from the sterling account.

Professional fees

We needed quite a lot of legal and accountancy advice in the year to help us with the change to charitable status and registration with Companies House etc. I have therefore included this as new category in the accounts for 2008. In previous years this was only a relatively small sum and included under 'miscellaneous'.

Ian MASON, ESVD Honorary Treasurer

Agenda for the 24th Annual General Meeting

- 1 President's Address
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- 4 Publication Secretary's Report
- 5 Research Secretary's Report and the Nomination of the ESVD Research Grant
- 6 Further Education Secretary's Report
- 7 Future Meetings and Workshops
- 8 Any Other Business
- 9 Date and Time of the next Meeting
- 10 Closing Remarks by the ESVD President



