



## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the ESVD 25th anniversary edition of the Bulletin. The sharp eyed amongst you will already have noticed that this page bears a brand new logo commissioned to commemorate this momentous achievement; many thanks go to Hans Koch for facilitating the design of the new logo but more of that later.

This is indeed a packed issue and I would urge everyone to look through the contents carefully. As usual, there is information on forthcoming ESVD congresses and workshops as well as information on CPD arranged by national organisations. I am indebted to all of you who responded to my requests for information on what is happening in your corner of Europe and we have reports from Sweden and Greece on dermatological activities as well as information on forthcoming events in France, Italy, Germany and the UK. Thanks are due to my colleague Hilary Jackson, who once again responded to my pestering and produced yet another excellent abstract watch with details on some interesting and exciting papers that have been recently published. There is also information on the Ulli Runge Harms Award, the ECVD Corner, and important ESVD information on research grants, publications, change of membership status and the switch to charitable status. Don't forget to read the information on voting at the forthcoming ESVD board elections; your society needs your vote!

Memories of Slovenia are still fresh in the mind. This was a stunning setting for a congress in a wonderfully friendly country. Some 440 delegates from 44 different countries made the journey which I understand is something of a record, not for sheer numbers attending but for the diversity of nations. This was another excellent congress with the usual continuing education and scientific streams in the beautiful little town of Bled on the shores of the most picturesque lake. As usual, the standard of lectures was excellent but highlights for me were the simply superb lectures delivered by Hywel Williams on the epidemiology of human atopic dermatitis and his lecture on the practice of evidence based medicine. It was extremely refreshing to hear such a highly thoughtful speaker who is clearly so patient orientated. Certainly, one of his take home messages was that evidence based medicine starts and ends with the patient. His lectures were illustrated with wonderful cartoons that he pens himself, the most memorable being the alopecic ladies with the bottles of hair restorer and worshippers at the temple of  $p < 0.05$ ! David de Becker also delivered a couple of highly entertaining lectures on human nail disease and included the gruesome slide of his self biopsy of a big toe nail which had the audience squirming in their seats. Apart from the lectures, the major highlight of the congress was the moving welcome ceremony on the Thursday evening that fittingly marked the 25th anniversary of ESVD with a wonderful presentation by Hans Koch on the formation of the Society back in the early 1980's, aided and abetted by George Muller as well as the other founder members, that he described so well in the last issue of the Bulletin. Aiden Foster presented brass plaques to those five founder members: Hans Koch, David Lloyd, Didier Carlotti, Ton Willemse and Pierre Fourrier (not present). The plaques commemorated their vision, enthusiasm and determination in founding our society. The story of European Veterinary Dermatology is also told and richly illustrated in a special publication edited by David Lloyd with many contributors that celebrates 25 years of the ESVD. Everyone attending the Bled conference received a copy but all ESVD members will receive a copy in a mailing at some point. All in all, another wonderful congress and well done and a big thank you to Luc Beco and the organising committee along with local organisers Ana Rostaher, Tina Kotnik and Mihaela Celigoj. Roll on Florence 2010!

Peter Forsythe



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## Future ESVD Meetings and Workshops

### 24th Annual Congress of the ESVD/ECVD

September 23–25th 2010

[www.esvd-ecvd2010.com](http://www.esvd-ecvd2010.com)

**Venue:** Firenze – Italy; Congress center, Firenze Fiera

[www.firenzefiera.it](http://www.firenzefiera.it)

The professional organizer for this event will be the AIM Group [www.aimgroup.eu](http://www.aimgroup.eu)

### 25th Annual Congress of the ESVD/ECVD

September 2011

**Venue:** Brussels – Belgium; Congress center, Square Brussels Meeting Center

[www.Square-brussels.com](http://www.Square-brussels.com)

The ESVD and ECVD would like to thank our Long Term Partners: Bayer, Janssen and Royal Canin. We have had great support from these companies during the last four years. Their support has helped to keep congress registration fees at competitive rates for a number of years. Moreover, I would like to personally thank Joy Olsen, Markus Edingloh (Bayer), Dirk Sonk (Janssen), Fabienne Dethioux and Philippe Marniquet (Royal Canin) for their good support and numerous advices during the long preparation of our meetings. It was a pleasure to work with all of those people. With their support we created a high quality pre-congress day which facilitated contact between experts and participants.

The Long Term Partners of the ESVD congresses from 2006 to 2009 were:



For the future, the ESVD is pleased to inform you that we will continue a long term partnership with three companies. In addition Royal Canin will invite young vets to our events as they have done in the recent past. Royal Canin will continue their fruitful collaboration with our society. We are also very pleased to welcome two other companies: ICF and Merial. This new team of Long Term

Partners will begin their support in Italy 2010 and continue until 2013.



### ESVD Workshops 2010–2011

You will find details concerning our future workshops on [www.esvd.org](http://www.esvd.org)

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.

### Otitis Workshop

**Venue:** St Helens –Museum of Glass and Abbotsfield Referral Hospital

**Date:** February 4–6 2010

**Local Organizer:** Sue Paterson

### Provisional programme

#### Thursday – St Helens Museum of Glass

9.00	Registration
9.30 – 10.15	Anatomy of the Ear (Surgeon)
10.15 – 11.00	Approach to the ear case
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee
11.30 – 12.15	Neurological evaluation of the ear patient (Neuro)
12.15 – 13.00	Diagnostic imaging of the ear (Imager)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Diseases of the ear pinna
15.00 – 15.15	Tea
15.15 – 16.30	Causes of otitis externa (predisposing, primary, perpetuating)
16.30 – 16.45	Presentation by Vetoquinol
18.00pm	Museum tour, glass blowing demonstration, 3D film and dinner

**Friday St Helens Museum of Glass**

9.00 – 9.45	Ear cleaning
9.45–10.30	Malassezia otitis
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee
11.00 – 11.45	Gram +ve infection – use of ear wicks in otitis
11.45 – 12.30	Allergic otitis
12.30– 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.30	Otitis media
15.30 – 15.45	Presntation by Vetoquinol

**Saturday – Abbotsfield Referral Centre – St Helens**

Therapy of ear disease

Otitis externa

10.00 – 12.00	Wet lab video-otoscopy
& 13.30 – 15.30	(half delegates to each session)

10.00 – 12.00	Lectures on ear surgery
and 13.30 – 15.30	(half delegates to each session)

For booking forms and further details including lists of hotels please contact [emma.cook@rutlandhousevets.co.uk](mailto:emma.cook@rutlandhousevets.co.uk) or phone 00441744853510

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

Location: Spa – Belgium

Date: June 17–19th 2010

Speakers: Thierry Olivry and Keith Linder

Local Organizer: Luc BECO

**Objectives:**

This course is aimed at educating dermatology residents and veterinarians with an interest in dermatology on the latest developments in epidermal and dermal pathology. Each lecture will follow a similar pattern with the initial presentation of the structure and function of selected cutaneous components followed by the explanation of pathologic mechanisms leading to animal skin diseases uniquely associated with these components.

**Provisional programme****Day 1: Epidermis**

9:00 – 10:30 Keratins, keratinization:

Keith Linder

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Epidermal cornification and desquamation; epidermal lipids  
Keith Linder

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Desmosomes

Thierry Olivry

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 Melanocytes and melanogenesis  
Thierry Olivry**Day 2: Epidermal Basement Membrane**

9:00 – 10:30 Structure of the epidermal basement membrane

Thierry Olivry

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Epidermal basement membrane pathology

Thierry Olivry

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 18:00 Free – social activity: Welcome in the “Thermes de Spa”  
<http://www.thermesdespa.com>**Day 3: Dermis**

9:00 – 10:30 Vascularization

Keith Linder

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Collagens, Elastin

Keith Linder

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Dermal ground substance

Thierry Olivry

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 Merkel cells, innervation

Keith Linder

**Where clinical signs and histopathology don't match: clinicopathological controversies**

Location: Greece, Volos

Date: Spring 2011

Speakers: M. Welle, L. Ferrer, C. Noli, A. Koutinas

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)

**Forthcoming Dermatology Meetings****GEDAC Annual Congress**

Venue: Toulouse

Dates: March 5–6 2010

After the big success of the last Congress in Reims (more than 320 registrations and a lot of champagne), the GEDAC (French Veterinary Dermatology Study Group) is organizing its next annual congress in Toulouse, next March. Our main topics will be **bacterial resistance**, and **management of alopecia**. Our target audience are general practitioners with some experience in the field of veterinary dermatology (French Certificate level).

The language of the congress will be French

**Programme****Day 1 Bacterial Resistance****Speaker**

09h00–10h30

**What's new in human medicine?**

Pr Philippe VANHEMS

Nosocomial infections: where are we? where are we going to?  
Treatment, prevention in human medicine

11h30–13h00

**What's new in veterinary medicine?**

Pr GANIERE

New appellation of canine Staphylococci, MRS  
Treatment, prevention: rules to know in veterinary medicine

14h30–16h00

**Clinical consequences**When to suspect MRS in practice and how to prove it? Marie-Christine CADIERGUES (Dip ECVD)  
Association of antibiotic: useful in veterinary dermatology? Eric GUAGUERRE (Dip ECVD)  
Topical treatment with antibiotic: does it work? Emmanuel BENSIGNOR (Dip ECVD)  
Are antiseptics useful in veterinary dermatology? Didier-Noël CARLOTTI (Dip ECVD)

17h00–18h30

**Examples: difficult situations**Chronic pododermatitis without body involvement ie (Bull terrier) Pascal PRELAUD (Dip ECVD)  
Recurrent bacterial overgrowth of Terre-Neuve Pascal PRELAUD (Dip ECVD)  
What about feline pyoderma? Didier-Noël CARLOTTI (Dip ECVD)**Day 2****Law and management**

09h00–09h45

Law in veterinary dermatology: risks? Protection against it

Pr Yves LEGEAY

09h45–10h30

How can we correctly sell our time and knowledge

Philippe BARALON

**Alopecia**

11h30–13h00

Alopecia X in 2010: diagnostic and treatment

Zeineb ALHAIDARI (Dip ECVD)  
Dominique HERIPRET (Dip ECVD)

14h30–16h00

Clinical pathology: alopecia

Zeineb ALHAIDARI (Dip ECVD)  
Frédérique DEGORCE (Dip ECVP)  
Didier-Noël CARLOTTI (Dip ECVD)

17h00–18h30

Clinical cases and short communications

ECVD Residents

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Dominique HERIPRET ([dheripret@fregis.com](mailto:dheripret@fregis.com)) for any other information.

**Dominique HERIPRET****GEDAC President**

## British Veterinary Dermatology Study Group Pocket Pet Dermatology

**Venue:** Hall 8b, ICC/NIA Birmingham (satellite meeting for BSAVA Congress)

**Dates:** 7th April 2010

### Provisional programme

09.00–09.30	Registration	
09.30–10.15	Husbandry and handling of small mammals	TBC
10.15–11.00	Rabbits	TBC
11.00–11.30	Coffee and commercial exhibition	
11.30–12.15	Guinea pigs	TBC
12.15–13.00	Ferrets – focus on adrenal disease	Nico Schomaker University of Utrecht
13.00–14.30	Lunch and commercial exhibition	
14.30–15.15	Mice and rats	TBC
15.15–16.00	Hamsters and gerbils	TBC
16.00–17.00	Abstracts	

## SIDEV Meetings (Italian Dermatology Study Group) Controversies in feline dermatology

**Venue:** Cremona

**Date:** 18 Ottobre 2009:

**Speakers:** Francesca Abramo (Pisa), Alessandra Fondati (Roma), Clara Palestrini (Milano)

### Update on therapy and EBM decision making in Veterinary Dermatology

**Venue:** Cremona

**Dates:** 30–31 January 2010

**Speakers:** K.R. Viviano (USA), A. Fondati (I), F. Scarpella (I)

Please note that for this meeting simultaneous translation (English–Italian and Italian–English) will be provided

### Diagnostic protocols and selected treatments for nail diseases of dogs and cats

**Venue:** Cremona

**Date:** 11 Aprile 2010

**Speakers:** Antonella Vercelli (Torino) e Francesco Albanese (Napoli)

### Update on autoimmune diseases of the dog

**Venue:** Cremona

**Dates:** 28 Novembre 2010

**Speakers:** Chiara Brachelente (Perugia) e Chiara Noli (Cuneo).

## 11th Annual Meeting of the DGVD (German Society of Veterinary Dermatology)

**Venue:** Bad Honnef, Germany

**Dates:** 11–13th June 2010 in

**Speakers in alphabetical order:**

S. Bettenay, Th. Biber, C. Favrot, S. Köbrich, M. Linek, Ch. Löwenstein, R. Müller, C. Nett, S. Peters, M. Saridomichelakis, S. Schleifer.

### Main topics:

- 1. Leishmaniasis** – update in diagnosis, therapy and long-term management (workshop, Friday afternoon)

- 2. Allergic, immune-mediated and autoimmune diseases** including current concepts in pathogenesis, diagnosis and therapy of human atopy and food hypersensitivity versus canine atopic dermatitis and food “hypersensitivity”
  - Allergies in men – diagnosis of human atopy and food hypersensitivity
  - Diagnosis and clinical presentation of canine atopic dermatitis and food “hypersensitivity”
  - Therapeutic options especially for the long-term management:
    - Allergen-specific immunotherapy (ASIT)
    - Symptomatic therapy: systemic and topical
    - ASIT and other therapies for the long-term management of atopic dermatitis and food hypersensitivity in man
  - Immune-mediated diseases of the head, nasal planum and paws and their differential diagnoses
  - Adverse drug reactions including EM, TEN and SJS
  - Therapeutic concepts for immune-mediated and autoimmune diseases
  - Case presentations, presentation of grants, studies etc.

Further informations: [www.dgvd.org](http://www.dgvd.org)

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## Reports from National Veterinary Dermatology Groups

### The Hellenic Society of Veterinary Dermatology

The Hellenic Society of Veterinary Dermatology was established in December 2004 and currently accounts for approximately 80 active full members. Since 2004, we have arranged one meeting each year. This may be either a one-day meeting with lectures and case presentations from local and sometimes invited speakers like Claude Favrot (2004, 2005, 2006, 2008) or a two-day meeting with wet labs and invited speakers such as Jan Declercq and Danny Scott (2007, 2009). All our meetings so far have been very successful in every aspect (scientific level, organization, number of participants, etc).

This year the H.S.V.D. are organising a two-day meeting focusing on the common canine and feline infectious skin diseases. The meeting will be held in Athens, on November 28th–29th at the “Grande Bretagne” hotel located in the center of the city. Prof. Danny Scott will be our invited speaker; he will present 3 lectures on bacterial pyoderma, Malassezia dermatitis and dermatophytosis in addition to a couple of sessions with case presentations. Furthermore, local speakers will present six more sessions with case presentations. A wet lab will include practical training on examinations for ectoparasites, pathogenic fungi and cutaneous cytology.

The Board of the H.S.V.D. has recently unanimously agreed to propose to the General Assembly the legislation of an annual Research Award of €5,000, starting from the year 2010. We hope that this award will support and encourage the research efforts of the members of the Society on topics related to veterinary dermatology.

Dr M. Saridomichelakis, President

### The Swedish Veterinary Dermatology Study Group

As previously reported, the Swedish Veterinary Dermatology Study Group is a very active organisation holding two meetings each year. Additionally, many of the membership travel abroad to international meetings such as ESVD/ECVD Congress or WCVD, particularly if these meetings are held in venues with sunny, warm climates! Accordingly, many of us travelled to Hong Kong for WCVD6 where we enjoyed the fantastic weather, great lectures, good food and fun! Several of us took the opportunity to travel further in the region. I went to Beijing with some colleagues where we also made a lot of new friends from the rest of the veterinary world.

Our traditional spring meeting was held as usual in Stockholm, in March, and this year's speaker was Wayne Rosenkrantz. Wayne's lectures were of the usual excellent standard and covered all aspects of alopecic disorders, from congenital to acquired, in dogs, cats and horses.

Earlier this year, a debate arose concerning juvenile onset generalised demodicosis (JGD). This was stimulated by articles written by two Swedish veterinarians in the Swedish Kennel Club's official news letter. The authors, who were also dog breeders, asserted that JGD has no inheritable component; it is purely a contagious disease. After much debate and discussion, and a considerable amount of effort on the part of the board of the SVDSG something good has come out of this highly contentious assertion. A research group has been started with the aim to "find the gene" for JGD.

After this we all needed our summer holidays and we are now looking forward to first the ESVD in Bled and in October our own case study meeting that will be held in Lund, in Skåne (the most southern part of Sweden). Case discussion meetings are always interesting and enjoyable! The cases are presented in Power Point and it does not matter if they are solved or "unsolved mysteries". We have great discussions and one really learns a lot from these meetings. There will also be some lectures, this time a Swedish botanist, Aslög Dahl will come and teach us more about the cross reactions between pollen and food allergens in man; which may prove to be very informative to those of us working in the veterinary field.

For the Swedish Veterinary Dermatology Study Group

Marianne Mellgren, President

## Notice of elections to the ESVD Board 2010

The ESVD board elections for five persons will take place in 2010 by postal vote. Members who reside in Europe and have been full members for at least two years are eligible to stand for election.

Eligible full members can nominate themselves. All ESVD members may nominate the name of election candidates who they have already contacted and definitely know that they are willing to stand. Any ESVD members who act as nominators should include full contact details of the person they are nominating – preferably email address and fax number so that the ESVD Secretary can easily contact the candidate.

Nominations must be emailed or faxed to the ESVD secretary by January 31st 2010, details below.

All eligible candidates will be contacted to confirm that they are willing to stand for election. They will be invited to send a short CV of 150 words outlining why they wish to stand to the ESVD secretary by February 28th 2010.

Only Full Members are currently entitled to vote and will receive a mailing from the membership secretary by May 30th 2010 containing:

- i) One large envelope pre-addressed to the ESVD election committee.
- ii) A paper with the name, address and country of the voting member that should be signed and placed in the large envelope.
- iii) A voting form with the list of the names of the eligible candidates and their short CV. Voting is secret, so the form should be placed into the second smaller plain envelope.

Completed voting slips must be returned to the ESVD election committee by July 31st and the results of the vote will be announced at the ESVD AGM at the Annual Congress in Firenze, Italy, September 24th 2010.

If you require any further information about the elections then please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Dr Christine Löwenstein ESVD Secretary**

Email address: secretary@esvd.org      Fax number: 0049 (0)6232 623813

## Report from the ESVD President

### ESVD Member categories

In a previous issue of the bulletin (Spring 2008) Ian Mason gave some detailed comments about the membership categories used by ESVD. Further to that article we would like to propose that the Full Members consider the following proposal:

That the constitution of ESVD is revised, such that founder, life, honorary, and affiliate member categories stay in place.

The full and associate member categories will be combined so that the vast majority of the membership can vote for Board members and constitutional changes.

Given that that the other member categories include small numbers of members this is deemed to be fairer and more democratic.

This proposal will form an item for formal voting and it will accompany the documents sent out to all full members in 2010 as part of the preparations for the voting for a new ESVD board.

### New Honorary Member

In the AGM held at the annual congress in Bled, Aiden Foster announced the retirement of Dr David McEwan Jenkinson from the editorial board of the Veterinary Dermatology journal at the end of 2009. In view of his tremendous support for the journal and the Society over many years it was recommended that he is given honorary status from 2010 and the audience gave unanimous approval and applause.

### ESVD 25 Year Celebrations

The congress in Bled was a very special event because of the various activities to celebrate the 25 year history of the Society. I would like to particularly thank Hans Koch for his hard work in co-ordinating the celebration, including the provision of polo shirts, wine and posters for the congress as part of the celebrations. Hans presented a very amusing, and at the same time moving, presentation about the history of the ESVD. David Lloyd gave a presentation on the history of the Veterinary Dermatology journal. The founder members of the society were each given a commemorative plaque in appreciation of their contribution to the founding and work of the Society. A packed auditorium, with delegates from many countries in Europe and beyond, gave the founder members a very warm standing ovation. It was a great privilege to be part of the audience and to experience a very special event in the history of the society. Delegates at the ESVD-ECVD Congress also received a copy of the 25 years booklet edited and compiled by David Lloyd. This richly illustrated publication will be distributed to all ESVD members and provides a detailed and at times amusing history of the society over the past 25 years. Written by five of the six founder members and with contributions from Chiara Noli and Aiden Foster from the current board, the illustrations were drawn from various members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Lloyd for editing the booklet and for the founder members – Didier Carlotti, Hans Koch, Claudia von Tschärner, and Ton Willemse – for helping to compile this unique and very special publication.

### ESVD New Logo

Members should note that we have a new logo. We are deeply indebted to Hans Koch for his tremendous enthusiasm and help in developing this new logo. The logo was designed by Tom Diederich who is an experienced graphic designer and client of Hans Koch. He was very generous in his time and efforts to provide a new image for the Society.

The new logo also graces the polo shirts that commemorate our 25 years celebration and these shirts are available to members.

#### New Full Members

At the recent AGM in Bled the following people were elected to the status of full member of the ESVD:

Pablo del Maestre,  
Ana Mafalda Laurenço Martins,  
Stanislav Pocta,  
Yvette Schlotter,  
Vanessa Schmidt.

We look forward to their contributions to the Society not least in their capacity to vote in future elections.

**Aiden Foster**  
ESVD President

## ESVD news from Treasurer and Membership Secretary

#### *ESVD is now a charity*

Earlier this year ESVD full members were asked to vote on the proposal that ESVD become a charity (and company) registered in the UK. This matter has been discussed by my predecessor and me in various ESVD publications and at Annual General Meetings.

The reasons behind making this change were principally to limit the financial liability of ESVD Officers. Furthermore, in the UK there are some tax advantages to charitable status, though the precise details of this are yet to be confirmed and there is still some work to be done (including the establishment of a trading subsidiary to provide a tax exempt 'wrapper') before the arrangements are finalised.

The vote was successfully carried with the required 2/3rds majority of the full member's voting in favour.

On 1st July 2009 the transfer of funds to the new charity took place and new bank accounts were opened. The ESVD became 'ESVD Limited'

There are no significant implications of these changes for ESVD members. The format of annual accounts will change as there is a standard format for reporting for UK charities. (The financial affairs of charities registered in the UK are closely scrutinised by the regulator or competent authority). However, members should please note that our bank account details have changed.

#### *Electronic subscription payments*

The next challenge for the ESVD Board is to establish an on-line system (hopefully for the January 2011 payment) to allow members to pay their annual subscriptions and gradually discontinue the current paper based bank transfer system. I will keep you informed of progress in this over the next year or so.

Ian Mason, October 2009

## ESVD Grants and Publications

#### Research Grant

ESVD wishes to encourage high standards in all aspects of veterinary dermatology and to promote the development of related research. Therefore, an annual research grant will be awarded by the ESVD for basic or clinical research in veterinary dermatology. Each grant will be for up to 15,000 euro. Ordinarily projects are expected to be of one to two years duration. Applicants will be 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, but applications for support of some identifiable component of ongoing research work will be considered. It is not the intention to provide funds for single items of capital expenditure. All applications will be subject to peer review and must include background information, project aims and objectives, project design and specific methods and budget together with an explanation of the relevance of the proposed work to veterinary dermatology. The description of the project excluding references and budget shall not exceed 6 pages.

Successful applicants will be expected to submit their results for publication in the journal *Veterinary Dermatology* and to present their findings to ESVD members at the annual congress. The funds cannot be used for travel and accommodation at the meeting but purely for research. However, the principal awardee is entitled to one free registration at any annual ESVD congress at which he or she will present data generated as a result of the grant. 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. Any use of experimental animals must conform to local and national animal welfare regulations.

Proposals should be submitted by April 1 each year for consideration by the grant awarding committee. 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. Annual progress reports are required and should be submitted to the current secretary at least 30 days before the Society's AGM. Research proposals (four copies) should be sent to the current ESVD grant and publications secretary. An acknowledgement will be sent.

Proposals should be prepared according to the following guidelines. Grants are evaluated on scientific merit, feasibility, and usefulness. Please note that the Society is not in a position to support the costs of institutional overhead. 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.

#### Grant Awards 2009

As in 2008, the Board of the ESVD decided to fund one and possibly two projects up to 15,000 Euros each.

The Grant Officer, Claude Favrot, asked Jacques Fontaine, Martine Heimann and Manolis Saridomichelakis to review the proposals.

We received 8 proposals and each proposal was evaluated independently by the three reviewers. Projects received marks for relevance (0–20), originality (0–10), clarity of the design (0–20), feasibility (0–20), budget (0–10) and ability of the applicant to carry out the research (0–20) with a maximal mark of 300 (100 per reviewer). Only one project obtained a mark below 200, which means that most of the projects were good. The two best projects obtained marks of 270 and 247, respectively and were both elected for funding. They were proposed by Dr Ralf Mueller, University of Munich, Germany (Immunostimulatory effects of CpG oligonucleotides delivered by gelatine nanoparticles in the treatment of canine atopic dermatitis) and Dr Monika Welle, University of Bern, Switzerland (The canine hair follicle cycle – Assessment of morphological and immunohistochemical criteria in endocrine disorders). Dr Mueller will receive 12,000 Euros and Dr Welle 14,300 Euros.

#### Publications

This year, our society has published two bulletins and the annual report. This would have not been possible without the financial support of Hill's and the work of Peter Forsythe.

Last year, our journal, *Veterinary Dermatology*, published 58 articles and the impact factor was stable, in comparison with 2007 (IP2008: 1.38). The journal has however received many more manuscripts (187 versus 131) of which 45% were accepted. The average number of days between receiving the manuscript and the first decision is 56 days which is good. We would like to thank the editors, co-editors and reviewers for their efforts. We would also like to thank you, the authors, for sending your manuscripts.

The board of the society plans to renew the homepage and all suggestions are welcome. We would like, for example, to include more pictures, some of them illustrating the social life of our society. If you have some beautiful pictures taken during meetings, workshops, conferences, that you would like to share with the community, please send them to me: cfavrot@vetclinics.uzh.ch

**Claude Favrot**  
Publications officer

## Report to the ESVD and ECVD Members from the Representatives at the World Congress Veterinary Dermatology Association

The World Congress Veterinary Dermatology Association is formed by 5 constituent organizations, two of which are the European Society of Veterinary Dermatology and the European College of Veterinary Dermatology. Its principal task until now has been the organization of the World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology, the last of which, in Hong Kong, was extremely successful. This is a report from the last meeting of the WCVDA Board in Vancouver in August 2009:

### New WCVDA Members

The Dermatology Chapter of the Australian College of Veterinary Surgeons (DCACVS) and the Asian Society of Veterinary Dermatology (ASVD) were unanimously approved for membership in WCVDA. The Association counts now 7 members, including the AAVD, ACVD, CAVD, ESVD and ECVD.

### Election of Officers

Dr. Halliwell is stepping down from the WCVDA Presidency after two successive terms of office. All Executive Committee Members gratefully acknowledged the tremendous work and accomplishments of Drs. Halliwell, Koch, Carlotti and Lloyd over many years to bring the WCVD Congress to the stature of being the most successful single specialty meeting in the world.

The following officers were elected to 4-year terms by unanimous acclamation and will begin the new term on January 1, 2010:

President: Dr. Didier Carlotti  
Secretary: Dr. Kenneth Kwochka  
Treasurer: Dr. Hans Koch

Congratulations to all of them!

### WCVDA Treasurer's Report – Dr. Koch

There was a large surplus from WCVD6 making it the most successful congress in terms of income. One third of this will be shared among the constituent organizations based on the paying delegates coming from the respective regional areas, as an acknowledgement for the support in the organization and publicity of the World Congress provided by its members.

### WCVDA Support of WCVD7

A congress scholarship is anticipated, which should include not only the registration but a stipend (to help cover travel and accommodation) for particular categories of veterinarians, including residents and graduate students in the program for 2012. A poster or free communication presentations may be required to take advantage of the scholarship program. More details will come soon.

### Updates on Bids for WCVD8 in 2016

Updated presentations and bid packages were given for Milan (Chiara Noli), Bordeaux (Didier Carlotti) and London (David Lloyd). Richard Halliwell and Hans Koch will conduct site visits and detailed reviews of the bids in the near future.

Chiara Noli (ESVD Representative) and Dider Carlotti (ECVD Representative)

## Sixth World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology

Hong Kong – 19th-22nd November, 2008

### Highlights

#### The programme:

This included:

- Six state-of-the-art lectures and five supporting reviews
- Twenty-five supporting original studies
- Fifteen workshops
- Wet labs on otology, skin cytology, basic and advanced dermatopathology
- Twenty-three comprehensive continuing education lectures
- Twenty-three advanced continuing education lectures
- Two days of equine dermatology
- One day of feline dermatology
- Fifty-nine free communications
- Sixty-six posters
- A special day of dermatopathology organised by the ISVD
- Three half-day Company Symposia

#### The attendees:

- 1185 total delegate numbers (1070 paying delegates) and in addition 156 accompanying persons
- 68 residents and 27 technicians
- There was a record number of 1013 full paying delegates
- Delegates came from 52 countries
- Largest representation came from Japan (280); USA (107); Taiwan (100); Hong Kong (98); UK (70); France (58); Australia (52); China (51); Thailand (41); Philippines (35); South Korea (35); Germany (30); Sweden (26); Canada (22) and Malaysia (20)

#### Company sponsored delegates

376 delegates were sponsored – either partially or completely – by our sponsors

#### Social programme

- 1367 people attended the Welcome Reception
- 1363 attended the Oriental Extravaganza
- 296 attended the Lama Island Seafood dinner
- 295 attended the Gala Dinner

R Halliwell, July 2009

## The Ulli Runge Harms Award – 2010

The Ulli Runge Harms Award commemorates Dr. Ulli Runge Harms, a colleague whose enthusiasm and determination for specialisation in veterinary dermatology was exemplary.

- The award is made annually according to the guidelines given below. The first award was made at the ESVD–ECVD Congress in 2003.
- Funds supporting the award during its first seven years have been generously donated by Virbac Laboratories. They have kindly agreed to continue supporting the award.
- In 2010, the award will be made at the ESVD–ECVD Congress in Florence, Italy.
- **The winner in 2009 was Susanne Ahman, supervised by Kerstin Bergvall, for her paper on “Cutaneous carriage of Malassezia species in healthy and seborrhoeic Sphynx cats and a comparison to carriage in Devon Rex cats.”**



*Susan Ahman receives the Ulli Runge Harms award from Professor David Lloyd. Virbac, sponsors of the award, are represented by Pierre Jasmin.*

### Conditions of the Award

1. The URH Award will be given as an inspiration and support to veterinary surgeons pursuing specialisation in veterinary dermatology. The award is given at the annual ESVD congress as part of a formal ceremony. In years when there is a World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology, it will be awarded at that Congress.
2. Candidates should have been in general practice for a minimum of one year before enrolling in a residency programme acknowledged by the ECVD. The prize is awarded for an outstanding contribution (free communication, poster, paper or project report) produced as part of the residency programme.
3. Candidates can apply for the award or be proposed by ESVD members. This application together with supporting documents (see Application Form) should reach the award committee at least two months prior to the annual congress unless late submission has been agreed by the award committee.
4. The award consists of a **Prize**, and a **Certificate** provided by the award committee. In addition **free registration** for the annual ESVD meeting is provided by the ESVD; in World Congress years, this free registration is transferred to the following year. It will be awarded to the applicant judged by the committee to have submitted the most outstanding contribution.
5. A fund, the URH Award Fund, provides the **prize amounting to €1,200** for the successful applicant. The award fund is sponsored by Virbac Laboratories.
6. The award committee consists of three ESVD members. The current members of the committee are David Lloyd, David Grant and Patricia Werhahn.

Please send applications or nominations to:

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## The Ulli Runge Harms Award

### APPLICATION FORM

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Firstname(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of submission (circle): free communication, poster, paper or project report

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### ECVD Residency details

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

### Practice prior to residency

Name of practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I fulfil the requirements of the Ulli Runge Harms Award. I worked in the above practice and am / was an approved ECVD resident in the above institution. The work I am submitting was produced as part of my residency programme.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Abstract Watch

### Altered cutaneous expression of beta-defensins in dogs with atopic dermatitis.

*Mol Immunol.* 2009 46(13): 2449–55

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Canine atopic dermatitis (AD) is a chronic allergic skin disorder with an immunopathogenesis comparable to that in humans with AD. The high frequency of recurrent infections with *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* and *Malassezia pachydermatis* may indicate a defective innate immune response in the skin of atopic dogs. Production of beta-defensins constitutes an important role in skin defense but information on canine beta-defensin localization and regulation is scarce. We conducted a gene-expression study of 16 canine beta-defensins (cBDs) in 11 tissues of healthy dogs, which revealed a variable expression of cBDs in different organ systems of the dog. In skin, three beta-defensins, cBD1, cBD103 and cBD107, were extensively expressed, while inconsistent expression of five other beta-defensins was detected. Using immunohistochemistry abundant expression of cBD103 peptide was detected in the epidermis, hair follicles and sebaceous glands, comparable to hBD3 expression in human skin. To examine the gene-expression of beta-defensins in atopic dogs, full thickness skin biopsy specimens (non-lesional and lesional) of 10 atopic dogs and 7 healthy dogs were examined with real-time PCR. A significant 12-fold increased expression of cBD1 was detected in lesional atopic skin compared to healthy skin, while non-lesional skin showed a 5-fold increase. Contrary to cBD1, expression of cBD103 was slightly (2-fold) downregulated in skin of atopic dogs. Gene-expression levels of S100A8, a marker for atopic dermatitis, were also highly upregulated in skin of atopic dogs, confirming the diagnostics of the skin biopsies. Taken together these results provide new evidence for a possible defect in the innate immune response of dogs with atopic dermatitis, and indicate the potential of the dog as a model for human AD.

### Evaluation of *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* strain GG for the prevention of atopic dermatitis in dogs.

*Am J Vet Res.* 2009 70(6): 735–40.

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**OBJECTIVE:** To evaluate the efficacy of the probiotic *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* strain GG for the alleviation or prevention of clinical signs of atopic dermatitis (AD) in genetically predisposed dogs. **ANIMALS:** 2 adult Beagles with severe AD and 16 puppies. **PROCEDURES:** The 2 adult Beagles were bred twice, with a year between breedings. *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GG was administered to the bitch during the second pregnancy and to the puppies of the second litter from 3 weeks to 6 months of age. Both litters were epicutaneously sensitized to *Dermatophagoides farinae*. Blood samples were collected from puppies every 6 weeks to measure serum titers of allergen-specific IgE. At 6 months of age, all puppies underwent intradermal allergen testing and environmental challenge with *D farinae*. Clinical signs were scored. **RESULTS:** In the first litter, at 6 months of age, 7 of 7 puppies were strongly seropositive for IgE against *D farinae*, 6 had a positive reaction to intradermal testing, and 7 developed severe clinical signs of AD after the environmental challenge. In the second litter, 7 of 9 puppies were seropositive, 3 had a positive reaction to intradermal testing, and 6 developed dermatitis and pruritus after the challenge. The second litter had a significantly lower serum titer of allergen-specific IgE and milder reaction to intradermal testing, compared with the first litter. Clinical scores did not differ between litters. **CONCLUSIONS AND CLINICAL RELEVANCE:** Administration of *L rhamnosus* GG to puppies appeared to reduce immunologic indicators of AD, although no significant decrease in clinical signs was detected.

### Gene expression in canine atopic dermatitis and correlation with clinical severity scores.

*J Dermatol Sci.* 2009 55(1): 27–33

Wood SH, Clements DN, Ollier WE, Nuttall T, McEwan NA, Carter SD.

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**BACKGROUND:** Canine atopic dermatitis (cAD) is a common condition in dogs that may be a naturally occurring model for human atopic dermatitis (hAD). Despite this, comparative research is limited, particularly into the genetic background of cAD. **OBJECTIVES:** 1. Measure candidate gene expression in cAD skin using quantitative real time PCR (qPCR). 2. Correlate gene expression to clinical cAD scores (Canine Atopic Dermatitis Extent and Severity Index[CADESI]-03 and intradermal allergen test [IDT]). **METHODS:** mRNA was extracted from biopsies of non-lesional and lesional skin from atopic dogs, and healthy skin from non-atopic dogs. Gene expression was quantified using qPCR, and compared between non-lesional atopic, lesional atopic and healthy skin. Gene expression in atopic skin was correlated with clinical severity (CADESI-03) and the number of positive reactions on an IDT. **RESULTS:** Of the 20 quantified genes, 11 demonstrated statistically significant altered mRNA expression between atopic and healthy skin; dipeptidyl-peptidase-4 (DPP4), phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-trisphosphate-5-phosphatase-2 (INPPL1), serine protease inhibitor kazal type-5 (SPINK5), sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase-1 (SGPL1), peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma (PPARgamma), S100 calcium-binding protein A8 (S100A8), Plakophilin-2 (PKP2), Periostin (POSTN), Cullin4A, TNF-alpha and metalloproteinase inhibitor-1 (TIMP-1). Three genes correlated with CADESI-03: serum amyloid A 1 (SAA-1), S100A8, and PKP2; and four with IDT results: mast cell protease I (CMA1), SAA-1, S100A8 and SPINK5. **CONCLUSION:** Genes with altered expression included those relevant to skin barrier formation and immune function, suggesting both are relevant in the pathogenesis of AD. Many of these genes reflect the proposed pathogenesis in hAD, supporting the use of dogs as a model for hAD. Furthermore, these genes may be considered suitable targets for future genetic and protein function studies in human and canine AD.

### The detection of Bovine Papillomavirus type 1 DNA in flies.

*Virus Res.* 2009 144(1–2): 315–7

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BPVs are double stranded DNA viruses that can infect several species other than the natural host, cattle, including equids. In equids, BPV-1, and, less commonly BPV-2, infection gives rise to fibroblastic tumours of the skin. Whilst a causal relationship between BPV-1/2 and equine sarcoids is now well established, how the disease is transmitted is not known. In this study we show BPV-1 DNA can be detected in flies trapped in the proximity of sarcoid-affected animals. Sequence analysis of the BPV-1 LCR from flies indicates that flies harbour BPV-1 LCR sequence variants II and IV which are commonly detected in equine sarcoids. These data suggest that flies may be able to transmit BPV-1 between equids.

## Feline calicivirus infection. ABCD guidelines on prevention and management.

*J Feline Med Surg.* 2009 11(7): 556–64

Radford AD, Addie D, Belák S, Boucraut-Baralon C, Egberink H, Frymus T, Gruffydd-Jones T, Hartmann K, Hosie MJ, Lloret A, Lutz H, Marsilio F, Pennisi MG, Thiry E, Truyen U, Horzinek MC.

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**OVERVIEW:** Feline calicivirus (FCV) is a highly variable virus. More severe, systemic forms of FCV infection have been observed recently. **INFECTION:** Sick, acutely infected or carrier cats shed FCV in oronasal and conjunctival secretions. Infection occurs mainly through direct contact. **DISEASE SIGNS:** The main clinical signs are oral ulcers, upper respiratory signs and a high fever. Feline calicivirus may be isolated from nearly all cats with chronic stomatitis or gingivitis. Cats with 'virulent systemic FCV disease' variably show pyrexia, cutaneous oedema, ulcerative lesions on the head and limbs, and jaundice. Mortality is high and the disease is more severe in adult cats. **DIAGNOSIS:** Diagnosis of FCV can be achieved by virus isolation or reverse-transcriptase PCR. Viral RNA can be detected in conjunctival and oral swabs, blood, skin scrapings or lung tissue using PCR. Positive PCR results should be interpreted with caution, as these may be a consequence of low-level shedding by persistently infected carriers. The diagnosis of virulent systemic FCV disease relies on clinical signs and isolation of the same strain from the blood of several diseased cats. **DISEASE MANAGEMENT:** Supportive therapy (including fluid therapy) and good nursing care are essential. Anorexic cats should be fed highly palatable, blended or warmed food. Mucolytic drugs (eg, bromhexine) or nebulisation with saline may offer relief. Broad-spectrum antibiotics may be administered to prevent secondary bacterial infections. Feline calicivirus can persist in the environment for about 1 month and is resistant to many common disinfectants. **VACCINATION RECOMMENDATIONS:** Two injections, at 9 and 12 weeks of age, are recommended, followed by a first booster 1 year later. In high-risk situations, a third vaccination at 16 weeks is recommended. Boosters should be given every 3 years. However, cats in high-risk situations should be revaccinated annually. Cats that have recovered from caliciviral disease are probably not protected for life, particularly if infected with different strains. Vaccination of these cats is still recommended.

## Interventions to reduce Staphylococcus aureus in the management of atopic eczema.

*Cochrane Database Syst Rev.* 2008 16;(3): CD003871.

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**BACKGROUND:** Staphylococcus aureus can cause secondary infection in atopic eczema, and it may promote inflammation in eczema that does not look infected. Many antimicrobial products exist for eczema, but it is unclear if they work or if they promote bacterial resistance. **OBJECTIVES:** To assess the effects of interventions to reduce Staphylococcus aureus for treating infected or uninfected atopic eczema. **SEARCH STRATEGY:** We searched the Cochrane Skin Group Specialised Register (March 2008), the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (Cochrane Library Issue 1, 2008), MEDLINE (OVID) (from 2002 to March 2008), EMBASE (OVID) (from 2002 to March 2008), Ongoing trials registers (March 2008). References from trials and reviews were searched, pharmaceutical companies were contacted for unpublished trials. There were no language restrictions. **SELECTION CRITERIA:** Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) of people with atopic eczema who have been treated with a product intended to reduce S. aureus on the skin. **DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS:** Two people independently performed the study selection, data abstraction and quality assessment. **MAIN RESULTS:** We included 21 studies (1018 participants) covering 7 treatment categories. Most studies were poorly reported and study differences limited pooling of results. Adverse effects were especially poorly reported, and only one study reported the emergence of resistant bacterial strains following oral antibiotics. Oral antibiotics were not associated with benefit in non-infected (2 trials, 66 participants) or infected eczema (1 trial, 33 participants). We did not find any benefit for antibacterial soaps (1 trial, 50 participants), or antibacterial bath additives (2 trials, 41 participants), or topical antibiotics/antiseptics (4 studies, 95 participants). Adding antibiotics to

topical corticosteroids reduced numbers of Staphylococcus aureus in 4 trials (302 participants), but there was no evidence of any clinical benefit in 9 trials involving 677 participants: betamethasone plus neomycin vs clobetasol (MD 1.2; 95% CI 0.25, 2.15), prednicarbate plus antimicrobial vs prednicarbate (RR 0.64; 95% CI 0.25, 1.68), or betamethasone valerate plus gentamicin vs betamethasone (RR 0.31; 95% CI 0.07, 1.35). One trial (30 participants) showed no significant improvement in eczema for those using silver textiles (RR 2.67; 95% CI 0.98, 7.22), despite using 10 times the amount of topical steroids. **AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS:** We failed to find clear evidence of benefit for antimicrobial interventions for people with atopic eczema, despite their widespread use. This does not necessarily mean they do not work because the studies were small and poorly reported. Further large studies with long-term outcomes and clearly defined participants are urgently required.

## Cyclosporine-induced gingival overgrowth in New Zealand White rabbits (Oryctolagus cuniculus)

*Comp Med.* 2009 59(4): 357–62

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A high incidence of gingival overgrowth occurred in a group of New Zealand White rabbits receiving daily cyclosporine (15 mg/kg IM) while on a retinoblastoma study. Over the course of 2 mo, rabbits presented with clinical signs of ptyalism (4 of 18 rabbits), inappetence (3 of 18), or both (3 of 18); facial dermatitis and erythema occurred secondary to ptyalism. Reducing the dose of cyclosporine to 10 mg/kg led to complete resolution of clinical signs in all but 2 rabbits, which then received azithromycin (62.5 mg PO once daily for 7 d), a common treatment for cyclosporine-induced gingival overgrowth in other species. After dose reduction and azithromycin treatment, clinical signs resolved and did not reoccur for the remainder of the study. Fourteen rabbits were necropsied at the end of the study, and gingival width was measured. Although some rabbits were clinically normal, the gingiva in all rabbits was grossly thickened. Rabbits on cyclosporine had molar gingiva that was significantly thicker (4.8 mm) than controls (2.5 mm) not treated with cyclosporine. Histologic analysis of the gingiva revealed mild to moderate gingival epithelial hyperplasia, hyperkeratosis, and mild inflammation. Gingival overgrowth is a known side effect of cyclosporine administration in other species but, to our knowledge, this report is the first description of the condition in rabbits. Because rabbits frequently are used in studies that involve systemic cyclosporine administration, clinicians are advised to include this possibility in their differential list for cases involving hypersalivation, facial dermatitis, or inappetence in rabbits.



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## ECVD examination results 2009

This year, there were 11 candidates and I am very happy to inform you of the existence of our nine new ECVD diplomates who are, in alphabetical order:

Diplomate	Residency Place	Mentor(s)
Vincent Bruet	U Nantes, France	Patrick Bourdeau
Noëlle Cochet-Faivre	Paris, France	Pascal Prélaud
Anette Jassies-vanderLee	U Utrecht, Netherlands	Ton Willemse, Marinus Wisselink
Ana Oliveira	U Edinburgh, UK	Keith Thoday
Lucia Panakova	Birkenfeld, Germany	Hans Koch
Natalie Perrins	RVC, London, UK	Ross Bond, Anke Hendricks, David Lloyd
Jan Rybnicek	U Bristol, UK	Peter Hill
Vanessa Schmidt	U Liverpool, UK	Neil McEwan
Gila Zur	alternative	

### Dermatology Residency Available

If interested in a residency, orient your browser to the ECVD website ([www.ecvd.org](http://www.ecvd.org)) and look for "ECVD Residency" for details of approved ECVD residencies and any positions available.

### Title Abuse

The President of the European College of Veterinary Dermatology would like to remind all persons who have successfully passed the Alternate Route Part I exam of the ECVD (now named the "Alternate Route Qualifying Examination") that the College does not allow the use of any title in relation to this examination whatsoever.

The use, in any way, of titles such as "ECVD Certificate Holder", "ECVD Part I Diploma Holder", ECVD Alternate Route Qualifying Examination Holder etc. is therefore absolutely forbidden by the College.

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