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Research and Publication Secretary

## President's Remarks

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2010: ESVD a dynamic Board for a dynamic society:

### **ESVD offers more for its members**

In recent years our congresses have been successful thanks to your active participation in our events and to the really good partnership we have established with commercial sponsors. The good management of previous boards has enabled us to secure our finances. It is now possible to be more generous with our members and to progress the charitable goals of ESVD.

What's new for our members: we decided to reduce the membership fees to 100€ to include access to the online and print copy of the journal *Veterinary Dermatology*. If you decide to only download the *Veterinary Dermatology* you will benefit from a reduced member fee of 60€. We would also like to be generous with young vets, residents and veterinarians who have graduated within the past three years - we decided to provide a reduced fee of 60€ to include access to the online and print copy of *Veterinary Dermatology*.

Together with ECVD we decided to offer a substantial discount to those ESVD members who paid for the ESVD-ECVD 2010 Congress in Firenze. The registration fee for the 3 congress days, including lunches, for 2011 is 280€ if you register before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact us if you have partnerships or good ideas that will help to support and promote our derm group!

Following the brainstorming meeting initiated by Chiara Noli and held January 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 the elected board has made progress on a number of issues:

**ESVD promote its membership** and to fulfil its objectives which include: "To promote veterinary dermatology in all animal species, in both clinical and non-clinical fields, to improve standards of diagnosis and treatment and to encourage the exchange of information".

A subcommittee for Eastern European countries was created and is now managed by Aiden Foster. This subcommittee is promoting our activities in those countries creating some useful links for a "winwin" future collaboration. The Subcommittee for young members led by Ursula Mayer has been promoting ESVD in universities with veterinary schools with the objective of reaching out to students, our future colleagues, to promote their interest in veterinary dermatology and to involve them in our "Derm family".

To improve awareness of our image and to promote ESVD a new brochure has been created which is available on request through our secretariat or printable from the ESVD website.

I would like to thank all the members involved in the subcommittees for the important support they have given to ESVD.

### **ESVD improve provision of further education**

The first visible step of this process will be to provide a third room in the annual congress in Brussels next September. Some other projects are in the starting blocks!

### **ESVD extend support of research projects**

Following the AGM in Firenze a review was carried out of the research grant guidelines. We are grateful to Claude Favrot, Thierry Olivry and Sandrine Herbelet for carrying out this review and they have devised some proposals for the grant awards for 2012 onwards. These proposals will be discussed at the 26th AGM in September in Brussels.

In collaboration with our friends in ECVD we will fund from 2011 on a PhD scholarship for up to 3 to 4 years. Our ultimate goal is to help populate European veterinary faculties with highly competent and motivated scientists with a particular interest in veterinary dermatology. For more details please refer to our website [www.esvd.org](http://www.esvd.org) ("research").

### **ESVD changes its image**

Thanks to the subcommittee managed by Ian Mason, Sandrine Herbelet and Claudia Nett the first changes appeared on our website. Of course, these are early steps in substantially revising the site. We would like to modify the lay out and content . To this end we welcome your suggestions. We are working for you and...with you !

We want to create a "corporate identity" around our new logo with a new Powerpoint™ presentation of ESVD available from our website, new ESVD leaflets, other printing material and soon a new website...

It is true that we did not fulfil all of the goals discussed during the brainstorming meeting but we hope that we are building incrementally a more attractive Society.

### **ESVD is also progressing in all its administrative obligations**

ESVD is more than thankful to Aiden Foster and Ian Mason for the incredible work they performed to change the status of the ESVD from a Luxemburg-based Society to a British Charity. You would need to be involved in the board to understand what they have done for us during the past years and what they are still doing now to improve the structure of our new charity. It was a painful job in the shadow of more visible activities but they succeeded in this laborious task. Thank you my friends! We are now progressing on another hard subject... VAT in Europe - but I will keep this incredible story for the future...

### **ESVD is more eco-friendly than in the past**

As you can see for spring 2011 our publications will only be available online. This decision was taken in part because of financial factors and because of concerns about climate change and the need to use environmental resources carefully.

### **ESVD board welcomes new members**

I was very happy to welcome onto the board last September Sandrine Herbelet, Ursula Mayer, Claudia Nett and Sue Paterson. With this new team we hope to be equal to the project of ESVD. We are also really grateful to Chiara Noli and Claude Favrot who retired after making substantial contributions to the work of our society.

I would like to thank the local organizing committee of our last meeting in Firenze: Fabia Scarampella, Silvia Colombo, Franca Galeotti and Chiara Noli. Thanks to you we discovered a marvellous area in Italy and we had a very pleasant stay in your nice country. Thanks also to ECVD and especially to Rosario Cerundolo who was in charge of the scientific programme. ESVD is also grateful to all of its partners and in particular to its Long Term Partners (ICF, Royal Canin and Merial). We greatly appreciate their significant contribution to the society.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning members to the next annual meeting to be held in Brussels next September. This year the ESVD and ECVD have the pleasure of welcoming two other associations: the International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology (ISVD) and the Veterinary Wound Healing Association (VWHA). This meeting will be a wonderful opportunity for meeting colleagues from all over the world in a friendly atmosphere and sharing scientific and cultural experiences - so please come and join us!

**Luc BECO**  
**ESVD President**

## Publications

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I would like to thank the new and past Board members, who provided me with the material published in this edition of the **Annual Report**. Please notice that after taking into account environmental and financial issues, the ESVD board has decided to provide only on-line reports and bulletins. This is the first electronic Annual Report and my first Annual Report as Research and Publication Officer. I'm very happy to answer all your questions relating to publications, research and grants at [publications-grants@esvd.org](mailto:publications-grants@esvd.org).

### Journal - *Veterinary Dermatology*

- A total of 93 papers were published in six issues in 2010.
- The most popular downloaded paper was "Treatment of canine atopic dermatitis: 2010 clinical practice guidelines from the International Task Force on Canine Atopic Dermatitis" (n=2780)
- *Veterinary Dermatology* was launched onto the Wiley Online Library web platform and this has helped to promote awareness of affiliated organisations and provide information about their meetings including the ESVD-ECVD congress, NAVDF and WAVD congress.
- The ISVD and WAVD became formal affiliated organizations with the journal.
- The journal's editorial software system for article submission moved from Editorial Manager to Scholar One in September 2010.
- The impact factor has increased from 1.200 (2005) to 1.543 (2010).
- The editor in chief Aiden Foster presented a lecture on "How to Get Published" at the ESVD congress residents session in Firenze.
- Following an editorial board meeting in Firenze during the 2010 ESVD-ECVD congress it was decided to adopt a double blind reviewing format from December 1st 2010.

The **ESVD Bulletin** is an important way of communication to and between members. It includes reports of past courses and congresses, the announcements for future national and international meetings in veterinary dermatology, the "Web Watch", a number of web pages related to dermatology, and the "Abstract Watch", comments on recently published articles. Peter Forsythe is retiring as our Bulletin Editor. Thank you Peter for all the work done for the ESVD! Jane Rose is already very enthusiastic to continue Peter's work and deliver us excellent pieces of work as well!

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

**Sandrine Herbelet**  
**Research and Publication Secretary**

## ESVD Grant

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

In 2010 two research grants were awarded to Prof. R. Mueller (University of Munich) for his study "Intralymphatic allergen-specific immunotherapy in dogs with atopic dermatitis" and to Prof. C. Favrot (University of Zurich) for his study "Markers of the development of squamous cell carcinomas in canine papillomavirus-infected tissues".

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

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

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

All applications will be subject to peer review and must include background information, project aims and objectives, project design, specific methods, and budget, together with an explanation of the relevance of the proposed work to veterinary dermatology, as described in the guidelines. The successful applicant(s) will be informed as soon as a decision has been reached and the successful project applications announced at the next AGM of the Society. Payment of the grant will be made into a special account and a budget report will be required by the ESVD Treasurer at the end of the study. Any funds not spent must be returned to the ESVD. Annual progress reports are required and should be submitted to the current Publications and Grant Secretary at least 30 days before the Society's AGM.

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

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

### **GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF ESVD GRANT APPLICATIONS (2010 and 2011):**

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

#### *Section 1 (one page maximum)*

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

#### *Section 2 (one page maximum)*

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

#### *Section 3 (two pages maximum)*

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

#### *Section 4 (two pages maximum)*

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

Section 5 (*four pages maximum*)

i) Experimental design and methods: This section should contain a concise discussion of the experimental design and the procedures to be used to accomplish the specific aims listed above. This section should be sufficiently detailed so that feasibility may be judged. This section should list a brief description of resources available to investigators. It is important to discuss the means by which the data will be collected, analysed and interpreted, and the controls that will be required to allow a proper analysis. The type of statistical evaluation to be used for data analysis should be briefly detailed. Investigators should justify the sizes of experimental groups.

ii) Animal use: Projects must fulfil the requirements of legislation in force in the country in which the work is to be performed. A statement to this effect should be included in the application. Any project proposal involving animals must be evaluated by the applicant's institution animal use committee and a statement to that effect should also be included in the proposal. If pets are to be used in the project, a permission form for the owners to complete should be appended to the proposal. Unless animal care and use has been carefully addressed, a proposal can not be considered for funding.

Section 6 (*one page maximum*)

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

Section 7 (*one page maximum*)

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

**Sandrine Herbelet**  
**Research and Publication Secretary**

## **Further Education and Meeting Secretary report**

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First I would like to thank ESVDs trust for making me a member of the Board. I am very happy to join the group and be able to improve our further Education and Meetings together with Luc Beco, who has fulfilled this position for the last six years and is now the president of the ESVD Board. He has put in an amazing amount of time, energy, love and motivation to make our meeting to what they are. Doing this he has gained a vast amount of experience. Therefore I am extremely happy that for the future we will work as a team. I am thankful to have the possibility to learn from him, as well as bring in new ideas.

### **Meetings held in 2010: ESVD Congress – Firenze, Italy**

The annual meeting took place in the ancient and history rich city centre of Firenze. The Dinner dance was organized at Villa Corsini di Mezzomonte. In this Renaissance Villa with its breathtaking frescos, decoration and elegant Italian gardens introduced by Prince Giovan Carlo de Medici everyone was feeling like a nobleman or women. What a fun evening this was dining and dancing.

The participants numbered around 544 and came from 39 different countries located in Europe but also Australia, America and Asia. The scientific programme was organized by the scientific organizing committee (President: Rosario Cerundolo) and run by the ECVD to whom we are very grateful for all their work.

I would like to thank the Italian Group of Dermatology and especially Fabia Scarpella, Silvia Colombo, Fanca Galeotti and Chiara Noli for their fantastic support and warm welcome. It was a real pleasure to work with this team as the Local Organising Committee in this country. Thanks to you, we will never forget our stay in Italy.

The support in organizing the resident's day by Sonya Bettenay, Thierry Olivry and the sponsors Eukanuba and Bayer was highly appreciated.

I would also like to thank our long term partners (LTPs) for 2010, 2011 and 2013: ICF, Merial and Royal Canin and all the other sponsors and exhibitors. Thanks also to our Professional Congress Organizer (AIM group from Florence) for their great support during the congress.

### **Workshop held in 2010**

At the **workshop on Otitis** – UK February 4-6th 2010 - 31 delegates from Greece, Holland, Germany and the UK attended to hear the expert speakers Craig Griffin, Sue Patterson, Ulrike Michal and Virginie De Busscher. The first day included topics such as: anatomy of the ear, neurological evaluation of the ear patient, diagnostic imaging of the year, diseases of the ear pinna and causes of Otitis Externa. The second day of lectures covered ear cleaning, Malessezia Otitis, gram positive infection, Allergic Otitis and Otitis media. The third day was split between a wet lab video-otoscopy.

The **workshop from skin biology to cutaneous diseases** was held in Spa, Belgium June 17.19<sup>th</sup> 2010. The main speakers (Thierry Olivry and Keith Linder) did a wonderful job. Thank you also to Luc Beco for his support in the practical part. The scientific content was excellent and the friendly atmosphere really appreciated by the participants. Spa is a unique venue with its close leisure possibilities of the therme and walking paths in the woods, as well as the beautiful little village, not to forget about the fantastic Belgian food and chocolate.



## Forthcoming events

### ESVD Annual congresses

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

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the ESVD-ECVD**  
**8 - 10 September 2011, Brussels - Belgium**

**The main theme of the Congress will be:**

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

For more information about the Scientific Programme, Speakers, Registration, Venue etc. please visit [www.esvd-ecvd2011.com](http://www.esvd-ecvd2011.com)

**Deadline Early registration fee 1 June 2011**

ESVD European Society of Veterinary Dermatology  
 ECVD  
 ISVD  
 VWHA  
 THE LONG & TERRY PARTNERS ESVD/ECVD

We would like to invite you to join us for the 25th Congress of the European Society and College of Veterinary Dermatology in the beating heart of Europe: Brussels.

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

The congress will be held in the Square Brussels Meeting Centre and three modern and comfortable conference rooms will be available.

The continuous education programme will be simultaneously translated in French.

The main theme of the Congress will be: bacterial and viral diseases in dogs and cats, methicillin-resistant infections in animals and man, immune mediated diseases in dogs and cats, melanocyte

biology and diseases, wound healing and dressings in animals, atopic dermatitis and food allergy and epidermal stem cells and hair follicles diseases.

The Local Organizing Committee has selected one of the most beautiful city in Europe to welcome ESVD, ECVD, ISVD and VWHA. In Brussels beats different architectural styles from the magnificent gothic Grand'Place to the "Art Nouveau" houses near the new giant glass cube of the Square Brussels Meeting Centre. You will have to possibility to discover the creativity of Belgian Artist from Breughel, to Magritte and to the Belgian comic strips like Tintin... You will have also the opportunity to taste some Belgian specialties like the mussels with fries, special beers, waffles, cuberdons, speculoos and the wonderful chocolates... In Brussels you will also find a friendly atmosphere where you will feel very welcome! That's what we call "the Belgian way"! The welcome reception will be in the Brussels City Hall located on the Brussels Grand Place and the dinner and dance evening in the theater of Le Piazza Hotel.

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

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



The professional organizer for this event will be the Pauwels Congress Organisers [www.pauwelspcn.nl](http://www.pauwelspcn.nl)

The registration is now open: please visit [www.esvd-ecvd2011.com](http://www.esvd-ecvd2011.com)

## 7th World Congress, 2012

The next World Congress will be held in Vancouver, Canada, July 24-28th 2012 and will be organized by The World Association for Veterinary Dermatology.

<http://www.vetdermvancouver.com>.

There will not be an European Congress in this year

## ESVD-ECVD Annual Congress 2013

26th Annual Congress of the ESVD – ECVD: Valencia - Spain, September 18-21th 2013.

Congress Center: Palacio de congreso de Valencia: [www.palcongres-vlc.com](http://www.palcongres-vlc.com)

## ESVD Workshops

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

### 2011

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

Date: May 12th - 14th 2011  
 Location: Companion Animal Clinic - Veterinary Faculty - Thessaloniki, Greece  
 Speakers: M. Welle, L. Ferrer, C. Noli, A. Koutinas  
 Local Organizer: Alexander Koutinas

Thessaloniki having always been the epicentre of great developments, processes and events, is nowadays an economic and cultural centre, a vibrant focal point for the Balkans and a geographic landmark between the Eastern & Western Civilization. This workshop will not only stimulate your mind with updates on histopathology and controversial cases, but also spoil your tongue and eyes with a sea food dinner and city walking tour.

#### **Cutaneous immunology**

Date: October 27-29th 2011  
 Location: Hamburg, Germany  
 Local Organizer: Monika Linek

Hummel Hummel.....Moin, Moin Welcome to Hamburg.  
 Hamburg the gateway to the world and centre of Northern Germany.  
 It is very easy to reach by train, by plane and even by boat.  
 The program is exciting and Monika will take care to provide a supportive learning and living environment.

### 2012

#### **Feline Dermatology**

Date: June 8-9th 2012  
 Location: Majorca – Spain

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

### **Equine Dermatology**

Date: November 2012  
 Location: Utrecht – Netherlands  
 Local Organizer: Marianne Sloet van Oldruitenborgh-Oosterbaan

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.

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

For more information and to see the provisional calendar of events, go to <http://www.esvd.org> (education)

**Ursula Mayer**  
**Further Education and Meeting Secretary**

## **Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM of the ESVD**

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 13-30 at Palazzo degli Affari, Florence, Italy

### **President's Address**

1. Aiden Foster opened the meeting and thanked the participants for attending.
2. Professor David Lloyd presented the Ulli Runge Harms award for an outstanding contribution as a part of a residency programme to Fillipo de Bellis for his study "Absence of DNA sequence diversity of the intergenic spacer 1 region in *Malassezia nana* isolates from cats". The award was supported by Virbac and Dr C. Reme attended to present the award on behalf of the sponsor.

### **Election of trustees / Board members**

3. ESVD has had charitable status since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 and the election of the new board was carried out according to the new Articles of Association. At the start of the AGM four members were allowed to vote : Ralf Müller, Margreet Vroom, Trevor Whitbread and Chiara Noli. They all voted in turn for the nominated board members Sue Paterson, Sandrine Herbelet (both absent with valid reasons), Ursula Mayer and Claudia Nett. They also voted for Ian Mason as returning treasurer, for Luc Beco as the new president and Aiden Foster for past president.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Because of the change to charity status the accounting date has been changed from 1st Jan to 1st July. A half year report (1st January to 30th June 2009) has been circulated to members in the 25th annual Report in June 2010 and have been posted on the ESVD website.

For 2009/10 (1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010) Ian Mason (Treasurer) reported an income of 201710 €, expenditure of 169120 € and a surplus of 32590 €. These figures were broadly similar to previous years and expectations.

In order to comply with legislative requirements all figures must be converted to Euros using current exchange rate from [www.yahoo.com/money](http://www.yahoo.com/money), which is updated monthly. This should make reporting and comparisons much more straight-forward and transparent in the future. Unfortunately these figures are not directly comparable with the figures of previous years which were reported as sterling and Euros separately.

#### Research Secretary's Report and the Nomination of the ESVD Research Grant

The ESVD Research Grant usually funds one or two projects up to 15,000 Euros every year. The committee, consisting of Keith Thoday, Trevor Whitbread and Pascal Prélaud, evaluated the proposals in regard to relevance, originality, clarity of the design, feasibility, budget and ability of the applicant to carry out the project. The maximum number of marks was 300 points.

There were 11 proposals (versus 12 in 2008 and 8 in 2009) for the ESVD 2009 Research Grant. The evaluation ranged from 145-235 points. Only two proposals were evaluated with less than 200 points.

A grant of 12,000 Euros was awarded to Ralf Mueller, University of Munich, Germany for the project "Intralymphatic allergen-specific immunotherapy in dogs with atopic dermatitis".

Claude Favrot, University of Zurich, Switzerland is to receive 13,500 Euros for his study "Markers of the development of squamous cell carcinomas in canine papillomavirus-infected tissues".

Previous Grants were:

2008: Dr Santoro "Investigation on antimicrobial peptides in the skin of normal dogs and in sensitized high IgE atopic beagle" and Dr Marsella "The in vitro and in vivo evaluation of filaggrin expression in keratinocytes harvested from dogs with and without atopic dermatitis".

2009: Dr. Müller "Immunostimulatory effects of CpG oligonucleotides delivered by gelatine nanoparticles in the treatment of canine atopic dermatitis" and Dr. Welle "The canine hair cycle: Assessment of morphological and immunochemical criteria in endocrine disorders".

The notification of the awards for 2010 was followed by a discussion initiated by Chris Chesney about the apparent repetition over several years of awards to several people who had served on the ESVD Board – Claude Favrot offered to review the criteria and selection process for such awards and to return to the next AGM for further discussion about a method for progressing the decision making process.

#### Publication Secretary's Report

In 2009 129 articles were received for publication in Veterinary Dermatology, 50% were accepted. The average number of days between reception and first decision was 43 days. The impact factor of Veterinary Dermatology is now 1,543. Claude Favrot thanked authors, reviewers and editors for their work.

Last year ESVD published two bulletins, one annual report and one membership directory. Claude Favrot thanked Hill's for their financial support and Peter Forsythe for his work as the bulletin editor. For environment protection reasons, from 2011 onwards, the bulletins, annual report and membership directory will be available online only.

#### Further Education Secretary's Report

Luc Beco thanked the Local Organizing Committee (Fabia Scarampella, Chiara Noli, Silvia Colombo and Franca Galeotti), the Scientific Organizing Committee (ECVD: Rosario Cerundolo, UK; Silvia Colombo, Italy; Claude Favrot, Switzerland; Thierry Olivry, USA; And Laura Ordeix, Spain), the Professional Congress Organisation AIM and the Long Term Partners ICF, Merial and Royal Canin as well as all of the sponsors and exhibitors for their support.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the ESVD – ECVD in Florence had 544 participants from 39 different countries.

Luc Beco invited everybody to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the ESVD-ECVD in Brussels, Belgium, September 8-10<sup>th</sup> 2011 ([www.esvd-ecvd2011.com](http://www.esvd-ecvd2011.com)).

#### Future Meetings and Workshops

Where clinical and histopathological patterns don't match: controversies over common and uncommon canine and feline skin diseases  
May 12-14<sup>th</sup> 2011, Thessaloniki– Greece

Immunology workshop  
October 27-29<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Hamburg – Germany

Feline Dermatology  
June 2012  
Mallorca – Spain

Further information can be found at [www.esvd.org/events](http://www.esvd.org/events).

#### WAVD

Chiara Noli gave a presentation on the work of the WAVD and the preparations for WCVD7. This included mention of the surplus for WCVD6 which has been shared with the various affiliated organisations including ESVD (42,000 euro shared with ECVD) for which the Society is most grateful. This was followed by a discussion about the financial outcome of the last congress WCVD6 initiated by Chris Chesney with explanations and contributions from the floor including from Hans Koch and Didier Carlotti (representing WAVD).

#### AOB

None

#### Date and Time of the next AGM

The 26<sup>th</sup> ESVD AGM will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 13-00 in Brussels, Belgium.

#### Closing Remarks by the ESVD President

The new Board members were congratulated on their election and for their willingness to join the Board.

The meeting was closed by Aiden Foster who offered thanks to the board members, especially to the three retiring Board members Claude Favrot, Christine Lowenstein and Chiara Noli for all their work for the Society, and to the members who attended the AGM.

**Sue Paterson**  
**ESVD Secretary**

## **Treasurer's Report 2011**

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After much work by ESVD Board members, and a great deal of legal and financial advice, the financial aspects of the prolonged and complex process of converting ESVD into a charity have been completed. The audited Financial Statements for our first year of activity 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 as a charity are now available on the ESVD website.

ESVD has now accrued sufficient reserves to fund current and planned activities and the provision of services to our members and to provide a 'safety-net' equivalent to our financial commitment to the costs of a single annual congress. For this reason, we have been able to review and simplify membership fees which for many members were reduced for 2011. On-line payments for subscriptions has been introduced and we encourage all members to consider using this convenient and simple method of payment.

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

**Ian Mason**  
**ESVD Honorary Treasurer**

## **Agenda for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

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