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EDITORIAL

ESVD-ECVD Congress

Planning for the 17th ESVD-ECVD Congress is well underway as a look at the website (www.congress-vetderm.com) will tell you. For the first time there will be three tracks. Firstly, an excellent continuing education programme for the busy practitioner. Secondly, an unrivalled scientific session where you can catch up with the latest research, and finally a unique nurses session. There is also a great social programme planned, and I can find out more about the Bog People – need any more excuses to book a trip to Copenhagen?

Don't forget about the pre-congress meetings. There is an announcement about the ESAVS meeting in this newsletter. The Residents' Day will take place on Wednesday 26th September.

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Veterinary Immunology in Sweden

The sixth International Veterinary Immunology Symposium will take place in Uppsala, Sweden from 15th-20th July 2001. Highlights include equine and canine workshops, innate and adaptive immune responses, allergy and autoimmunity, immunomodulation, functional genomics and much more. The speakers have been drawn from the cutting edge of veterinary and human immunology, so it should be a fascinating five days.

For further details see their website at www.service.slu.se/conference/ivis2001/ or contact the SLU Conference Service, P.O. Box 7059, SE-750 07 UPPSALA, SWEDEN, fax +46 18 67 35 30.

Public understanding of science

Foot and mouth disease has cast a long shadow over Europe. As I write, I am waiting to hear whether I will be called up as a temporary veterinary inspector. An unusual fate to befall a dermatologist perhaps, but all that revision of viral skin conditions might finally bear fruit. This outbreak has also made me more aware of scientific misinformation in the media. The information technology age could in fact further disenfranchise a public not empowered to filter and critically analyse data presented as fact.

An initiative in the UK called the Public Understanding of Science (PUS) aims to widen access to and demystify science and medicine, and rebuild trust with the public (who, directly or indirectly, pay for most of our work). Many grant-awarding bodies now require some form of PUS. This may take the form of writing for newspapers or popular journals, radio or TV work, presentations to lay audiences or holding open days. I recently spent five days attached to the biology department of a local school. It was enormously enjoyable and rewarding, and I would encourage others to get involved.

Web-watch

The internet is becoming ever more influential. Whether it becomes a glorified form of television or telephone is unclear, but its importance as a source of information cannot be doubted. There are many veterinary websites now available, including our own ESVD site at www.esvd.org. Starting with the next bulletin, there will be regular 'web-watch'. Please send details of interesting websites and a short review to Tim Nuttall at the above address for inclusion.

ESVD 2001 Dermatopathology Workshop

The Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts AL9 7TA, England

Tuesday 22nd May – Friday 25th May 2001

Tuesday 22nd May

09.00 - 13.00	Lecture: Pattern analysis overview Lecture: Perivascular dermatitis and the dermatitis Reaction Lecture: Vasculitis	CLAUDIA VON TSCHARNER JULIE YAGER VERENA AFFOLTER
14.00 - 18.00	Slide sets for beginners and experienced participants Laboratory Session: Comparison of Vasculitis and perivascular dermatitis	

Wednesday 23rd May

09.00 - 13.00	Lecture: Interface dermatitis Lecture: Intraepidermal and subepidermal vesiculopustular diseases	JULIE YAGER VERENA AFFOLTER
14.00 - 18.00	Slide sets for beginners and experienced participants. Laboratory Session: Comparison of interface and vesiculopustular diseases	

Thursday 24th May

09.00 - 13.00	Lecture: Folliculitis and furunculosis Lecture: Nodular and diffuse dermatitis	CLAUDIA VON TSCHARNER VERENA AFFOLTER
14.00 - 18.00	Slide sets for beginners and experienced participants. Laboratory Session: Comparison of Vasculitis and perivascular dermatitis	

Friday 25th May

09.00 - 13.00	Lecture: Atrophic diseases Lecture: Equine dermatopathology	JULIE YAGER CLAUDIA VON TSCHARNER
14.00 - 18.00	Case Presentations of the advanced participants and discussion of their slides	

For further details and registration please contact Mrs. Angela Buckland on tel: +44 (0)1707 647969 or on fax: +44 (0)1707 646540 or on email: abuckland@rvc.ac.uk.

ESVD Feline Dermatology Workshop (with practicals) – 40 participants

De Huizen, The Netherlands

5th – 7th July 2001

Speakers: Flemming Kristensen, Helen Power, Erik Teske, Claudia Von Tschärner, Ton Willemsse, Stephen White

Local organisers: Ton Willemsse, Mieke Leistra, Jacqueline Sinker

Details from: Mieke Leistra - mleistra@eurovet.nl

Registration fee: ESVD members - 350 euros; non-members 455 euros

PROGRAMME

Thursday 5th July

09.00 - 10.30	Basic patterns of inflammation in skin and their significance	CVT
11.00 - 12.30	Nodular dermatoses	HP
13.45 - 15.45	Practical training in dermatohistopathology	CVT and HP
16.15 - 17.15	Interactive case discussions	TW

Friday 6th July

09.00 - 10.30	Dermatophytosis in cats: an update on clinical features, diagnostic tools, and the need for therapy	HP
11.00 - 12.30	Interactive case discussions	FK
Afternoon	Social program	

Saturday 7th July

09.00 - 10.30	Cutaneous infectious diseases and their microscopic diagnosis	FK
11.00 - 12.30	FNAB as a tool in dermatology	ET
13.45 - 15.15	Practical training in cytology	ET
15.45 - 17.15	Interactive case discussions	HP

Future ESVD Workshops

1. Clinical Pathology (with wetlab) – 30 participants

- July 2002 (5 days)
- Nantes (France)
- Speakers
 - Emmanuel Bensaïgnor
 - Ross Bond
 - Patrick Bourdeau
 - Dominique Heripret
 - Pascal Prélaud
 - Eric Teske
- Local organisers
 - Patrick Bourdeau
 - Dominique Heripret
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2. Equine Dermatology (with practicals) – 30 participants

- October 2002
- Sweden
- Speakers
 - Janet Littlewood
 - Stephen White
- Local organiser
 - Kerstin Bergvall
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3. Exotic Animal Dermatology (practicals) – 30 participants

- November 2002
- Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Speakers
 - Steven Divers
 - Neil Forbes
 - Nico Schoemaker
 - (Others to be confirmed)
- Local organisers
 - Nico Schoemaker
 - Jacqueline Sinke
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4. Skin Biology (with wetlab) – 30 participants

- 2003
- Reichenau, Switzerland
- Speakers to be confirmed
- Local organiser
 - Claudia Von Tscharnner

5. Canine dermatology (with practicals) – 24 participants

- 2003
- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Speakers to be confirmed
- Local organiser
 - Fleming Kristensen

Origin and Background of the Veterinary Wound Healing Association

THE VWHA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1997 in response to a growing awareness of the need for better strategies for dealing with wounds in domestic animals. The VWHA brings together clinicians, pharmacists and scientists in different fields of veterinary and human medicine with common interests in the advancement of knowledge and the practice of veterinary wound management. Membership of the VWHA is open to any person with an interest in wound healing and management.

For further information see our website at <http://www.cf.ac.uk/plrmy/VWHA/>

5th Annual scientific meeting of the Veterinary Wound Healing Association

10-12th May 2001, Hannover, Germany

THE 5th ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE VETERINARY WOUND HEALING ASSOCIATION will be held at the School of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover, Germany, from 10-12th May 2001. We invite you to join us and to contribute to this fascinating and relatively new area of wound management. The official meeting language will be English.

PROGRAMME

10th May 2001

15.00-18.00 *Registration*

11th May 2001

08.00 *Registration and coffee*

09.00-12.30 *Skin grafts*

J. NONCHAHAL (UK) - R. SHAIHAR (ISRAEL)

12.30-14.00 *Break*

14.00-17.00 *Management of difficult wounds*

S. SWAIM (USA) - H. BRÖSTRÖM (SWEDEN) -
L. BRUNNBERG (GERMANY)

Free communications

17.00-18.00 *Annual general meeting*

12th May 2001

09.00-10.00 *Free communications*

10.30-13.00 *Workshop: New wound management products*

S. COCKBILL (UK) - T. TURNER (UK)

13.00 *End*

The programme will be supplemented by practical demonstrations (techniques of wound dressing etc.) using small animals and horses, presentation of case studies and free communications. We invite you to submit abstracts of original investigations or case studies.

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting will be published. If you wish your paper to be considered for publication in the proceedings, your manuscript must be handed in during the meeting.

If you are interested in participating or in contributing to the meeting, please contact the organising committee at the address below. The registration fees are DM 100,- for VWHA members and DM 150,- for non-members.

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Austrian dermatology study group (voek) meetings

21ST – 22ND APRIL 2001, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

- Speaker** - Greg Burton BVSc MACVSc FACVSc,
Animal Dermatology Clinic, Australia
- Programme** - Immunopathogenesis of atopy
Dermatological emergencies
Skin as a marker of internal disease
Therapeutics – what's new?
Case presentations
Ongoing projects
- Venue** - University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna,
Veterinärplatz 1, A 1210 Wien, Lecture Hall "D"
- Cost**
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| - VOEK member | - | ÖS1800.- / EUR 130 |
| DVG, FECAVA, WSAVA | - | ÖS1800.- / EUR 130 |
| Non-member | - | ÖS2400.- / EUR 175 |

For further information or to register please contact Dr. Otto Fischer, Feldgasse 8, A 2100 Korneuburg, Austria.
Tel: 0043 – 2262 – 75520, Fax: 0043 – 2262 – 6127025. Email: owfischer@aol.com.

Please note that this meeting will be held in **English**, with no translation. The number of participants will be limited to 30. The meeting is worth 12 hours of continuing education.

PROGRAMM VOEK DERMATOLOGIESEMINAR III - 13. U. 14. OKTOBER 2001, BADEN, AUSTRIA

- Speaker** - Dr. Chiara Noli, Dipl. ECVD
Dr. Otto W. Fischer
Dr. Regina Wagner
- Programm** - Alopezie und Endokrine Dermatosen
- SATURDAY** - Mikroskopische Anatomie und Physiologie des
Haarfollikels
Haarzyklus
Ursachen für Haarausfall
Morbus Cushing
Hypothyreose
Trichogramm
Feline Alopezie
Neoplasien der Haut und paraneoplastische Syndrome mit Alopezie
Imbalance der Sexualhormone – Dichtung und Wahrheit,
Androgenetische Alopezie
- SUNDAY** - Case presentations by the lecturers, cases are solved by participants
- Venue** - Grand Hotel Sauerhof, Weilburgstraße 11, A - 2500, Baden
- Cost**
- | | | |
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| - VÖK member | - | ÖS 1900.- / 138 Euro |
| FECAVA / WASAVA member | - | ÖS 1900.- / 138 Euro |
| Non-member | - | ÖS 2300.- / 167 Euro |

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Please note that this meeting will be held in **German**, with no translation and is worth 12 hours of continuing education.

News from GEDAC (the French Dermatology Study Group)

GEDAC HAVE TWO BIG EVENTS LATER THIS YEAR...

The first is our national congress which be held in Versailles, the Kings' city, just near the palace on June 15th-17th. Two programmes will be offered both days:

- **Continuing education - Breed related problems.** We'll present some familial dermatological problems of 15 breeds, as well as breed variation of the clinical presentation of certain diseases, including demodectic mange, atopic dermatitis, pyoderma and more.
- **Scientific programme** - half a day on histopathology, with clinicopathological conferences, one day on inherited skin diseases - what is a mutation, gene therapy etc., and half a day on what's new in dermato-endocrinology.

This would also be a great opportunity to take a tour of Versailles Palace and its gardens.

The second is a pre-congress day, just before the CNVSPA national congress in the Palais des Congrès, Lille on November 22nd. This day is devoted to atopic dermatitis, comparing human atopic disease and canine atopic disease. We have invited six human specialists in atopic dermatitis and plan to discuss all aspects of this well known hypersensitivity.

Further details for both meetings from CNVSPA, tel. - 00 33 1 53 83 91 60.

Please note that both these meetings are in French with no translation.

ESAVS Pre-Congress Day

THE 5th PRE-CONGRESS DAY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE ESAVS-LUXEMBOURG DERMATOLOGY courses will take place on September 26th, prior to the 17th annual European Society of Veterinary Dermatology / European College of Veterinary Dermatology congress in Copenhagen.

The speaker will be Candace Sousa, who will cover Immune Mediated Diseases and Immunology Tests available for the Practitioner. Later on the participants will have the opportunity to present and discuss their own cases.

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Dermatology meetings in Germany

Annual meeting of the German Society for Veterinary Dermatology

- 8th – 10th June 2001, Heidelberg, Germany

Further details from Dr. Ina Laufer - Ina.Laufer@t-online.de.

Dermatology in Small Animal Practice workshop

- 29th – 30th June 2001, Tuttlingen, Germany.
- Speakers – Dr.Ralf Mueller and Dr.Sonya Bettenay.

Further details from - contact info@eickemeyer.de

Statement from the President of the European College of Veterinary Dermatology

THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY would like to remind all persons who have successfully passed Part I of the ECVD Diploma examination, that the College does not allow the use of any title in relation to this examination.

The use of titles such as: "ECVD Certificate Holder" or "ECVD Part I Diploma Holder" etc. is therefore forbidden by the College.

D.N. Carlotti, *President of the ECVD.*

Derm Diploma Study Group

THE DERM DIPLOMA STUDY GROUP IS AN INFORMAL GROUP OF PEOPLE studying for their diploma in veterinary dermatology. We have now been meeting regularly for over a year with between five and eight participants from as far a field as Munich, Milan and Barcelona. We meet for a weekend once every two months, usually in London. During each meeting, we review a section of the diploma curriculum. Each participant prepares notes on and presents a review on a particular topic. There is plenty of scope for discussion. The subject for the next meeting on 19th-20th May is fungal and rickettsial disease. This will be followed by viral and protozoal diseases two months later or so. The participants all feel these weekends are helpful in their preparation for these exams, so, if you are interested in joining us please contact:

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Abstract watch

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These are articles describing findings in humans and rodent models that may be of interest to us in veterinary dermatology. They include some excellent review articles and original studies on confusing and contentious areas in therapy, hypersensitivity and cutaneous inflammation.

- Akdis, C.A. & Blaser, K. (2000) Mechanisms of allergen-specific immunotherapy. *Allergy* 55: 522-530.

A comprehensive review of a therapy many of us use on a regular basis.

- Kaneko, T. et al. (2000) Enhancing effect of dietary oil emulsions on immune responses to protein antigens fed to mice. *International archives of Allergy and Immunology* 121: 317-323.

This study found an enhanced antibody response under the influence of oral fatty acids on the immune response in mice. This further confuses the issue of whether fatty acid supplementation is beneficial for atopic dermatitis.

- Sterling, J.B. & Heymann, W.R. (2000) Potassium iodide in dermatology: A 19th century drug for the 21st century: Uses, pharmacology, adverse effects, and contraindications. *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* 43: 691-697.

We do not treat animals with potassium iodide as much as we used to, but this review article provides food for thought. We should probably investigate the use of this drug for certain skin disorders in veterinary dermatology with new vigour.

- Herrick, C.A. et al. (2000) Th2 responses induced by epicutaneous or inhalational protein exposure are differentially dependent on IL-4. *The Journal of Clinical Investigation* 105: 765-775.

This study found marked differences in T-cell responses to antigens depending on the site of entry (skin or respiratory tract), which may explain some of the differences between human asthma, and human and canine atopic dermatitis.

- Shida, K. et al. (2000) Serum IgE response to orally ingested antigen: A novel IgE response model with allergen-specific T-cell receptor transgenic mice. *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* 105: 788-795.

Several recent studies have evaluated oral immunotherapy in human medicine and the influence of oral antigen administration in mice. This study uses a new model for evaluating effects of oral antigen administration and shows that in mice chronic antigen administration leads to a change in T-helper subsets and cytokine production.

- Trautmann, A. et al. (2000) T cell-mediated Fas-induced keratinocyte apoptosis plays a key pathogenic role in eczematous dermatitis. *Journal of Clinical Investigation* 106: 25-35.

This article studies keratinocyte apoptosis in various eczematous disorders and finds a link between cytokine production of the T-helper subsets and keratinocyte apoptosis.