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EDITORIAL

Spring is in the air; birds are singing, buds are budding, young and older lovers alike head for Paris, the suburbs resound to the song of the lawn mower and it is time for another ESVD Bulletin. It is also time to swap cycling longs for bike shorts and expose my pale limbs to the world, but that's another story. Professionally, things haven't been so great recently – all my cases seem to defy treatment or diagnosis (do they do this out of spite?) I did feel that I should do another residency at one point, except that another three years of penury doesn't appeal. What has helped is being able to talk to other dermatologists; you soon discover that everyone, from the very new to the very experienced, goes through times like these. I've been in dermatology for the best part of ten years, and I have always been impressed by the friendly and supportive nature of our national and international groups. This is particularly important for new members but even the great and the good (not that I necessarily count myself among these) need help sometimes.

Meetings and workshops

The ESVD bulletin is the best opportunity to advertise local, national and international dermatology meetings. It goes out to all ESVD members, the ideal target audience, and is free of charge. The bulletins are usually published in April and October, although the dates sometimes change for unforeseen circumstances, so try to get requests to me as early as possible.

I would also like to publish more reports of meetings and would be grateful if one or more participants could send me a short, 150–250 word article describing meetings they attended. You can be as honest as you like!

20th Annual Congress of the ESVD-ECVD; Chalkidiki, Greece, 8th–10th September 2005

The 20th Annual Congress of the ESVD-ECVD will take place at the Athos Palace-Pallini Beach hotel complex, located on the most beautiful beach of Cassandra, Chalkidiki from 8th to 10th of September 2005. The varied scientific programme will cover hot topics in veterinary dermatology including: important aspects of *Staphylococcus intermedius* colonisation and infection; canine allergies and aeroallergens; feline autoimmune alopecias; follicular diseases; keratinisation disorders; leishmaniosis; cutaneous inflammation; and feline eosinophilic dermatoses. Internationally recognised speakers will provide a continuing education programme of updates on exotic animal dermatology, diagnostic dilemmas in canine hypothyroidism, elimination diets, otitis externa, cytology, histopathology and other clinically relevant topics.

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Chalkidiki is a wonderful location to experience the famous Greek welcome and hospitality. Delegates will no doubt enjoy sun bathing and swimming whilst recalling Homer's bronze sky and wine-dark sea (after the lectures, obviously). There will be also an unforgettable barbecue and folklore night as well as the traditional gala dinner. The antiquities of the ancient city of Thessaloniki and other sites are only 60km to the north. Agio Oros or Holy Mountain, which is famed for its covering of Byzantine monasteries, is even closer.

During the pre-Congress day (Wednesday September 7th), Virbac will hold a special symposium: **Glycotechnologies in Veterinary Dermatology: a new era**. For further details please contact Dr Cormoreche at ccormore@virbac.fr

The ESVD AGM will be held on Friday 9th September 2005 at 13.45.

Further details about the congress are available on the web site – www.esvd2005.gr. The early (i.e. cheaper) registration deadline is the **30th June 2005**.

You can contact the organizing committee by mail (Dr. A. Koutinas, PO Box 16039, GR-54401, Thessaloniki, Greece) or by e-mail (Dr. M. Saridomichelakis at msarido@vet.auth.gr). The congress secretariat is:

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Main sponsors: Janssen Animal Health, Novartis Animal Health, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Bayer Animal Health, VetXX Ltd. and Virbac.

Future congresses

21st Annual Congress of ESVD–ECVD: Lisboa, Portugal, 6th–9th September 2006 (please note that these dates are not yet fully confirmed)

22nd Annual Congress of ESVD–ECVD: Prague, Czech Republic, 2007

6th World Congress in Veterinary Dermatology: Hong Kong, November 2008

Abstract watch

We're still looking for a volunteer for the abstract watch! The job essentially involves providing a short summary of 5–6 interesting papers from journals that members in practice are perhaps less likely to come across. It would therefore be ideal for those members in academia, who are, of course, completely up to date and well read across the field! Please contact me if you're interested.

Advances in Veterinary Dermatology 5

Advances in Veterinary Dermatology volume 5 should be printed and distributed later this year. Copies will be sent to the address that delegates to WCVD5 registered under. Any changes of address since then should be sent to Regina Wagner (regina.wagner@vetderm.at) as soon as possible.

Don't forget the websites:

ESVD - www.esvd.org

ECVD - www.ecvd.org

Veterinary Dermatology homepage - www.blackwellpublishing.com/vde

Veterinary Dermatology online submissions - <http://vetderm.edmgr.com>

BVDSG - pcwww.liv.ac.uk/~timn

Email addresses

We have recently attempted to send an email to all of the members whose email address we have on file. This appeared to be successful for about 80% of the addresses but about 20% were returned to us. If you did not get an group email concerning an atopy survey then there may well have been a problem with your email address. If this is the case please email the treasurer (treasurer@esvd.org) with your up-to-date email address, putting 'alterations' in the subject line.

It is very important that we get the email addresses up-to-date and accurate as this will be the future of communication between members, and between the board and the membership. In addition, there will be annual membership directories published by Hill's and it is hoped that the email addresses will be included in these also. When you receive this year's membership directory please check all of the details including the email addresses and let the treasurer know if any alterations need to be made; again please put alterations in the subject line.

Thank you,

Trevor Whitbread
ESVD Treasurer
treasurer@esvd.org

The Fifth World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology in Vienna

1000 delegates from 65 countries, 65 speakers, 300 exhibitors, and 35 companies: impressive numbers for an extraordinary event. WCVD5 was held from the 25th to the 28th of August 2004 in Vienna, in the Hofburg the former imperial residence. The four days were a unique opportunity for the 'Derma World' to meet each other. One week before the congress a press conference was held for previously uninformed journalists. This was the first time that WCVD has undertaken public relations and provided information and news for the media.

The pre-congress day was, as usual, devoted to Company Symposia (held by Bayer, Novartis and Royal Canin), a Resident's meeting organised by Ariane Neuber and Stefano Toma and an ISVD meeting.

The opening ceremony in the Imperial splendour of the Festsaal in the conference centre situated in the Hofburg, was not only a solemn occasion for Prof. David Lloyd to speak about the presence and the future of our specialised field, but was also an opportunity to pay tribute to Prof. Richard

Halliwell, who got the ECVD Lifetime Award in recognition of his excellent career and success as a scientist and teacher, and to Silvia Colombo, who was awarded the Uli Runge-Harms Award for the best European scientific paper by a resident.

The Scientific Programme

The scientific programme offered seven parallel series. The plenary sessions were structured into five topics: immunology, therapy, nutrition, skin biology and infectious and parasitic diseases. Supporting papers presenting the latest information by the world's leading authorities followed the five state of the art lectures. The free communications and poster sessions were another occasion to see, hear and read lots of interesting scientific news. The workshops, which had interactive presentations and discussions of the latest information on a specific topics in small groups, were a big success. For a non-specialised audience there were both comprehensive and advanced continuing education lectures, and a nurse and technicians programme.

The Veterinary Wound Healing Association and the ISVD were guests of the congress. Both groups held a series of interesting lectures and clinicopathological presentations. A number of other dermatological and other related societies had their meetings in conjunction with the congress.

Several new commercial developments in veterinary medicine and dermatology were to be discovered in the large and top class commercial exhibition. The principal sponsors Virbac, Royal Canin, Novartis and Bayer, who, with other 31 companies, participated in the well-organized exhibition.

The Congress Dances

The local committee (chair Otto Fischer) organised a sequence of unique evenings. It started with the Welcome Reception at the Major Hall, a wonderful neo-gothic room, with a superb polonaise performance on Wednesday, and continued with the Austrian evening, which had a large representation of traditional folk culture from Austria: a brass band, folk dance, milking race and lots of other activities. On Friday evening there was an amazing performance of the unique Lipizaner horses and riders at the Spanish Riding School. The last event was the Gala Dinner at the Schönbrunn (the summer residence of the emperors). Between each delicious course there were live performances of excerpts from Mozart's most famous operas: *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Don Giovanni* and *Zauberflöte*. After dinner the Vetderms got the opportunity to show how well they could waltz and polka.

In all this was a very successful congress with a hugely impressive amount of presented scientific work and a magical atmosphere during the social events. A century ago Prof. Hugo Schindelka wrote the first Veterinary Dermatology textbook, and this meeting has brought 'big' Dermatology to Vienna once again.

Dr. Maurizio Colcuc

ECVD Residents' Day

What a beautiful city Vienna is! The perfect choice of venue helped to make WCVD a very rewarding experience. For the residents the congress began with the Resident's Pre-congress Day on Wednesday, 25th August 2004 in the SAS Radisson Hotel. It was a very pleasant meeting and an opportunity to meet other residents and improve my knowledge.

In the first session, Ralf Mueller provided a very interesting presentation about how to design and evaluate a scientific study. A very helpful contribution bearing in mind that all the residents will have to conduct a research project during their residency. Next speaker was Manfred Kietzman who gave a useful update on current pharmacological developments, especially regarding to the treatment of allergic skin diseases and receptor pharmacology. In the afternoon session the residents had an opportunity to present case reports or their research. This was a chance for residents to share their interesting cases and discuss them with other residents as well as improving their presentation skills.

The meeting run very nicely thanks to efficient organisation by Ariane Neuber and Stefano Toma, residents in Edinburgh and Milan respectively. An effort was done to accommodate everyone since many more people attended the meeting than had registered. A big thanks also the Hotel staff who helped enormously to ensure that things ran smoothly despite ever changing numbers of participants. We are very grateful to our sponsors, Iams and Bayer, who made this meeting possible with their generous sponsorship.

Ana Margarida Oliveira

Further Workshops

2005 (November/December) – Immunology; Bristol, UK (please note the change of venue).

Peter Hill and Michael Day.

Local organiser – Tim Nuttall; timn@liv.ac.uk

Day 1 (Half day)

Review of the skin immune system

- Cells of the immune system
- Antibodies
- CD markers and adhesion molecules
- Cytokines and chemokines

Immunodeficiency

- Recognised syndromes

Day 2

Pathogenesis of atopic dermatitis

- Role of T-cells, cytokines and chemokines
- Immunotherapy and tolerance
- Biological activity of environmental allergens
- New therapeutic options

Adverse food reactions

- GIT immune system
- Oral tolerance
- Hydrolysed diets
- IDAT and serology to food antigens

Immunity to cutaneous microorganisms

- Hypersensitivity to staphylococci and Malassezia
- Hygiene hypothesis and development of the immune system
- Superantigens

Day 3

Immune-mediated diseases

- Mechanisms of drug reactions
- Pemphigus complex
- Vasculitis and vasculopathies (including DLE, SLE, dermatomyositis)
- Immune-mediated blistering diseases
- Erythema multiforme complex
- Diseases of the hair follicle
- Lymphocytic proliferative diseases
- Histiocytic proliferative diseases

Day 4 (Half day)

Immunodiagnosics

- Assessing immune function
- Serology (ANA, RF, cold agglutinins etc.)
- Coombs tests
- Immunoblotting
- Immunohistochemistry
- New immunomodulating and

Therapeutics

- immunosuppressive agents

2006 – Endocrinology, June; Spa, Belgium

Local organisers – Luc Béco and Dominique Héripret; luc.beco@skynet.be and dheripret@fregis.com

2006 – Canine Dermatology; Germany

Local organiser – Ralf Mueller; Ralf.Mueller@med.vetmed.uni-muenchen.de

Dermatology meetings

3rd Asian Veterinary Dermatology Meeting

The 3rd Asian Veterinary Dermatology Meeting will be held in Japan on Saturday, October 15th to Sunday October 16th 2005, at the KKR Hotel Tokyo, which is centrally located in the heart of the city, adjacent to the Royal Palace.

There will be four educational lectures by Asian and Australian dermatology specialists. As usual, oral presentations (maximum 20) and poster sessions (maximum ten) will run parallel to the lectures.

The early registration fee (by **August 31st 2005**) is US\$100 for members of the Asian Society of Veterinary Dermatology and US\$150 for non-members. The fee after September 1st is US\$150 for members of AISVD and US\$180 for non-members. The fee for the students is US\$30. Registration fee includes the proceedings.

Educational lectures:

1. Munetsugu Ogata (Japan): Presidential Address – The advancement of veterinary dermatology in Japan over the last 30 years.
2. Masahiko Nagata (Japan): Hill's symposium – Involvement of psychogenic factors in veterinary dermatology.
3. Michael Shipstone (Australia): A diagnostic approach to the pruritic dog.
4. Charles Chen (Taiwan): Photodynamic therapy in veterinary dermatology.

Asian Symposium – Characteristics of canine and feline allergic dermatitis in Asian countries with participants from Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia and China.

State of the art lectures – Advancement of autoimmune skin diseases in humans and animals:

1. Masayuki Amagai (Japan): Pemphigus in humans
2. Koji Nishifuji (Japan): Pemphigus in animals

For further details, please contact : Toshiroh Iwasaki – bpag2180@cc.tuat.ac.jp

Felines and furies – The British Veterinary Dermatology Study Group Autumn Meeting

- 12th–13th November 2005
- Thistle Hotel, East Midlands Airport, Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2SH, UK (www.thistlehotels.co.uk)
- The full programme will be published as soon as possible; further details will appear on the website (pcwww.liv.ac.uk/~timn) or you can email the meetings organiser, Julien Ploubon, at julienploubon@hotmail.com

Australian College of Veterinary Scientists Dermatology Chapter

The Dermatology Chapter of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists has a two day programme on Equine Dermatology on Friday July 1st and Saturday July 2nd 2005 at the Gold Coast International Hotel, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. The programme includes equine intradermal testing and immunotherapy, medical management of the atopic horse, a review of the pathogenesis, histopathology and treatment of equine sarcoids and an approach to the diagnosis and management of the horse with urticaria. A 'how I treat' forum will cover dermatophytosis, bacterial infections, phycomycoses, pemphigus foliaceus, vasculitis and chorioptic mange. We are

very fortunate to have the renowned veterinary dermatologist Dr Janet Littlewood and equine specialist Dr Reginald Pascoe as our invited speakers as well as local dermatologists Drs Sonya Bettenay, Mandy Burrows, Greg Burton, Ken Mason, and Ralf Mueller speaking on the two day programme. We look forward to seeing all dermatologists for two days of sun, sand and equine excitement on the beautiful Queensland Gold Coast. For further enquiries please contact the Secretary of the Dermatology Chapter - a.burrows@murdoch.edu.au

Annual Meeting of the German Society of Veterinary Dermatology

Alopecia in small animal practice and Equine dermatology

Hotel Mercure in Aufkirchen near Munich, 10-12th June 2005.

Languages: German, English

Seminars - Friday, 10th June 2005, 14.00-18.00

- K. Sick/S. Bettenay: Cytology in practice - an intensive seminar with practical sessions at the microscope. 150€, limited attendance (1 microscope per attendant).
- Heusinger: Fungal cultures; Tips and tricks. Intensive seminar, 75€.

Lectures - Saturday, 11th June 2005, 9.00-17.00

Small Animal:

- C. Reusch, Zurich: Diagnosis and treatment of hyperadrenocorticism at an introductory level
- D. Church, London: Diagnosis and treatment of hyperadrenocorticism at an advanced level
- C. Reusch, Zurich: Diagnosis and treatment of hypothyroidism
- S. Peters, Birkenfeld: Diagnostic work-up of alopecia
- W. Beck, Munich: Cutaneous ectoparasites of rodents
- C. von Tscharner, Bern and S. Bettenay, Munich: Alopecia X: An Update
- D. Church, London and R. Müller, Munich: Alopecia in practice - case discussions

Equine:

- J. Littlewood, Newmarket: Alopecia in the horse
- C. Loewenstein, Hofheim: Equine Sarcoidosis
- J. Littlewood, Newmarket: Pruritic and crusty skin diseases of the horse
- S. Zabel, Fort Collins, Colorado: Equine pemphigus foliaceus

Sunday, 12th June 2005, 9.00-12.00

- C. von Tscharner, Bern and S. Peters, Birkenfeld: Follicular dysplasias - Histopathology and clinical signs
- C. von Tscharner, Bern and R. Mueller, Munich: Non-hormonal and non-dysplastic alopecias in the dog and cat

Cost: until 1st May (and after 1st May): 160€ (190€) for members and 210€ (240€) for non-members; attendance on 11th June only 120€ (150€) for members and 150€ (180€) for non-members.

Further information: Dr. Karin Stechmann, Lindberghstr. 5/7, 88074 Meckenbeuren, Fax +49-7541-981457; Email: kstechmann@t-online.de.

Money transfer including name: Dr. Ralf Müller, VR Bank München Land, BLZ 701 664 86, Kto.-Nr. 80926.

GEDAC Annual Meeting

Paris, 20–22nd May 2005 – Around the skin

Thomas Bieber from Germany will also present some new insights into the pathogenesis of atopic dermatitis.

Please note that this meeting is in French. Further information from Emmanuel Bensignor, at emmanuel.bensignor@wanadoo.fr

Reizt dich die Haut? Dermatologie Symposium für Tierärzte

Language: German

Tierspital Zürich, September, 22–24, 2005

Referenten:

- C. Favrot (Dip. Ecvd, vetsuisse Fakultät, Zürich)
- P. Roosje (Dip. Ecvd, vetsuisse Fakultät, Bern)
- C. Nett (Dip.acvd, Tierklinik, Cham)
- S. Ruefenacht (Vetsuisse Fakultät, Bern)
- S. Wilhelm (Vetsuisse Fakultät, Zürich)

Programm:

Donnerstag, 22.09.05: Thema Juckreiz

9.00–10.30	Differentialdiagnose des Juckreiz
11.00–12.30	Klinische Fälle
14.00–15.00	Klinische Fälle
15.30–17.30	Labor/Mikroskopie: Geschabsel, Bakterielle Kultur, Allergologie (Intrakutantest, Serologische Tests)

Freitag, 23.09.05: Thema Alopezie

9.00–10.30	Differentialdiagnose der Alopezie
11.00–12.30	Klinische Fälle
14.00–15.00	Klinische Fälle
15.30–17.30	Labor/Mikroskopie: Pilzkultur, Trichogramm, endokrinologische Tests, Biopsietechniken

Samstag, 24.09.05: Thema Katzen Dermatologie

9.00–10.30	Katzen Dermatologie
11.00–12.30	Klinische Fälle
14.00–15.00	Klinische Fälle
15.30–17.30	Labor/Mikroskopie: Zytologie

Gebühren:

1500 chf/ drei Tage (inkl. Mittagessen und Pausen)

Diese Veranstaltung ist SVK-anerkannt

Teilnehmer Anzahl: Max. 40

Einschreibungen:

C. Favrot, Klinik für Kleintiermedizin, Dermatologie Einheit, Vetsuisse Fakultät Zürich, Winterthurerstrasse 260, 8057 Zürich. Email – cfavrot@vetclinics.unizh.ch

Name, Vorname, Adresse, Postleitzahl, Wohnort, Tel., Fax, Email.

Bitte, schicken Sie kein Geld: Wir werden Ihnen eine Rechnung schicken!

Veterinary Dermatology news

Veterinary Dermatology is a bi-monthly, peer-reviewed, international journal which publishes papers on all aspects of the skin of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. Clinical case reports, scientific research papers and reviews covering the diagnosis, treatment and control of skin disease, skin pharmacology, structure and function of skin, and the production of hides, skins and skin products, will all be considered.

The Journal is Indexed/Abstracted in Medline, Current Contents/Agriculture Biology and Environmental Sciences, Focus on: Veterinary Science & Medicine, Index Veterinarius, Small Animal Clinical Endocrinology, SciSearch, Research Alert and the Veterinary Bulletin.

In 2003, Veterinary Dermatology once more improved its impact factor rating – from 0.952 to 1.068. The Journal has also risen from 36th to 23rd rank in the Veterinary Sciences category. The number of pages increased in 2004, resulting in even better value for subscribers. In 2005, the Journal will have even more pages of reviews, original work and case reports, all peer reviewed.

Veterinary Dermatology, already an on-line publication, went live for on-line submissions on 24th December 2004. You can visit the site and register at <http://vetderm.edmgr.com>. The electronic system will provide faster communication between authors, the Journal and reviewers and decrease time to publication.

The system selected has facilities for checking figure quality and giving advice. It will, in time, even be able to automatically clean up references, not just styles (which are so tedious for authors) but also for correctness. Authors will be assisted with the production of their work and reviewer time will be saved by provision of instant on-line access to relevant papers. Conference abstracts and translations will be easier to input and there will be an integrated, seamless system from submission to publication or rejection if Journal standards are not met. This will decrease costs despite the cost to set up the system and fees charged to the Journal for every manuscript which goes through the review process.

Whether we like it or not, we live in an age of electronic communication. Although with open access to the web, there is a clear threat to traditional forms of communication, this is also a great opportunity. Just as the slide projector has disappeared from scientific meetings in as little as five years, within a similar future time period, all journals may have electronic systems in a vibrant new publishing environment.

I am delighted that there are now three Co-Editors to assist in progressing manuscripts; Dr David McEwan Jenkinson, who has had a distinguished career in the basic science of skin, and two Board certified clinical and research dermatologists, Dr Peter Hill and Professor Rosanna Marsella.

Joan Rest, RCVS Specialist in Veterinary Pathology
Editor in Chief
Veterinary Dermatology

Systematic review to evaluate the efficacy treatments for atopic dermatitis in dogs

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to you as the secretary of the ESVD and ask for your assistance with the following project. You may well receive this request from other sources so I apologise at the outset for cross-postings. We are keen to make sure that all studies are included in this project.

The Cochrane collaboration is an international non-profit organisation that is the leading body for evidence-based medicine. This collaboration is subdivided into organ-specific groups, and it promotes the performance of systematic reviews for evaluating the efficacy and risk of interventions to treat human diseases.

We have been fortunate to have the interest of Prof Hywel Williams, from the University of Nottingham in England, who is the leader of the Cochrane Skin Group. Two years ago, Prof. Williams offered us to use the resources of his group (software, manuals, forms, editorial and statistical help) to perform a systematic review to evaluate the efficacy of interventions to treat atopic dermatitis in dogs. This is the first and only veterinary review hosted within the Cochrane collaboration, and we are grateful for this opportunity.

For this review, we designed an international team that is composed of: Thierry Olivry (Team Leader), Chris Chesney, Aiden Foster, Neil McEwan, Ralf Mueller, Hywell Williams, Zena Salmon (layperson, an atopic dog owner).

We followed the strict guidelines from the Cochrane collaboration and submitted a protocol. The protocol has been accepted recently, and it is available freely at:

http://www.cochrane.org/reviews/special/68canine_ad_protocol.pdf

At this time, we are selecting trials that will be scrutinized in our review. Our protocol calls not only for published trials, but also for those that have not been published. There is no language restriction. For identifying such unpublished studies, we need your help! We would be grateful if you could let us know if members of the ESVD ever completed, but did not publish, a clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy of any intervention (prevention, treatment) for atopic dermatitis in dogs. If the study was presented at a meeting, please email me (secretary@esvd.org) the abstract or fax it to +44 1694 720065. If the study was not presented anywhere, we would be grateful if you could email us a summary of study design, interventions, outcome measures and all patient data.

This systematic review is to be completed within 18 months. It will be posted on several websites and will be updated every 2 years.

Please pass any information to me by 30th June 2005.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Aiden Foster
ESVD Secretary

Join The International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology!

The International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology (ISVD) is an organisation founded to further the recognition and educational development of veterinarians who have a professional interest in the histological interpretation of skin diseases of animals. Training of pathology and dermatology residents relies on the expertise of members who practice the discipline; and continuing and advanced training of other graduate veterinarians is provided through meetings, seminars and special courses. Continuing education courses are offered in conjunction with specialty group meetings annually, alternating between North American and European venues. The most recent meeting was at the AAVD/ACVD meeting in Sarasota, Florida on April 6th 2005. The ISVD also manages an email-based listserv, which encourages interaction and continuing education via posted case presentations by members. Elections and other official business are also conducted via the list, thus encouraging representation by all members, not just those who attend each annual meeting. Those interested in joining the ISVD are warmly invited to contact Dr. Emily Walder, Treasurer, at: ejwalder@gte.net. Additional information also can be found at www.ISVD.org

ECVD Corner



Dermatology Residencies Available

Please check the ECVD web site (www.ecvd.org) under 'General Information' for the details of approved ECVD residencies and the positions available.

Course/Seminar Accreditation

Those interested in having a course or seminar accredited by the ECVD Education Committee should check the ECVD web site (www.ecvd.org) under 'General Information'.

Admission of non-ECVD Diplomates

Guidelines are available for admission to the ECVD for American Diplomates. Please check the ECVD web site (www.ecvd.org) under 'General Information'.

Alternate Route Qualifying Examination: 2007

Notification is hereby given that the tenth examination for the Alternate Route Qualifying examination will be held in June/July 2007.

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

- 1) Full membership of the ESVD
- 2) Attended a minimum of 140 hours of courses on veterinary dermatology accredited by the ECVD.
- 3) Attended a minimum of 3 Annual Meetings of the ESVD, or international/national dermatology meetings of equivalent status.

A fee (please check it on the ECVD web site before submitting your credentials) will be charged for consideration of the applicant's credentials and sitting the exam. This is payable in advance of application and is non-refundable in the event that the applicant's credentials are not approved.

Further information can be found on the ECVD web site: www.ecvd.org. Applicants should check the web site prior submitting their credentials for the latest information as the web pages are

routinely updated. Information can also be obtained from the following people:

- Chairman ECVD Education & Credential Committee: matters regarding accreditation of courses, casebook preparation, examination guidelines and the credentials process (Currently: Dr Rosario Cerundolo, e-mail: cerundol@vet.upenn.edu).
- Chairman ECVD Alternate Route Qualifying Examination Committee: matters regarding the examination (Currently: Dr. Jacques Fontaine, e-mail: fontaine.jacques@scarlet.be).

All applications must be received by **30th September 2006** using the official application form (available from the ECVD web site) together with the application fee and sent to the Chairman of the Education & Credential Committee. The casebook should be sent to the Chairman of the Examination Committee.

Without exception, incomplete or late applications will not be processed or reviewed. The decision of the Credentials Committee will be reported to the applicants by 31st December 2006.

Dr Rosario Cerundolo, Chairman ECVD Education & Credentials Committee

Examination For Diplomate Status: 2007

Notification is hereby given that the tenth examination for Diplomate status of the European College of Veterinary Dermatology will be held in June/July 2007.

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

- 1) By completion of an approved ECVD residency program;
- 2) By passing the "alternate route qualifying examination" followed by further study. Candidates proposing to take this route should contact the Chair of the Education & Credential Committee to be advised on the appropriate training. At the Annual General Meeting of the College in 1997, it was decided that dermatology certificates awarded by other bodies will not be accepted in place of the 'alternate route part 1 examination'.

A fee (please check it on the ECVD web site before submitting your credentials) will be charged for considering the applicant's credentials and sitting the exam. This is payable in advance of application and is non-refundable in the event that the applicant's credentials are not approved.

Further information can be found on the ECVD web site: www.ecvd.org. All people who satisfy the required criteria, prior to submitting the application, should check the ECVD web site for the latest information (web pages are routinely updated) on the examination and instruction for payment of the fee. Information can also be obtained from the following people:

Chairman ECVD Education & Credential Committee: matters regarding the residency programme and the credentials process. (Currently: Dr Rosario Cerundolo, e-mail: cerundol@vet.upenn.edu);

Chairman ECVD Diploma Examination Committee: matters regarding the examination (Currently: Dr. Thierry Olivry, e-mail:Thierry_Olivry@ncsu.edu).

All applications must be received by **30th September 2006** using the official application form (available from the ECVD web site) together with the application fee and sent to the Chairman of the Education & Credential Committee).

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Dr Rosario Cerundolo, Chairman ECVD Education & Credentials Committee