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Research and Publication Secretary



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President's Remarks

The Society had a busy year in 2009 and I would like to thank the Board members for their hard work dealing with their various activities detailed in this report.

One of the most important events in 2009 was the vote of the Society's full members to move the assets of the Society into the charitable company (ESVD Ltd.) on June 30th. This will provide long term protection for the Society in terms of limited liability for financial issues. The work of the Society is now subject to the company's Articles of Association posted on the Society website. The development of the company is an ongoing process requiring guidance from accountants and lawyers. We have also set up a trading subsidiary to provide financial security for our income with particular reference to tax liability.

The most important event of the calendar year was the annual congress held in Bled, Slovenia. For those of us who were visiting for the first time it was something of a revelation to see that the tourist images of beautiful mountains, trees and lake were an accurate representation of the stunning scenery. The European College of Veterinary Dermatology, through the work of the scientific organising committee, chaired with great skill by Thierry Olivry, delivered an entertaining and informative program of speakers and topics.

Bled will also be remembered for the ESVD 25 year celebrations – for the history booklet edited by David Lloyd, for the wine and polo shirts arranged by Hans Koch and Claudia von Tscharner and for the special presentation of plaques to the five founder members present at the congress. It was a great privilege to be involved in the presentation event. Hans Koch gave an entertaining and inspiring account of the early days of the Society and David Lloyd gave an overview of the development of the journal *Veterinary Dermatology* in its 20th year. At the end there was heart warming applause and a standing ovation for the five founder members (Didier Carlotti, Hans Koch, David Lloyd, Ton Willemse and Claudia von Tscharner) and we also gave thanks for the work of the sixth founder member Pierre Fourier. It was a spectacle to see people from 44 countries packed into the room to show their appreciation and to feel the hairs on the back of your neck tingle.

Reflecting on the celebrations and on the 25 years of the Society has helped the Board to consider where we want to go after 2009. As a result of a discussion document written by Chiara Noli, as past president, plans were made for a brainstorm meeting to be held early in 2010 to consider the work of the Society and our future activities. The outcome of that meeting will be reported elsewhere, save to say that we are planning to extend and improve the work of the Society in a number of areas including research, continuing education, membership, the website and member services.

We are grateful to our partners in the work of the Society – notably the commercial sponsors who have supported the 25 years celebrations and the annual congress, and in particular the long term partners Bayer, Janssen and Royal Canin. Hill's continue to support the publications of the Society including this annual report, the membership directory and bulletins, and we appreciate their significant contribution to the Society.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning members and their guests to the next annual congress to be held in Firenze, Italy. I am sure that the city will provide a memorable backdrop to another successful and worthwhile congress – so please come and join us.

AIDEN P FOSTER

ESVD President

Publications

I am grateful to the Board members, who provided me with the material published in this edition of the **Annual Report**. I also would like to thank **Hill's** for again covering the printing and mailing costs of the Annual Report, of the ESVD Bulletin and of the membership directory. As mentioned in the last bulletin, this annual report will be the last printed one. After taking into account environmental and financial issues, the ESVD board has decided to provide only on-line reports and bulletins.

The year 2009 has again been a very busy and rather complicated year for our journal *Veterinary Dermatology*. The Editor-in-chief, Aiden Foster and four co-Editors, Karen Moriello, Sheila Torres, David McEwan Jenkinson and Tim Nuttall have not only selected and edited excellent articles but they have also been involved in the publication the world congress proceedings, which was edited by Doug DeBoer, Verena Affolter and Peter Hill. I would like to thank all of them for their efforts.

This increased amount of work has led to some delay in publication of some articles. I would like to apologize on behalf of the editorial board to authors for these delays. I would like to especially thank David McEwan Jenkinson, who retired after numerous years of excellent work on the editorial board. I have been personally, as an author, in contact several times with him and it was always a pleasure to collaborate with him. I am also very pleased to announce that David will be replaced by Lluís Ferrer, who will certainly make a wonderful job as well.

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

Last, but not least, please visit our web site, <http://www.esvd.org>. There you will find links to the constitution and byelaws, you can download membership registration forms, and you can obtain updated information regarding future ESVD courses and direct links to the organisers' e-mail addresses. This website will be modified, improved and expanded in the coming months and years to become more attractive, more interactive, and more representative of the tremendous energy of the whole group!

CLAUDE FAVROT

Research and Publication Secretary

ESVD Grant

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 2009 two research grants were awarded to Dr Müller (University of Munich, Germany) and Dr Welle (University of Bern, Switzerland), for their projects "Immunostimulatory effects of CpG oligonucleotides delivered by gelatine nanoparticles in the treatment of canine atopic dermatitis – An in vitro study" and "The hair follicle cycle – assessment of morphological and immunohistological criteria in endocrine disorders", respectively.

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 1st each year for consideration by the grant awarding committee. Research proposals (four copies) should be sent to the current ESVD Publications and Grant secretary (Dr. Claude Favrot, Dermatology Unit, Clinic for Small Animal Internal Medicine, Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Zurich, Winterthurerstrasse 260, 8057 Zurich, Switzerland). Grant proposals may also be submitted by email (cfavrot@vetclinics.uzh.ch). An acknowledgement will be sent. All applications will be subject to peer review and must include background information, project aims and objectives, project design, specific methods, 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:

Applications not adhering to these guidelines may be excluded from consideration. The maximum number of pages is listed for each section. Shorter proposals are acceptable and welcomed.

Section 1 (one page maximum)

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

Section 2. (one page maximum)

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

Section 3 (two pages maximum)

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

ESVD Grants (continued)

Section 4 (two pages maximum)

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

Section 5 (four pages maximum)

- i) Experimental design and methods: This section should contain a concise discussion of the experimental design and the procedures to be used to accomplish the specific aims listed above. This section should be sufficiently detailed so that the feasibility may be judged. This section should list a brief description of resources available to investigators. It is important to discuss the means by which the data will be collected, analysed and interpreted, and the controls that will be required to allow a proper analysis. The type of statistical evaluation to be used for data analysis should be briefly detailed. Investigators should justify the sizes of experimental groups.
- ii) Animal use: Projects must fulfil the requirements of legislation in force in the country in which the work is to be performed. A statement to this effect should be included in the application. Any project proposal involving animals must be evaluated by the applicant's institution animal use committee and a statement to that effect should also be included in the proposal. If pets are to be used in the project, a permission form for the owners to complete should be appended to the proposal. Unless animal care and use has been carefully addressed, a proposal can not be considered for funding.

Section 6 (one page maximum)

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

Section 7 (one page maximum)

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

CLAUDE FAVROT

Research and Publication Secretary

Further Education and Meeting Secretary report

Meetings held in 2009: ESVD Congress – Bled, Slovenia

The annual meeting took place in the marvellous ridges of the Julian Alps: in Bled/Slovenia. The Congress Centre and all the social events were organized near the beautiful lake of the little tourist town of Bled.

The participants numbered around 430 and came from 37 different countries located in Europe but also Australia, America, Asia and Africa. We had many positive comments about this meeting especially concerning the social events. Nobody will forget the opera singer performance on the lake and the dinner and dance evening with more than 300 delegates on the dance floor from 9pm to 1am.

I am sure that our Founder Members will also remember the 25 year celebration held in the Jupiter hall. It was a great occasion for the Society to express their admiration and thankfulness for the vision they had 25 years ago and the way they have built up ESVD.

The scientific programme was organized by the scientific organizing committee and run by the ECVD to whom we are very grateful for all their work.

As meeting officer, I would like to thank the Slovenian Group of Dermatology and especially Ana Rostaher, Tina Kotnik, and Mihaela Celigoj for their fantastic support and warm welcome. It was a real pleasure to work with this "dream team" as the Local Organising Committee in this country. Thanks to you, we will never forget our stay in Slovenia.

I would also like to thank our long term partners (LTPs) for 2009: Bayer, Janssen and Royal Canin and all the other sponsors and exhibitors. They trusted ESVD when we decided to organize our event in Slovenia. It was a difficult choice for them because of a lack of an establish commercial structure in Bled and surroundings but they made the right choice. Thanks also to our PCO (ZIN from Maastricht) for their great support during the congress.

Workshop held in 2009

The workshop on Dermatopathology – Italy May 15–18th 2009 – was really appreciated. The main speakers (Claudia Von Tscharner and Verena Affolter) did a wonderful job. Thank you also to Paola Roccabianca for her support in the practical part. The scientific content was excellent and the friendly atmosphere really appreciated by the participants. Thanks to Fabia Scarpella for taking care of the organization.

Forthcoming events

ESVD Annual congresses

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

We would like to invite you to join us for the 24th Congress of the European Society and College of Veterinary Dermatology in the ancient and history-rich city of Florence. The programme and venue are unique.

The main theme of the Congress will be infectious diseases (Leishmaniosis, tick-borne transmitted diseases and atypical skin infections), genetic (hereditary dermatological conditions and the latest on canine genoma), otitis, dermatophytosis, oncology (cutaneous lymphoma and melanoma), and a review of dermatological diseases of exotic animals.

The ESVD would like to thank our Long term Partners (ICF Italia, Merial and Royal Canin) and all the other sponsors for their great support.

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

The registration is now open: please visit www.esvd-ecvd2010.com

ESVD–ECVD Annual Congress 2011

25th Annual Congress of the ESVD–ECVD: Brussels – Belgium, September 7–10th 2011.

Congress center: <http://www.firenzefiera.it>

Square Brussels Meeting Center www.Square-brussels.com

ESVD Workshops

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

2010

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

Date: June 17-19th 2010

Location: Spa – Belgium

Speakers: Thierry Olivry and Keith Linder

Local Organizer: Luc Beco

This course is fully booked!

2011

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

Date: May 12th–14th 2011

Location: Agria, Volos, Greece, Valis Resort Hotel

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

Local Organizer: Alexander Koutinas

Travel information: Volos is approximately in the middle of Greece, between Athens (300 km) and Thessaloniki (200 km), from which it can be reached by car, bus or train. From the beginning of 2011, there will be direct charter flights from Europe to the new Volos (Achalos) airport.

Agria village is located on the outskirts of the city of Volos (6km from downtown).

Cutaneous immunology

Date: October 2011

Forthcoming events (continued)

Location: Germany

Local Organizer: Monika Linek

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)

LUC BECO,

Further Education and Meeting Secretary

Minutes of the 24th AGM of the ESVD

Friday 25th September 2009 at 13–30 at Golf Hotel, Bled, Slovenia

President's Address

Aiden Foster opened the meeting and thanked the founder members for their work and contributions to the 25th Anniversary of the European Society of Veterinary Dermatology.

Application for full membership was successful for Pablo del Maestre, Ana Mafalda Laurenço Martins, Stanislav Pocta, Vanessa Schmidt and Yvette Schlotter.

David Lloyd presented the Ulli Runge Harms award for an outstanding contribution as a part of a residency programme to Dr. Susanne Ahmann for her work entitled "Cutaneous carriage of Malassezia species in healthy and seborrhoeic Sphinx cats and a comparison to carriage in Devon Rex cats".

Treasurer's Report

Ian Mason gave a summary of the 2008 budget which has already been presented in the Annual Report. ESVD has had charitable status since 1st July 2009 and the assets of the ESVD society have been transferred to the new bank account but there is still a lot to do. Following advice from ESVD accountants and lawyers, in order to limit the financial liability of the ESVD Officers and because of tax advantages, a trading subsidiary will be established in the near future.

In reviewing the financial report as explanation he commented that the Congress figures relate to 2007. Using a professional congress organiser incurs expense but they are indispensable. The journal experienced lower than expected revenue from advertising. Two ESVD awards in 2008 and one from 2007 were paid out. Registration of the charity has incurred increased professional fees. On-line subscriptions are under ongoing investigation and may be ready next year. Various software management systems have to be checked for security, costs and compatibility with the ESVD web site.

Membership Secretary's Report

At the end of 2008 there were 384 Associate members (2007: 357), 164 Full members (2007: 169) and 6 Honorary members (2007: 6). The total number of members increased from 532 in 2007 to 554 in 2008.

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

As in 2008 the ESVD Research Grant will fund one or two projects up to 15,000 Euros each. The committee consisting of Dr Heinmann, Dr Saridomichelakis and Dr Fontaine 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 8 proposals (versus 12 in 2007 and 5 in 2006) for the ESVD 2009 Research Grant. The evaluation ranged from 170–270 points. Only one proposal was evaluated with less than 200 points.

A grant of 12,000 Euros was awarded to Ralf Mueller, University of Munich, Germany for his work "Immunostimulatory effects of CpG oligonucleotides delivered by gelatine nanoparticles in the treatment of canine atopic dermatitis". Monika Welle, University of Berne, Switzerland received 14,300 Euros for her study "The canine hair follicle cycle: assessment of morphological and immunohistochemical criteria in endocrine disorders".

Previous Grants were:

2007: Dr Linek "Development of a structured educational program for the management of canine atopic dermatitis",

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".

Publication Report

In 2008, 187 articles (2007:131) were received for publication in *Veterinary Dermatology*, 45% were accepted. The average number of days between reception and first decision was 56 days. The impact factor of *Veterinary Dermatology* is now 1.38. Claude Favrot thanked authors, reviewers and editors for their work.

Minutes of the 24th AGM of the ESVD (continued)

In 2009 our society published two bulletins, one annual report and one membership directory. Claude Favrot thanked Hill's for their financial support and P. Forsythe for his work.

Further Education and Meetings Secretary's Report

Luc Beco thanked the Local Organizing Committee (A. Rostaher, T. Kotnik, M. Celigoj), the Scientific Organizing Committee (ECVD) and the Professional Congress Organisation ZIN and the Long Term Partners Royal Canin, Janssen Animal Health and Bayer Health Care as well as all sponsors and exhibitors for their support. Future long term partners will be ICF, Merial and Royal Canin.

The 23rd Annual Congress of the ESVD – ECVD in Bled had approximately 440 participants from 44 different countries.

Luc Beco invited everybody to the 24th Annual Congress of the ESVD–ECVD in Firenze, Italy, September 23–25th 2010 (www.esvd-ecvd2010.com) and 25th Annual Congress of the ESVD–ECVD in Brussels, Belgium, September 8–10th 2011 (www.esvd-ecvd2011.com).

Future Meetings and Workshops

Otitis Workshop, St Helens, Liverpool, UK, February 4–6th 2010

From skin biology to cutaneous diseases: epidermis and dermis, (without follicle and adnexae), Spa, Belgium, June 17–19th 2010

When clinical signs and histopathology don't match: clinicopathological controversies, Volos, Greece, spring 2011

Further information can be found under www.esvd.org/events.

Any Other Business

Verena Affolter, Claudia von Tscherner and Julie Yager affirmed the need for further association of ESVD–ECVD and ISVD. Aiden Foster supported this collaboration and expressed his readiness to find an appropriate structure.

Date and Time of the next AGM

The 25th ESVD AGM will be held on 24th September 2010 at lunchtime in Firenze, Italy.

Closing Remarks by the ESVD President

The meeting was closed by Aiden Foster who offered thanks to the board members and the members who attended the AGM.

CHRISTINE LÖEWENSTEIN

ESVD Secretary

Treasurer's Report 2010 – Period 1/1/09–31/12/09

The transfer of the assets from ESVD 'The Society' to ESVD 'The Charity' led to much reorganisation of the financial arrangements of the ESVD. This year's report represents a transition between the old format of our accounts and the new system which will be introduced from next year. As a result of the changes, the annual accounting date has been changed to 30th June from 31st December. For this reason only 6 months of 'profit-and-loss' accounts are presented here. These figures run from 1st January 2009 (the date of the last financial report to members) to 30th June 2009 (the date that ESVD 'The Society' was wound up and all assets transferred to the charity).

In future our accounts must be audited in order to comply with charities legislation in the UK. In addition to the 6-month's profit-and-loss account, this year we were obliged to produce our first set of 'Financial Statements' for the charity which are available from the ESVD website. The charity ran as a 'Dormant Company' during the period in question, and the only financial activity within the year, as reported in the Financial Statements was the transfer of assets and bank balances.

For tax reasons we have had to establish another legal entity, a so-called 'Trading Company' to handle some of our income in order to avoid payment of income tax. This will inevitably complicate our finances still further and the transactions of the new subsidiary company will be reflected in next year's report. At the time of writing, 8th March 2010, the trading company had not started any financial activity and was 'dormant'.

Unaudited accounts: 01 Jan 2009 to 30 June 2009

Profit and loss account	Luxembourg bank account (in Euros)	UK bank account (in Pounds Sterling)
Income		
Subscription Fees	45,710.00	5,680.00
Interest	633.98	
Annual Congress		
Education Courses	13,441.00	
Sponsoring		
Miscellaneous		
Blackwell		22,849.00
TOTAL	59,784.98	28,529.00
Expenses		
Meeting – Travel expenses	1,871.98	805.00
Vet Derm journal		2,370.73
Bank charges/Visa	405.27	869.08
Secretary/Mailing		
ESVD Bulletin/Ann report		708.40
Miscellaneous		
ECVD		
Congress Organisation		
ESVD Grant		
Professional fees		3,650.90
Education Courses	2,433.16	2,035.04
TOTAL	4,710.41	10,439.15
Surplus for period	45,074.57	18,089.85

Figures for a part year can only give an incomplete story, but the following commentary is designed to fill the gaps:

Subscription income was broadly in line with expectations and previous years. At the time of writing over 400 members have paid their dues (see below), leaving around 100–120 to whom we will send reminders in the next few days. Next year we will offer the facility to pay on-line and hope that this will make it easier for members to pay and, for 2011 due to the ease with which payments can be made, I anticipate that most members will pay earlier in the year.

There was no congress income in the period, but the Bled congress (after disbursements to the local organising committee and ECVD) yielded a surplus of Euro 40,780.52

Treasurer's Report 2010 – Period 1/1/09–31/12/09 (continued)

Bank interest was minimal; this is unsurprising in view of global economic problems. Low interest rates on bank account balances are universal and we are currently exploring other low-risk investments in order to maximise return on our capital

Professional fees have increased enormously during the last two years and are likely to remain high until all the financial and legal arrangements for the new charity and its subsidiary trading company have been made.

At the end of 2009 we had 535 members (compared with 554 in 2008). On 8th March 2010, 413 members had paid their membership subscriptions.

IAN MASON

ESVD Honorary Treasurer

Agenda for the 25th Annual General Meeting

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