

Bulletin



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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the second edition of our online bulletin. As we prepare for the World congress let's take a look back at what has been happening in the European society of veterinary dermatology over the last 6 months. Personally I have moved across the world again and I am now residing back in my home country of Australia. Many of you may be experiencing change in your work place, in your country, in the weather, in the financial state of the economy but what remains constant amongst us all is the on-going pursuit to drive forward the standard of veterinary dermatology; and this bulletin offers no less.

I still am waiting to hear from you about what you want in the Bulletin. I have had some correspondence with a few members enquiring about when workshops are happening and I hope this bulletin answers those. But how can we make this format more interactive? Please send me your suggestions. At this time I wish to welcome the new Slovak dermatology group founded in Dec 2011 to our Society and wish them productive and informative meetings and a warm welcome to Congress. Now let's take a look at this edition, starting with an update from the president of our society. There is also a report from the new Slovak group; experiences from ESVD workshop in Hamburg; announcements of upcoming meetings in Germany, Switzerland and other beautiful cities around Europe updates. Ensure you visit the ESVD corner to keep posted on the new sub-committee, grants and awards, the website and publications. There is a link to the ESVD website where you can find out about research grants and what is going on in the society, as well as download past copies of the Bulletin, congress abstracts and other articles. If you haven't done so already, a gentle reminder to renew your membership, there is a link in the ESVD membership page for your attention. Meet the new ECVD committee and those of you undertaking Diploma boards put the examination dates in your diary. I hope many of you have taken advantage of early registration for the WCVD; I encourage you to visit the WCVD home page and link onto the website, look through the programme, with excellent scientific content as well as social events. Remember there will not be an ESVD 2012 congress due to the WCVD conference. I encourage those enrolling or who are on ECVD residency programmes to read through the Ulli Runge Harms award.

To those of you who have recently joined the ESVD: Let me know what is going on in your group – big or small we all share the same passion – veterinary dermatology.

Finally I wish to pay my tribute to a lost colleague who passed away this January – *Stephano Tomas*.

So I must wind up this editorial, as due to my move across the globe and still awaiting delivery of all my personal belongings (namely my computer), I have run over my deadline. I must get on with finishing this edition and get the Bulletin out on time, in time for you to register for the exciting and dermatological stimulating meetings inside. I hope you enjoy this edition and I will wait for you on the other side of the World congress to hear and see the many exciting stories that should be forthcoming. Happy World Congress 2012!

Jane Rose

AN UPDATE FROM THE ESVD

The ESVD now stands at a little more over 600 members, originating from 44 different countries. It is already a big, efficient and wonderful group but we can and must do better.

The objectives of the ESVD are:

- to promote veterinary dermatology in all animal species, in both clinical and non-clinical fields
- to improve standards of diagnosis and treatment
- to encourage the exchange of information
- to contribute to the research and teaching of veterinary dermatology at post-graduate level in Europe.

These are ambitious goals. How can we succeed with those tasks? What are we doing?

Thanks to the careful management by previous boards but also to a good relationship with our sponsors and to successful congresses ESVD is now a society who can take care of its members.

For the young members, last year already, we decided to reduce the membership fees and give very low rates for undergraduates, applicants who graduated less than 3 years ago and for dermatology residents. We also apply reduced registration fees for residents and students for our annual congress. This was the first step in our wish to help young vets to join us. We would like to continue in that way and to include colleagues from eastern countries in this positive movement. Lucia Panakova, in collaboration with the subcommittee called Young Vets/Eastern countries chaired by Silvia Auxilla, is now in charge of the coordination of new projects with an aim: The promotion of Veterinary Dermatology in eastern countries and to the young vets. We need to encourage young people to learn and love dermatology. A good entry in this small word is to inform them about the ESVD and its goals. Please, do not forget to speak about and promote your society. You are our best ambassador to the young vets.

We created this year a "travel fellowship grants". The purpose of this grant is to enable veterinarians, from geographically remote countries, with limited access to continuing education in veterinary dermatology, to acquire additional knowledge and skills to advance veterinary dermatology in their region. We have received some private donations and the ESVD board decided to sponsor 4 grants this year. We hope to continue on this way to help some of our disadvantaged members. The ESVD board would like to thank deeply the private donors and encourage you to become a donor as well. In this way you will help people to attend dermatology events. We hope also to continue the travel fellowship grant in the future for other ESVD meetings. Ana Rostaher, one of our new board members, is in charge of it.

We are also progressing with the building of a new website and of a corporate identity. I know that this project needs some time but this step is very important for the ESVD communication. Ana Rostaher will also be in charge of this important task initiated by Sandrine Herbelet.

After some years of hesitation ESVD decided to appoint a professional secretariat based in Maastricht / Holland. The majority of you were already in contact with the people in charge of our new secretariat as they were also involved in the congress management. We are happy to collaborate now with Pauwels Congress Organizers and especially with Susan Verkou and Ilona

Vermeeren. This secretariat will provide us with a more professional structure and will assist the board in its administrative tasks: Sure that they will be there also to help you in the future.

The ESVD will continue to support research thanks to the generous ESVD grants and the ESVD-ECVD PhD. Sandrine Herbelet will continue to coordinate those important issues.

Our journal "Veterinary Dermatology" is doing well and the ESVD board would like to thank Aiden Foster, the editor in chief, for this very good job. Concerning the ESVD bulletin, I would like to thank deeply our editor, Jane Rose, for her enthusiasm and efficacy in editing the bulletin.

The ESVD treasury is now held by Claudia Nett. I must say that Claudia is doing a very good job with the appreciated help of our previous treasurer Ian Mason. To be the treasurer of an English Charity is not always very easy for a non-native English people. However, thanks to Claudia, ESVD finances are in good hands to the benefits of all of you.

Ursula Mayer takes charge of the workshops and the ESVD will continue to offer to its members a very good continuing education programme, at reasonable cost in different countries. Last but not least in our team, Sue Paterson is of great help as board secretary; her help is very welcome in establishing important documents for the ESVD board management.

This year we will not have an ESVD-ECVD congress but we will support as much as possible the world congress in Vancouver. It will be a wonderful event and we hope to meet you there.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning members and their guests to the next ESVD-ECVD annual congress to be held in Valencia September 19-21st 2013. Thanks to Thierry Olivry and his scientific committee we will have a very attractive programme. Please note that the continuing education part will be translated in Spanish. We have chosen the Valencia Congress Centre for our event. This congress centre was elected "world best convention centre" by the AIPC for 2010 and 2011. It offers a comfortable setting for more than 1000 delegates and a large commercial exhibition. In Valencia you are sure to be welcomed in a great venue located near numerous good hotels. Thanks to the local organizing committee chair, Maite Verde, we will have also the opportunity to discover the marvelous city of Valencia: The incredible *City of Arts and Sciences*; the beautiful old city (the heart of Valencia) and something that you always like... the Spanish sunny weather and the blue sea. I am sure that the city will provide a memorable backdrop to another successful and worthwhile congress.

As you can see we continue to work for you and to achieve our objectives. We understand that everything is not perfect but please if you have nice ideas to improve your society feel welcome to share them with us, to the good of all ESVD members.

Luc Beco
(ESVD President)

Future ESVD Meetings and Workshops

26th Annual Congress of the ESVD – ECVD

Please, save the date for the 26th Congress of the European Society and College of Veterinary Dermatology, which will take place in Valencia, Spain from 19 – 21 September 2013!

The Scientific Organizing Committee has selected a number of internationally recognized experts who will deliver state of the art lectures in both the Scientific and the Continuing Education Sessions. The congress will be held in the Valencia Conference Centre (www.palcongrec-vlc.com), a unique space with historical and architectural vales and recognized as the best conference centre in the world in 2010!

The tentative themes of the Congress are:

- The skin barrier: from biology to allergic pathology in humans and animals
- Topical therapy: from pharmacology to antiallergic use
- Itch
- Demodicosis
- Malassezia dermatitis
- Surgical treatment of chronic pododermatitis
- Immunomodulators in veterinary dermatology
- Autoimmune skin diseases and their mimickers
- Lasers in veterinary dermatology



In Valencia you should find a friendly atmosphere where we will make you will feel very welcome!

The professional organizer for this event will be the PCO Group www.pauwelspco.nl

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

Please think now about abstracts!



ESVD WORKSHOPS

You will find details concerning our future workshops on www.esvd.org

Please, pay attention to the “new” dates. Some workshops are reorganized and delayed.

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), so if you try to register late you may not get a place.

ESVD Equine Dermatology Workshop

Date: 1-3 November 2012

Location: Golden Tulip Amersfoort, the Netherlands

Speakers: Kerstin Bergvall, Sue Paterson

Local Organisers: Marianne Sloet van Oldruitenborgh-Oosterbaan in collaboration with Pauwels Congress Organisers (PCO)

This dermatology course will cover all of the common equine dermatological conditions encountered by veterinary surgeons in first opinion practice as well as many of the rarer diseases. Lectures over 3 days will take the form of a problem orientated approach. Sections that will be included will be:

Day 1

- 1) Investigation and therapy of pruritus to include ectoparasites and allergy
- 2) Investigation and therapy of nodular disease including infectious, inflammatory and neoplastic nodular conditions

Day 2

- 1) Investigation and therapy of crusting and scaling diseases to include bacterial and fungal infections, immune mediated disease (vasculitis, pemphigus, lupus, sarcoidosis) and environmental diseases and keratinisation disorders.

Day 3

- 1) Hair coat abnormalities including endocrine disease, hair cycle arrest alopecia and immune mediated causes of hair loss.
- 2) Genodermatoses including HERDA and chronic progressive lymphoedema

The tutors would very much like the days to be interactive and to encourage discussion they will be asking each delegate to bring a case they have been involved in. This may be a simple sweet itch or a more complex case. An hour will be put aside each day for case discussions.

ESVD workshops are provided to help ESVD members and residents in dermatology to improve their understanding and knowledge. We welcome suggestions for future topics and possible venues. For more information and to see the provisional calendar of events, go to <http://www.esvd.org> (education).

THE DERMATOLOGY GROUPS' CORNER

Forthcoming Dermatology Meetings

GERMAN SOCIETY OF VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY

13th Congress of the German Society of Veterinary Dermatology (DGVD):

"Scales and Crusts - Clinical Picture, Diagnostics, Diseases and Therapies"

Date: 1st -3rd June 2012

Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Karl-Arnold-Platz 5, Duesseldorf/Germany

The annual conference of the DGVD 2012 will have a fresh international note with brilliant speakers from all over Europe and parallel lectures in English and German, but no simultaneous translation. Saturday we will also have a special day with a dermatologic orientated program for vet nurses in German.

The Hotel Radisson Blu Scandinavia is located very close to the city center and lies directly at the bank of the river Rhein. Duesseldorf shows you a very lively city, where you can have shopping-adventures at the Königsallee, stroll around the old part of the town, relax close to the river Rhein and enjoy a rich cultural program. <http://www.radissonblu.com/scandinaviahotel-duesseldorf>

Be infected by the so called "cheerful nature of the Rheinlander" and come to Duesseldorf in June 2012.



13. DGVD – KONGRESS vom 1. – 3. Juni 2012

**Schuppen und Krusten – Klinisches Bild, Diagnostik,
Erkrankungen & Therapien**

**Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel in Düsseldorf
Karl-Arnold-Platz 5**

For further information follow the link: <http://www.dgvd.org/?PkId=41&LCID=1031>

Application is now possible via: www.csm-congress.de/congresses/dgvd/

Friday, 1st of June 2012 – Seminars/workshops

Uhrzeit	Speaker	Thema	More info
Seminar 1 14.00 – 18.00	Dr. Joan Rest (England) + Dr. Babette Taugbol (Sweden)	Cytology vs. Histology – When two friends meet	Language English, PowerPoint, 50-60 participants
Seminar 2 14.00 – 18.00	Dr. Otto Fischer (Austria)+ Dr. Stefanie Peters (Germany)	Zytologie für Einsteiger	Language German, Workshop, max. 24 participants, Microscopes
Seminar 3 14.00 – 18.00	Dr. Christine Löwenstein (Deutschland) + Dr. Gerhard Loesenbeck (Deutschland)	Dermatologische Kriminalistik: Aufarbeitung von Fällen	Language German, Power Point, interactive Seminar, max. 20 participants

Saturday, 2nd of June 2012 – Lectures parallel in German and English

Time	Referent	Thema	Speaker	Topic
8.45- 9.00	Dr. Edda Hoffmann (Germany)	Begrüßung	Prof. Dr. Ralf Müller (Germany)	Reception
9.00- 9.45	Dr. Astrid Thelen (Germany)	Leise rieselt der Schnee - Entstehung und Ursachen von Krusten und Schuppen	Dr. Luc Beco (Belgium)	It's not always Cheyletiella - News from scaly rabbits and crusty rodents
9.45- 10.30	Dr. Otto Fischer (Austria)	Diagnostische Herangehensweisen an Schuppen + Krusten: Techniken, Trichogramm, Zytologie, etc.	Dr. Sonya Bettenay (Australia/Germany)	Look-alikes: Diseases that look the same, but mean something else
11.00- 11.45	Dr. Chiara Noli (Italy)	Leishmaniose - was gibt es neues in der Diagnostik?	Prof. Dr. Peter Schmid- Grendelmeier (Switzerland)	The naked truth - crusty and scaly dermatosis in humans
11.45- 12.30	Dr. Anette Loeffler (England)	Pyodermien – wenn die Krusten nicht weichen wollen	Dr. Claudia Nett (Switzerland)	When Allergies lead to scales and crusts
14.00-	Dr. Ursula	Schuppige und	Dr. Chiara Noli	Leishmania – an

14.45	Mayer (Germany)	krustige Katzen – vom Fettschwanz bis zur Dermatophytose	(Italy)	update concerning Therapies
14.45-15.30	Dr. Wieland Beck (Germany)	Wenn die Schuppen laufen: Milben bei verschiedenen Tieren – Diagnose + Klinik	Dr. Joan Rest (England)	Biopsies: Get answers from scales and crusts
16.00-16.45	Cornelius Neuhausen (Germany)	Compliance-Strategien – der Umgang mit schwierigen Kunden	Dr. Annette Loeffler (England)	What if the crusts stay? News about MRSA, MRSP and Pseudomonas
16.45-17.30	Prof. Dr. Peter Schmid-Grendelmeier (Switzerland)	Morgenröte-Schuppenkrank: Schuppige und krustöse Erkrankungen beim Mensch	Dr. Regina Wagner (Austria)	The scaly and crusty horse – an excursion

Social Event starting at 19:30 o'clock: Let's have a barbecue! At the Hotel Radisson Blu Scandinavia with music and dance

Sunday, 3rd of June 2012 – Lectures parallel in German and English

Uhrzeit	Referent	Thema	Speaker	Topic
8.45-9.30	Dr. Stefanie Köbrich (Germany)	Lokale therapeutische Optionen bei Schuppen und Krusten	Dr. Monika Linek (Germany)	Exfoliative Dermatitis in cats – what causes the scales?
9.30-10.15	Dr. Sylvia Wilhelm (Switzerland)	Krustige und schuppige neoplastische + paraneoplastische Erkrankungen (TEN)	Dr. Babette Taugbol (Sweden)	Essential fatty acids – take home facts
30 minute coffee-break				
10.45-11.30	Dr. Stefanie Peters	Autoimmune Ursachen für	Dr. Claudia Nett	Sebaceous adenitis and other keratinization

	(Germany)	Krusten und Schuppen bei Hunden		(Switzerland)	disorders of the dog
11.30-12.15	Prof. Dr. Ralf Müller (Germany)	Was Allergien mit Schuppen und Krusten zu tun haben		Dr. Luc Beco (Belgium)	Systemic therapies in autoimmune disorders – what if I can't control the crusts?
30 minute coffee-break					
12.45 - 14.00 case presentations in German: 5 lectures at 10 minutes with discussion following					

SWISS ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY (SAVD)

SAVD pre-congress day: The Swiss Association of Veterinary Dermatology will offer a full day of Veterinary Dermatology CE as a pre-congress day during the first Swiss Veterinary Days on 13th of June, 2012. For further information follow the link:

<http://www.savd.ch/index.php/de/veranstaltungen>

REPORTS FROM THE NATIONAL VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY GROUPS

Slovak Group of Veterinary Dermatology

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you about the foundation of the new veterinary dermatology group in Slovakia. In December 2011, Slovak Group of Veterinary Dermatology was officially founded by Dr Lucia Panakova and Dr Marcel Kovalik. The official Slovak name is Slovenská Spoločnosť Veterinárnej Dermatológie (SSVD) and its main aim is the spreading of knowledge and the friendly spirit of veterinary dermatology to Slovak republic veterinarians.

The first official meeting will be held in autumn 2012. The exact date, as well as the speakers and topics remain to be selected. This group is integrated under the common umbrella of the Slovak Association of Small Animal Practitioners (SAVLMZ).

For further details, please contact either Lucia Panakova at lpanakova@yahoo.com, or Marcel Kovalik at mkovalikos@yahoo.com

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REPORTS FROM PAST ESVD WORKSHOPS

Skin immunology ESVD workshop - Hamburg

At the end of last October 2011, 50 dermatologists from all over the world eager to know more on skin immunology gathered in Hamburg, Germany. This great city welcomed the participants in flamboyant autumn colours.

The skin is a major immune organ and over three days, a panel of world recognised specialists unraveled some of its mysteries. Michael Day (the Australian immunologist from Somerset!) gave us a thorough review of the skin immune system, described the various immunodiagnostic techniques and provided the latest understanding of the immune mediated diseases. Claude Favrot disclosed immune aspects of the interactions between the skin and the way various infectious micro-organisms try (and succeed) to overcome its defence mechanisms. He also covered other immune related skin conditions such as feline hypersensitivity, blistering diseases, erythema multiforme and diseases of the hair follicle.

Not surprisingly, Tim Nuttall was in charge of the pathogenesis of canine atopic dermatitis. Even if he is now focusing his research on another hot topic (MRSA), Tim supplied an extensive review of the current situation backed by 135 references. He also lectured on pemphigus, lupus, vasculitis and feline proliferative diseases. Ralf Mueller dealt with the adverse food reactions but also all the clinical and therapeutic aspects of allergic diseases. He shared with us his extensive and innovative experience on ASIT. The size of the group allowed interactions and discussions and the workshop was no exception to the usual friendly atmosphere of the veterinary dermatology world.

This course was organised by Monika Linek who did a brilliant job. I know from experience the work involved in putting together such an event. The chosen venue (YoHo hotel) was easy to reach and comfortable whilst affordable. The chef was obviously well travelled and the food was far from the caricatured "wurst mit kartoffel". ICF, Novartis, Royal Canin, Vetoquinol and Virbac sponsored the event which obviously helped to keep the registration fee reasonable. We are all very grateful for the support of these companies.

On the Friday evening, we did a bit of sightseeing in the city. Our guide, a typical "Hamburger" told us all about the expensive new opera house, the tide flood defence and took us to the so called "hot" areas of the harbour city providing us with numerous recommendations on how to stay safe. At some point the group had to be split in two: window shopping in 'Herbertstrasse' is for men only! I'm sure there is much more to Hamburg than the biased glimpse we had that evening. A good reason to come again to this city which was named "European Green Capital 2011"! This was my first ESVD workshop and I really enjoyed it. I can heartily recommend it and I suggest that you to attend the next one.

Fabienne Dethioux

ESVD MATTERS

ESVD – Young Members Subcommittee and New Countries Subcommittee 2009-2012

The Young Members Subcommittee was established by Chiara Noli, Anette v. Jassies, Sylvie Wilhelm and Silvia Auxilia in 2009 and the **New Countries Subcommittee** was established by Aiden Foster in the same year. During 2009-2011 the Young Members Subcommittee and New Countries Subcommittee successfully collected over 160 contacts within different Western and Eastern European countries, named ESVD Ambassadors. These two subcommittees merged in the autumn of 2011.

The idea behind both subcommittees was to identify ambassadors able to contact new veterinarians and final year veterinary students interested in Veterinary Dermatology (VD) and to involve them in ESVD activities.

Most of these Ambassadors were either existing ESVD members (mostly leaders of national VD groups) or veterinary dermatologists working in different universities in Europe. New contacts - especially within Eastern European and Russian universities were established. Ambassadors were contacted twice a year with flyers and various online material promoting ESVD activities.

In 2012 Lucia Panakova, who became an ESVD Board member, will overtake the activity of both existing subcommittees. With the help of other subcommittee members, new plans on how to reach interested veterinarians will be developed.

As part of the initiatives, a Conference for young vets and final year students interested in Veterinary Dermatology will be organised in summer 2013 in Vienna.

ESVD Grants and Research

Research Grants 2012

A new grant system was adopted to commence in 2012 to consist of the following:

1. A major grant of up to 20,000 euro for an outstanding advanced research project.
2. A training grant of up to 5,000 euro for a researcher seeking to get established in the discipline and carry out a research project.
3. A practitioner grant of up to 5,000 euro for veterinary practitioners working exclusively in private practice with an ambition to carry out research.

Guidelines for proposals may be obtained at <http://www.esvd.org/research.html> and research proposals should be sent before April 1st each year to the ESVD grant and publications secretary: Sandrine Herbelet, Ghent, Belgium. Email: publications-grants@esvd.org

Research Grant 2009 – comment from the recipient

Monika Welle attached these kind words to the abstract of the results obtained from the ESVD Research Grant 2009: "The publication is currently under review in Veterinary Dermatology .Thank you again for the award since it made this study possible for us."

Canine non-inflammatory alopecia: a comprehensive evaluation of common and distinguishing histological characteristics.

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Abstract

The objective of the present study was a detailed histological description of skin biopsies from dogs diagnosed with different primary alopecic disorders and to compare the findings with the features of control dogs under consideration of the type of hair coat, the time of the year when biopsies were taken, and the duration of the disease. The goals of the study were i.) To determine if distinct histological features can be used to discriminate between the evaluated alopecic disorders and ii.) To investigate if a possibly present predominating cycle stage in a distinct hair cycle (HC) disorder allows a conclusion about the time point of HC interruption. We evaluated 5 serial sections of biopsies from 21 cases of alopecia X in plush coated dogs, 13 cases of recurrent flank alopecia, 3 cases of hyperestrogenism, 15 cases of hyperadrenocorticism, and 12 cases of hypothyroidism. In addition we selected biopsies from 12 non-plush coated dogs with primary alopecia of unknown cause (alopecia X-like). We compared the histological findings with biopsies from 38 control dogs of different coat types. Evaluation included recording of refined hair cycle stages as well as additional criteria such as excessive trichilemmal keratinization, infundibular hyperkeratosis, follicular casts, follicular atrophy, and follicular dystrophy, thickness of epidermis and dermis, hyperkeratosis, size of sebaceous glands, dermal inflammation and epidermal pigmentation.

The most striking finding of our evaluation was that all dogs with hair cycle disorders had a significant increase of hairless hair follicles which we could assign to kenogen. These kenogen follicles were often atrophic. In the literature kenogen has been introduced to describe hair follicles which have passed the telogen stage, lost their hair fiber (exogen) and remain empty for a certain time before the subsequent anagen stage is initiated. In veterinary literature these follicles are known as "hairless telogen". In regard to kenogen follicles, only dogs with alopecia X or hyperestrogenism were different. They had the lowest percentage of anagen follicles and the highest percentage of telogen follicles. In contrast, non-plush coated dogs with alopecia X-like disease showed histologically no striking similarities to cases of alopecia X. Differentiating factors between the other hair cycle disorders were not very obvious with the exception of recurrent flank alopecia. In this disorder the severe hyperkeratosis in a pear-shaped infundibulum and the severe epidermal hyperpigmentation was diagnostic. In addition, it is noteworthy to mention that

in hypothyroidism the epidermal thickness was increased compared to other cycle disorders and that dogs with alopecia X-like disease and dogs with hyperadrenocorticism had a significantly increased percentage of atrophic follicles compared to dogs with recurrent flank alopecia or dogs with hypothyroidism.

In summary, the most important finding in this study was the severely increased number of kenogen follicles, which is a strong indication that the induction of the new anagen phase is impaired in all hair cycle disorders. In addition, for dogs with alopecia X or hyperestrogenism premature catagen induction can be suggested as an additional underlying pathogenetic factor. Further work investigating the stem cell compartment and possible initiating factors for the different cycle phases is now required to elucidate the exact pathogenesis.

ESVD WEBSITE

Our former website will be replaced by a modern one during 2012. Please send your ideas to Ana Rostaher, Anthony, France. Email: ana_rostaher@yahoo.com

Take a look at the Royal Canin booklet of the ESVD at <http://www.esvd.org/publications.html> this booklet was kindly realized with Royal Canin and Diffomédia/ Paris, Guy Rolland (artistic director), Diffomédia/ Mickaël Masure (illustrations) and Giuseppe Parmigiani (photo-engraving). The ESVD Board expresses its gratitude to Prof. Dr. D. Lloyd for his collaboration.

ESVD PUBLICATIONS

The following two items are available on the Wiley OnLine Library website for Veterinary Dermatology.

- 1) ESVD-ECVD Congress proceedings (abstracts): The ESVD-ECVD congress abstracts of free communications and posters are published in the Veterinary Dermatology journal. For recent congresses the abstracts are collated on this web page - these proceedings are open access to anyone. The ESVD Board would like to express its gratitude to Aiden Foster for organizing this link.

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1365-3164/homepage/custom_copy.htm](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1365-3164/homepage/custom_copy.htm)

- 2) Treatment of canine atopic dermatitis: 2010 clinical practice guidelines from the International Task Force on Canine Atopic Dermatitis:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/vde.2010.21.issue-3/issuetoc> this article is open access and the whole article has been translated in a number of languages - see the tab "Supporting Information". The ESVD Board would like to thank all the members of the Task Force for their commitment.

PhD scholarship

The European Society and European College of Veterinary Dermatology wish to make funding available for a PhD scholarship for up to 3 to 4 years. The ultimate goal is to contribute to populate

European Veterinary Faculties with highly competent and motivated scientists with a particular interest in Veterinary Dermatology.

The Institution, the potential scholar and the intended mentor and programme of research must all be named in the application, as all will be evaluated as part of the selection process.

The application should follow the guidelines at <http://www.esvd.org/research.html> and should reach the ESVD Research officer (Sandrine Herbelet: publications-grants@esvd.org) by the closing date of **April 30, 2014**. Late applications will not be considered.

VETDERM LISTSERVE

The vetderm listserv can be reached via Guillermina Manigot at dermlink@gmail.com – she is the listserv manager and will give instructions on how to join.

ESVD Membership Section

European Society of Veterinary Dermatology (“ESVD”)

APPLICATION FOR COMPANY MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all veterinarians who are interested in veterinary dermatology; applications for membership shall be approved by the ESVD Board of Trustees. All new members or those who didn't fill them in in 2011 must complete two forms: the renewal form with financial details and the formal membership consent form (see attached). These forms are now a legal requirement following the conversion of ESVD into a registered charity.

By signing the consent form you, as an individual, are agreeing to join ESVD 'the Company'. In this context 'Company Membership' does not relate to membership of the association by commercial companies. It is for membership of a company (the ESVD charitable company) by individuals. Company Members have the right to vote at general meetings of ESVD (including the AGM) and to stand for election to become a Trustee of ESVD.

All applications for company membership must be accompanied by the payment of the annual fee. This fee includes annual subscription to Veterinary Dermatology.

Please Note: The membership year is from January 1st to December 31st. Irrespective of when you became a member you will be deemed to have joined for that year and will be required to pay the full annual fee for that year; you will receive all copies of Veterinary Dermatology published that year. If we do not receive notification of payment by March 1st then you will cease to be a company member of ESVD, your voting rights at general meetings will be lost and you will be required to re-apply for membership next year.

Payment:

Applicants are encouraged to pay on-line. Please go to:

<http://www.esvd.org/about.html#Membership> and follow the directions.

If you do not wish to pay on-line, then please send the relevant documentation which can be found on the ESVD website to the treasurer.

- The annual membership fee is €100.
- For applicants who do not want a paper copy of Veterinary Dermatology, the fee, which includes on-line access to our journal, is €60.
- For undergraduates, applicants who graduated less than 3 years ago and for dermatology residents a reduced rate of €60 will apply. Please send documentary evidence that you are eligible for this discount to membershipsecretary@esvd.org after you have made your payment. It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is bone fide.
- Subscriptions cannot be refunded once they have been received.

IN MEMORIAM

In January 2012, Stefano Tomas, our Italian friend and dermatologist, passed away. Stefano, we loved your open minded way of thinking, your enthusiasm and jokes! We miss you very much. Rest in peace! Your Derm Friends.



ECVD MATTERS

A new board was elected on our last AGM in Brussels and consists of the following persons:

Richard Harvey: President,

Emmanuel Bensignor: past president,

Jacques Fontaine: vice president,

Dominique Heripret: treasurer,

Monika Linek: secretary,

Susann Ahmann und Natalie Barnard (Perrins): members.

The new board is elected for 3 years. Good luck to all!



The ECVD is growing in all countries and now has 95 members.

Last year 12 candidates passed the examination and became new Diplomates.

ECVD welcomes Svetlana Belova- Estonia, Michela De Lucia- Italy, Rania Farmaki- Greece, Nicla Furiani- Italy, Stefanie Koebrich- Germany, Niksa Lemo- Croatia, Carmen Lorente-Mendes- Spain, Arnaud Muller- France, Ursula Oberkirchner- Austria, Ana Rostaher- Slovenia, Manolis Saridomichelakis- Greece, Katarina Varjonen- Sweden.

In 2012 the examination will again take place in Zurich, from 2-3 of July. We wish the new candidates good luck and steady nerves.

If you have any question regarding ECVD: please mail to monika@linex.de (secretary)

Monika Linek
(ECVD Secretary)

BULLETIN CORNER

Have Your Say.....

We have created this section in the bulletin for your views. I, the editor, want to hear from you. Is there something you wish to see in the bulletin: What do you want to see more off, less off, new? We want your ideas. Do you have any good news stories to share with others? Let me know.

Mailbox

A new addition to the bulletin. Here is a place where you can put short messages in such as "I'm looking for a dermatologist to meet up with during my holidays in country X during month Y. Please contact + e-mail address"

Abstract Watch

I have been unable to initiate an abstract watch since the last edition. Is this what you as member want to see in your Bulletin? If so, please let me know your thoughts and comments at jfrmbe@yahoo.co.uk. I will put all suggestions to the board for final endorsement.

ESVD Workshops and Meetings- Your thoughts

Those who have attended or are attending ESVD workshops in 2012 or the WCVD Congress please send me your experience (short text) to jfrmbe@yahoo.co.uk by 1st September 2012. The best text will be published in the 2012 Autumn Bulletin.

Until next edition, which should be out in October 2012, keep safe and keep well. Enjoy World Congress 2012!

Jane Rose



The Ulli Runge Harms Award - 2012

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

- The award is made annually according to the guidelines given below. The first award was made at the ESVD-ECVD Congress in 2003.
- Funds supporting the award during its first eight years have been generously donated by Virbac Laboratories. They have kindly agreed to continue supporting the award.
- In 2012, the award will be made at the WCVD Congress in Vancouver Canada.

Conditions of the Award

1. The URH Award will be given as an inspiration and support to veterinary surgeons pursuing specialisation in veterinary dermatology. The award is given at the annual ESVD congress as part of a formal ceremony. In years when there is a World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology, it will be awarded at that Congress.
2. Candidates should have been in general practice for a minimum of one year before enrolling in a residency programme acknowledged by the ECVD. The prize is awarded for an outstanding contribution (free communication, poster, paper or project report) produced as part of the residency programme.
3. Candidates can apply for the award or be proposed by ESVD members. This application together with supporting documents (see Application Form) should reach the award committee at least two months prior to the annual congress unless late submission has been agreed by the award committee.
4. The award consists of a **Prize**, and a **Certificate** provided by the award committee. In addition **free registration** for the annual ESVD meeting is provided by the ESVD; in World Congress years, this free registration is transferred to the following year. It will be awarded to the applicant judged by the committee to have submitted the most outstanding contribution.
5. A fund, the URH Award Fund, provides the **prize amounting to €1,300** for the successful applicant. The award fund is sponsored by Virbac Laboratories.
6. The award committee consists of three ESVD members. The current members of the committee are David Lloyd, David Grant and Patricia Werhahn.

Please send applications or nominations to:

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Hatfield
Hertfordshire AL10 0EJ
UK

E-mail: david-lloyd@ntlworld.com

The Ulli Runge Harms Award – APPLICATION FORM

Surname:

Firstname(s):

Address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Country:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Nature of submission:
(tick box & attach document)

free communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	poster	<input type="checkbox"/>	paper	<input type="checkbox"/>	project report	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Title:

ECVD Residency details

Institution:

Address:

Dates:

Supervisor:

Practice prior to residency

Name of practice:

Address:

Telephone number:

Dates:

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

Name: Signature: Date:

Supervisor's name: Signature: Date: