

European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology

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Letter from the ESVCP President

Dear Colleagues,

As a busy year draws to a close, I would like to take this time to inform you about the current state of our society. We spent a lot of energy in the first half of the year organizing an online congress. Despite many questions and uncertainties, this congress has been a great success. Thanks to Ilse and Ernst, who organized this first online congress of the ESVCP/ECVCP. I already took the opportunity to thank both at our Annual General Meeting and would like to repeat this here. Not only the Congress went very well, we were also able to secure a number of things for the future of our Congresses. For example, we have acquired the rights to the congress platform so that future congress organizers can use it and do not have to create their own platform. In my view, this is a sustainable decision. With the end of 2019 Peter Graham finished his Presidentship and I followed him as the new President of the ESVCP. After many years as Vice-President it is a real pleasure for me to be now the President of the ESVCP.

More changes of the board came after the elections this year. The Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer had to be elected. I was able to present the results of the elections at an extraordinary meeting on 10.12.2020. The result of the election which was announced by the election officer Kieran Hennessey is attached to this letter. We are pleased to welcome as new board members Barbara Riond as the new Vice-President and Yolandi Rautenbach as the new Secretary. With the election of Yolandi, Kate English stepped down from the board as former secretary. Kate has been our secretary for many years, she has supported the board work diligently and reliably with a lot of time and effort, for which she deserves the heartfelt thanks of all of us. I hope Kate will remain with us in an advisory capacity.

As no proposal for a new Treasurer was submitted, Peter O'Brien will continue as our Treasurer, many thanks to Peter for this ambition.

In order for everyone to get to know the two new board members, here are two short CVs of both of them:

Barbara Riond :

Creature of the 80ies (born in 1970)

Live in a small village near Winterthur (Switzerland) with 2 sons (18 and 16 years old)

+ one cat

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Hobbies: cooking, baking, Yoga, Piano, hiking, traveling

Professional Society Involvement

Sine 2017 Board member "Swiss Association for Small Animal Medicine" (SVK-ASMPA)

Since 2007 member of the Swiss Association for Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (SVVLD)

Since 2008 Member of the European Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP)

Work and professional education

Since 2005 Clinical Laboratory, Vetsuisse Faculty of Zurich

2015 to 2018 Residency in veterinary clinical pathology (ECVCP), Supervisor: Dr. M. Stirn

Main interests and soft skills

All fields of veterinary clinical pathology

Teaching

Enthusiastic person, still working passionately in the daily lab service

I enjoy politics inside and outside of the university and staying in touch with local practitioners

good team player, humorous, emotional, practical, problem solving oriented, sometimes impatient

Yolandi Rautenbach

South African, currently living in Pretoria

Qualified as a veterinarian in 2007 – University of Pretoria (UP), Faculty of Veterinary Science (Onderstepoort)

Private practice for 4 years – companion animal referral center in Cape Town

Return to UP in 2013 – completed a bachelor honours & master's degree and ECVCP and South African residency in clinical pathology

Since 2018 employed as a senior lecturer in veterinary clinical pathology at UP

Under- and postgraduate training for veterinary students and veterinary nurses

Supervision of Master's students

Clinical service delivery within the academic hospital

Research interests: Immunopathology; Conservation Medicine; Infectious diseases; Quality Assurance

Member of ASVCP Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards Committee (QALS)

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The new board will be constituted in the next few weeks and then work out a programme for the next years of our society. We will present this next year. Ideas from the members are always welcome and can be addressed directly to me.

And now I wish you all a peaceful and especially healthy Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

Stephan

Attachment

Results of the ESVCP Elections 2020

Voting window was open from 12/09/2020 @ 9am GMT and closed at midnight (GMT) 31/10/2020

211 people were eligible to vote

30 votes were cast and the results are as follows:

Vice President

Barbara Riond 15

Strahinja Medic 13

No Selection 2

Secretary

Yolandi Rautenbach 30

This concludes the vote for the 2020 ESVCP Election,

Regards,
Kieran Hennessy
Webmaster