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Notes from the Editor

Dear colleagues:

With this June newsletter, I draw your attention to the upcoming annual congress to be held Sept 30-Oct 3, 2008 in Barcelona, Spain, jointly with ISACCP & AECCP. This will be an unprecedented meeting as it draws together several large organisations involved in veterinary clinical pathology. A reminder is also enclosed for 2001-2 Diplomates from Zoe, chair of the Credentials committee, as the recertification process for these individuals has already begun. Wishing you all a happy summer season,

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MESSAGE FROM THE ESVCP PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Preparations for our annual meeting planned for Sept 30-Oct 3, 2008 in Barcelona, are progressing. The programme is almost totally defined and the period for registration and submission of “on-line” oral and poster presentations and clinical cases is now open and can be done through the web page of the society (www.esvc.org) and the congress (www.esvcpcongress.org). Please be reminded that deadline for submissions is the **1st of July**. There will be awards for the best oral presentation, poster and clinical case. Thanks should be given to Ernst Leidinger for his excellent work in the management of our new ESVCP- ECVCP web site and to Peter O’Brien for his continued sponsorship of it.

As you probably know, this meeting will be held jointly with ISACP (International Society of Animal Clinical Pathology) and the group of interest on Acute Phase Proteins. There will be a joint toxicologic clinical pathology session with the AECCP (Association of European Comparative Clinical Pathology). So, in addition to the very interesting programme with topics such as reference values, diagnosis of infectious diseases, advanced interpretation of blood cell analyzers, haemostasis and acute phase proteins, this meeting will be unique in that we will be able to meet and share experiences with colleagues from all over the world. Special recognition goes to Josep Pastor and his group in organizing a complex Congress and coordinating the needs of so many Societies in a very efficient way.

A special call is made for presenters of cases at the Case presentation session, since few cases have been received so far. As Harold Tvedten indicates, a case presentation is an excellent first public talk for a new clinical pathologist or easy talk for an experienced person to bring along to the meeting. The usual CD will be produced if we can submit the cases in the correct format and on time.

In the meantime I would like to send you my best wishes for the summer. See you in Barcelona!

Kind regards,

Jose Ceron

Background on ESVCP

The European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP, <http://www.esvcp.org>) was formed in Sept 1998 for the promotion of this discipline, and out of the need for well-educated clinical pathologists with certified experience for leading positions in commercial laboratories, industry, and veterinary schools. The Society is open to everybody, veterinarians and non-veterinarians alike, interested in one of the many areas of interest of Veterinary Clinical Pathology.

ESVCP Website: For information on constitution, membership, past and coming meetings, or to consult documents submitted to EBVS concerning application for specialty status and more, please visit <http://www.esvcp.org>, which will be the permanent domain name.

Interested in accessing a veterinary clinical pathology discussion forum?

This LISTSERV mailing list provides ASVCP and ESVCP members with access to over 500 colleagues interested in discussing and finding information on topics involving veterinary clinical pathology. To join the list, interested persons must request to be subscribed by writing an e-mail to John Hofmann jhofmann@asvcp.org ; please include full name, e-mail address, and organization in the body of the message.

**10th annual ESVCP Congress
Barcelona, Spain, Sept 30-Oct 3, 2008**

Joint ISACB/ESVCP/AECCP meeting

Planning for the upcoming annual congress in Barcelona, Spain is well underway. The meeting is planned for Sept 30-Oct 3, 2008 and will be held at the Cosmocaixa museum of Barcelona within easy reach of the city center. This meeting will be held jointly with ISACCP (International Society of Comparative Clinical Pathology) and AECCP (Association of the European Comparative Clinical Pathology). Josep Pastor, the local organiser, is planning the congress together with Jose Ceron, chair of the Scientific committee, in partnership with organisers from ISACCP and AECCP.

The abstract deadline will be July 1st, 2008, and the registration deadline end of August 2008. The webpage for the congress will be ready during February. The main topics covered at the meeting will be reference values, diagnosis of infectious diseases, advanced interpretation of blood cell analyzers, haemostasis and acute phase proteins research.

Josep Pastor, local organiser

Letter from the ECVCP President

Dear Colleagues,

Your executive and sub committees have been working hard to promote change and improvements within the college. The executive and committee chairs met in Vienna in March for a productive week end session thanks to the behind the scenes help of Ilse(S) and Ernst(L). A preview of the new web site was unveiled, and if you check the site you can follow progress. Many thanks to Ernst (L) (web master) Saverio (P) and Peter (OB) and Matthew Green (our server keeper) . You are all invited to an introduction session to this new interactive website at the Barcelona meeting.

Peter (OB) and I attended the EBVS AGM in April. Now Peter is the new secretary of EBVS, and will help ensure that we are 'in compliance'. One interesting agenda topic which did not receive a definitive outcome was a discussion of the non examination award of European college membership to members of American colleges. No doubt this will also be on the 2009 agenda. All colleges were urged to continue improving the quality of their training programmes and passing rate of their examinations. There was also some amusing discussion about the different categories of members e.g. retired, inactive, and whether we should be a 'dip'... or 'dipl'.... A plain 'D' was not considered.

The examination committee chair and sub section chairs had their exam preparation meeting in Vienna this month. So that is well in hand, and the exam will be in Wetherby, UK, in the autumn.

The Science committee ESVCP and associate societies local committees are busy with the Barcelona meeting, where our AGM is to be held. We would also like to invite as many training programme heads and trainees as possible to a meeting in Barcelona to meet our new registrar Ilse and to a general related discussion of training issues.

The education and credentials committees have provided a form for recertification (more details of this in the news letter).

A friendly reminder that as a member of the college you are required to attend an AGM biannually, and to pay both ECVCP and ESVCP membership fees.

One last thing, we are still searching for volunteers for a vital new joint committee of ECVCP and ESVCP to form a fund raising committee. There must be some out there who know how to extract funds and have the 'Midas' touch.

Wishing you all a fun and relaxing summer

Joy (Archer)

RECERTIFICATION REMINDER FOR ECVCP DIPLOMATES

Dear colleagues,

The recertification procedure of the European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathologists (ECVCP) has commenced now in 2008, as advised by the European Board of Veterinary Specialization and per the ECVCP constitution. According to this procedure, the membership of every ECVCP diplomate must be re-evaluated every five (5) years, starting from the year the diplomate has been accepted as a College member. After re-evaluation, the diplomate is registered for another five years in the EBVS directory listing. This procedure will be performed according to a credit point system based on the activities related to ECVCP and will be supervised by the Credential's Committee. Recertification will be obtained after acquiring 100 credit points, achieved by both:

1. Preparation of accepted ECVCP examination questions.
2. activities in at least 2 of the following categories related to Veterinary Clinical Pathology:
 - publications
 - presentations in national or international congresses
 - attendance in annual meetings
 - activities within the ECVCP

In 2008 all diplomates that were enrolled in ECVCP during the years 2001 and 2002 will be required to apply for recertification, with the application deadline expiring December 31st 2008. Applications have already been submitted and most colleagues required to recertify will receive the appropriate documents in the following weeks.

A new and exciting phase is starting for ECVCP with the recertification process, which is an important and integral part of the College's functions. Support and assistance by everyone involved in the activities of the College will guarantee a successful outcome.

On behalf of the Credentials Committee

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ESVCP- Membership Dues Notice
Membership Year: January 1- December 31, 2008

All members of the Society and the College who have not done so, are requested to nonetheless pay their 2008 Dues. (Deadline for payment was Feb 29, 2008.) Please take a moment to renew your membership.

All members of the ECVCP should also renew their membership of the Society in addition to paying the Dues for membership of the College. It is a requirement of the Constitution that ECVCP members are also members of ESVCP.

Renewing your membership requires two steps:

1. Email your up to date contact information to **Peter Graham**, pgraham@nwlabs.co.uk . Indicate whether you're a REGULAR member (including journal subscription), and if you pay the reduced fee, indicate whether you are TRAINEE/STUDENT (to still be sent the journal) or ASVCP member. This will ensure that copies of Veterinary Clinical Pathology are sent to the correct address.
2. The payment method this year is by check or wire transfer. *Paypal* has resulted in some problems last year so this is no longer an option. Payments will be processed by Joy Archer, interim treasurer. For queries, her email is: Ja331@cam.ac.uk . See below for payment details.

ESVCP Membership Fees 2008 (Note this is the same fee for 2007 dues)

- **100 Euros for regular members.** This includes Veterinary Clinical Pathology journal subscription (4 issues per year).
- **80 Euros for ASVCP members and students/ trainees.** Journal subscription is not included for ASVCP members as this is paid for through ASVCP Dues.

Please note that when using this method of payment it is essential that the member's name is given in the payment details. A number of payments using this method have been received which cannot be traced because the member's name is not given on the transfer document. Please state this first in the payment details field of the form. STATE ALSO WHETHER YOU'RE A **TRAINEE/STUDENT OR ASVCP MEMBER**. [Students/trainees must send a supporting letter to Joy Archer from their supervisor to be entitled to the reduced fee.](#)

1. Cheque in EURO to ESVCP.
2. Cheque in GBP to ESVCP. Check <http://www.xe.com> for the latest exchange rate.
3. Direct bank transfer in EURO to ESVCP EURO account

At: European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology
Lloyds TSB Harrogate U.K.
Account number: 86248059
Sort code: 30 -93-91
BIC: LOYDGB21214
IBAN: GB97 LOYD 3093 9186 2480 59

Please send cheques and for trainees/students, supporting letter, to:

Joy Archer ESVCP
50 Fox Road, Balsham
CAMBS CB21 4EZ
United Kingdom

ECVCP- Call for Diplomate Fees for 2007 and 2008
Membership Year: January 1- December 31, 2007 (2008)

- **Please keep in mind, that payment of ECVCP dues is essential to keep your diplomate status.**

Please remember that you must also be a member of the Society in order to retain your diplomate status. **If you have not paid 2006 dues, please pay both 2006 and 2007 dues. If you do not recall whether you have paid 2006/2007 dues, please contact Natali Bauer at Natalie.bauer@vetmed.uni-giessen.de or ecvcp_treasurer@gmx.de.**

- **Changes in 2008**

Diplomate fees were due between January 1st and February 15th. In January, ECVCP members will get an email from the treasurer including the payment options listed below as a reminder.

- **Please take a moment and renew your membership NOW.**

Renewing your membership requires three steps:

1. Complete and email the Excel spreadsheet below giving your up to date contact information. This will ensure that any communications are sent to the correct address.
2. Select your payment method and amount.
3. Make your payment.

1. Membership Details update

Please complete the attached Excel spreadsheet and email it to Natalie.bauer@vetmed.uni-giessen.de

2. Diplomate Fee and Payment Methods

- **ECVCP Diplomate Fee 2007 (2008)**
 - 100 Euros
- **Payment Options**

Paypal

See information above in ESVCP Membership notice.

International Funds Transfer

For members in countries where Paypal payment is not possible, payment can be made using International Funds Transfer. The information required to make these transfers is given on the website and is copied below. This system does not however generate automatic receipts and is more expensive for the Society. Frequently members will have to pay transfer fees to their bank in addition to the Dues.

UK members

Cheques in UK pounds can be accepted (posted to the address below) or funds transfer from any UK bank (the UK equivalent of 100 Euros will be considered to be £68.00)

Bank details for Funds Transfer:

Account name: European College for Veterinary Clinical Pathology

Bank: Lloyds TSB

Address: Aberfeldy Branch, Bank Street, Aberfeldy, Scotland, United Kingdom

Account No: 0511748

Sort code: 30 25 87

Swiftbank code (Bank Identification Code): TSBSGB21280

IBAN code: GB97TSBS30258700511748

2008 MOCK VETERINARY CLINICAL PATHOLOGY EXAM

Idexx is planning the 4th Annual Clinical Pathology Self-Assessment Examination (Mock Exam) on 6-7 December, 2008 IN Wetherby, UK. Dates should be finalized in June/July. Check the ESVCP website for information in July ; a notice will also be posted on the ASVCP/ESVCP list serve when dates have been finalized. If interested, contact: kathy-freeman@talktalk.net
