Minutes of the European Society of Veterinary Cardiology Annual General Meeting Budapest, Friday, September 14, 2007

Attendance list:

Executive board members:

K. Schober (President), J. Fernandez del Palacio (President elect), P. Wotton (past President)

V. Chetboul (Section Editor, Journal of Veterinary Cardiology)

C. Amberger (Secretary-treasurer)

Virginia Luis Fuentes, on behalf of H. Pedersen (ECVIM-CA congress representative)

J. Häggström (Chair, Cardiology, ECVIM-CA)

N. Van Israel (Secretary-treasurer)

Honorary Members:

C.W: Lombard **Apologies:**

C. Bussadori, M. Borgarelli

As the time allowed to the meeting was quite short, this meeting was mostly informative.

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by the President and the Past President, welcoming everyone to the annual meeting

2. Agenda

There were no comments on the Agenda

3. Minutes of the ESVC AGM, Amsterdam

The minutes have been published in the ECVIM-CA Newsletter, sent to all society members. No comments have been received.

4. Formal approval of financial situation

The auditors for financial status are: Paul Wotton for the year 2006 and Nicole Van Israel for 2007. The financial situation at the end of December 2006 showed a positive balance of €20090.72

The intermediate situation as of August 2007 shows a positive balance of €27678.34

The balance is still positive; however, some payments need to be made before the end of the year (the most important being payment of the Journal (JVCard) fees for members). No particular expenses are expected for this year. The membership fees will be the same for 2008.

5. Changes in the executive committee:

- permanent ECVIM-Congress representative: Virginia Luis Fuentes replaces H. Pedersen as a new board officer
- Secretary-treasurer: Nicole Van Israel replaces C. Amberger as a new board member

6. Cardiology program at next year's congress: Proposals for the Gent Meeting

The main topic of next year should be: "the molecular basis of myocardial disease and biomarkers". The other talk should be an overview of the action of ACEIs and pimobendan in asymptomatic dogs.

7. Journal of Veterinary Cardiology: changes in the Editorial board

Congratulations were given to the new Editorial board, which succeeded in getting the Journal indexed by Medline, with a really good result for the evaluation. **Prof. Valérie Chetboul and Prof. Sydney Moise have been nominated as honorary members in recognition of the tremendous work done for the Journal of Veterinary Cardiology.** (The third Editor, Phil Fox, is already an honorary member.)

8. ESVC constitution, updated and available on the website since June 2007

As no comments, suggestions or changes have been received by the secretary, the constitution is now accepted and will be officially registered by the new secretary, Nicole Van Israel.

Guidelines: status of the proposals discussed in Amsterdam

The draft <u>Guidelines for the quality assurance of echocardiographic examinations</u> is ready. The document includes guidelines for correct echographic examination, with an assessment of 3 levels of competence, as well as documented quality statement of the material and the training of the examiner. This document should be available in the first definitive form for the next AGM.

Guidelines on HCM (feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy)

As the ACVIM task force is almost ready with a consensus publication of recommendations on the assessment of HCM, the decision has been taken to wait and use the ACVIM consensus.

ESVC Research Foundation. Current situation: After contacting ECVIM (Hylton Bark) it was agreed from both sides (Bark and Schober) that this endeavour will not create a conflict of interest within ECVIM and that funds available through ESVC can be awarded from ECVIM to 100% by ESVC. That means, everything we put into the ECVIM study funds pot can flow back to ESVC for sponsoring cardiology research in Europe. A "Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles" document needs to be developed and a study fund committee needs to be established before serious attempts can be undertaken with regards to approaching potential sponsors. Volunteers that would actively contribute to the written part were asked for during the meeting

End of the AGM 10:45

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