

Minutes of ESVC Annual General Meeting 2012, MECC, Maastricht, Friday September 7th

Apologies for absence: Josefa Maria del Palacio and Dan Ohad

Present: 55 members attended

Approval of the minutes of the 2011 meeting (J. Häggström): Minutes were approved

Membership numbers (J. Häggström): Membership numbers for 2011; 310 paying members plus 9 honorary members. These numbers are comparable with 2010 membership numbers.

Financial matters (balance and others) (K. Höglund): The balance for 2010 was audited and approved by Chris Amberger and Matthias Schneider. Transfer of ESVC funds have occurred in 2011 from Belgium to Italy. Balance for 2011: Income 27,775 Euros, expenses 19,160 Euros, balance 11,376 Euros. Preliminary for 2012: 23,388 Euros (August 1st). It was approved that the surplus for 2011 was saved in the Society and used as a buffer for upcoming ESVC activities. Chris Amberger and Matthias Schneider volunteered to audit the accounts for 2011 and were voted in by the members.

Update of JVC (M. Borgarelli): JVC Editorial Board meeting was held in Cornell in August. Submission rate increased in the last year. Case reports are still allowed, but will probably not be in the future. The Journal will remain the property of the ESVC, but it has been proposed to remove the list of ESVC officers on page 3. Furthermore, the ESVC logo will be removed from the front page. No Section Editors will remain, all former Section Editors will be made Associate Editors. Sydney Moise is resigning as Editor in Chief and will be replaced by Dan Hogan. Encouragement for people to apply for positions as Associate Editors. More strict about submissions: contributions that do not fulfill the format requirements will be sent back. Next special issue will be Feline Cardiology, planned 2014. The Mitral Valve special issue has been downloaded frequently. JVC will receive an impact factor in 2014. JVC will move toward being more multimedia and in the future and will not be printed. The position as ESVC representative in the JVC Editorial Board 2012-2015 was voted for at the AGM. Michele Borgarelli was elected.

Replacement of the position as secretary (J. Häggström): Because of personal circumstances, Rachel James offered her resignation. The Society thanked Rachel James for her contribution to the Society. The position of Secretary was voted for at the AGM meeting. Anne French was elected and was asked to take up the position immediately after the AGM.

Pre-congress meeting (Nicole Van Israel): ESVC arranged a pre-congress day September 5th. In total, 112.5 participants attended the meeting (also attending the Main Congress; 44 members, 20 non-members, not attending the Main Congress; 14 members, 24.5 non-members). Income (including sponsors) 23,418.83 Euros. Expenses 14,554.64 Euros. There is a need for ESVC guidelines for rights given to sponsors.

Echolab update (V. Luis Fuentes): Questionnaire to ECVIM and ACVIM diplomates is planned. Currently soliciting input from ACVIM members such as Davis Sisson. Widespread distribution is

needed for the questionnaire, and the ECVIM Executive committee is supportive. The draft prepared by the ESVC Taskforce will form the basis of the document that will be distributed to ECVIM and ACVIM members for feedback, before drawing up the final document.

ECVIM update (V. Luis Fuentes): VLF elected as cardiology speciality representative on ECVIM executive committee. Luca Ferasin has stepped down as chief examiner and was thanked for his hard work. ECVIM Cardiology need a slot for an ECVIM Cardiology business meeting in the congress program.

Other matters: *Congress programme for 2013:* Pulmonary hypertension has been suggested as the main topic. Potential speakers are currently being identified. *Prize for best resident / young investigator abstract (resident or PhD student):* Two prizes to be awarded; 1st 500 Euro, 2nd BSAVA manual. Scorers for this activity have been identified. Award winner will be presented at the Closing ceremony by the ESVC president. *Creation of a taskforce group concerning screening for DCM in Dobermanns:* It was proposed and accepted that a working group for recommendations for screening for DCM in Dobermanns was formed and that G. Wess should lead it. *CKCS DMVD screening:* It was proposed and accepted that a working group for recommendations for screening for MMVD in Cavaliers was formed and that J. Häggström should lead it. *Pre-congress day:* No pre-congress day would be held in 2013.

Next meeting: 2013 Liverpool

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