

Minutes ESVC AGM meeting 2018 Rotterdam

Friday 7 September 2019, 13.20– 14.15

Present: M. Borgarelli, K. Hoglund, L. Hoier Olsen, J. Haggstrom, P. Wotton, Y. Martinez Pereira, A. French, J. Prieto Ramos, L. Christiansen, A. Vollmar, D. Ohad, A. Domanjko-Petric, R.A. Santilli, L. Ferasin, P. Matskula, J. Lopez Alvarez, J. Dukes McEwan, P. Smets, M. Dirven, H van Meeuw, C. Amberger, I. Bublot, A.C. Merveille, M. Villenson-Kavak, A. Gladuli, M. Schneider, N. Hildebrandt, G. Wurtinger, E. Henrich, S. Riesen, I. Ljungvall, R. Willis, M. Baron-Toaldo, J. Navalon

Apologies for absence: S. Crosara.

M. Borgarelli welcome all attendants to the meeting and ask for agenda approval. The agenda was approved unanimously.

1. Approval of the minutes of the 2017 meeting

The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Secretary report (S. Crosara)

M. Borgarelli presented the secretary report on behalf of S. Crosara

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3. Financial matters (K. Hoglund)

KH presented income and expenditure for 2017-2018. The closing balance for 2016 was 62,140 Euros. The bank account balance for 2017 was 49,371 Euros. The closed VIN account balance for 2017 was 44,353 Euros (membership fees); with a total closed ESVC balance for 2017 of 93,724 Euro. Preliminary ESVC balance at August 2018 (Bank + VIN accounts) was 95875 Euros.

The balance was approved unanimously with no comments.

- A motion to save the positive balance for future needs of the association was also voted unanimously.

4. Update of JVC (M. Borgarelli)

Metrics for the journal are very good. This year the impact factor for the journal is 1.7 (#27/140 Veterinary Journals), the 2017 Cite Score is 1.79 (#21/150 Veterinary Journals) and the 2017 SNIP score is 1.27 (#13/232 Veterinary Journals). A special issue on pacemaker will be published in 2019. It was underscored that JVC is the official journal of the ESVC, therefore it is expected the journal being helped by ESVC members. This can be done accepting to act as a reviewer and submitting research work to the journal.

5. Board members election

Dr. S. Swift position was going to expire at the end of 2018. He agreed to serve for another term. MB asked if there were any other candidate from the floor. No other candidate step forward and S. Swift was voted unanimously.

6. ECVIM Congress 2018 and 2019 (D. Ohad)

The ESVC once again has received a high number of abstract proposals and selection has become very competitive. The main program for 2019 will focus on the “right ventricle”. More the ESVC will organize a pre-congress day focused on treatment for congenital and acquired heart diseases.

7. ESVC Research grant (M Borgarelli)

No applications were granted in 2018 (3 applications were evaluated by reviewers independent of the ESVC board). Because of this the 2018 budget is available and a decision on how to use was required.

1. The ESVC board proposed that the grant from 2018 (5000 euro) will be carried over to 2019:

The proposal has been approved unanimously

2. The ESVC board present 2 options for funding 2019 cycle:

1. One project is granted with 10.000 euro (vote: 3)
2. Two projects are granted with 5000 euro each (vote: 9)
3. Paul Wotton propose a third option. The number of projects that will be granted is open, but max 10.000 euro in total will be granted. A motion to add this proposal for a vote was approved unanimously.

After a brief discussion the three options were voted

Option 1 got 3 votes

Option 2 got 9 votes

Option 3 got 25 votes

Option 3 was approved

8. Prizes for best resident/young investigator abstract/oral presentations (M. Borgarelli)

- a. Ranking and eligibility criteria were reminded again

9. Task force progression (M. Borgarelli)

- a. Mitral valve disease:

Delayed but ongoing. The manuscript will submitted during the next year.

- b. Echocardiography guidelines:

This task force was established for approximately 10 years now with no tangible results. Therefore, it was decided to close the activity and no more funding will be provided.

10. Next meeting: 19 - 21 September 2019, Milan, Italy

11. Others: no other issues were raised

The meeting was adjourned at 2.05 pm

On behalf of the ESVC board

Michele Borgarelli
ESVC President.