

ESVC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ECVIM Congress, 6th Sept 2024

Lyon, France

Minutes

1. Present and apologies for absence:

Present:

Simon Swift, Lisbeth Høier Olsen, Serena Crosara, Liva Vatne, Mark Dirven, Aleksandra Domanjko-Petric, Giulio Menciotti, Michele Borgarelli, Fabio Spina, Merel Vriens, Hanneke van Meeuwen, Claudia Vollmar, Sophia Schafer, Maximilian Kaline, Estelle Henrich, Gabriel Wurtinger, Francesco Porciello, Giorgia Santarelli, Gemma Fraga Veloso, Lucia Ramera, Manuela Perego, Jens Häggström, Chiren Frederic, Merit Villemson-Kavac, Ingrid Ljungvall, Karin Kriström, Nuno Pereira, Anders Eriksson, Maria Wiberg, Catheryn Partington, Andrei Baisan, Anne French, Rachel Blake, Chris Linney, Hannah Hodgkiss-Geere, Anne-Christine Merveille, Paul Motskula, Inigo Sanz-Gonzales, Elzbieta Mederska, Jenny Eberhard, Pascale Smets, Marin Torti, Thomas J Morrison, Magdalena Garncarz, Emily Dutton, Anne van de Watering, Caroline Melis, Martina Cimerman, Iuliu Scurtu, Tommaso Vezzosi, Valentina Patata, Cecilia Quintavalla, Antonia Mavropoulou, Christopher Kennedy, Frane Ivasovic, Yolanda Martinez Pereira, Patricia Sebastian Marcos, Muranu Raluka, Alexandra Cofaru, Domingo Casamian-Sorrosal, Roberto Santilli, Tom Boumans, Melanie Bouwmeester.

Apologies for absence:

Fabio Sarcinella, Sonja Fonfara

2. Approval of agenda (SS)

The agenda was unanimously approved

3. Approval of the minutes of the ESVC annual general meeting 2023 (SS)

The minutes were unanimously approved

4. Secretary report (LV)

There are 471 members in 2024 as of Sept 1st, a mild increase since last year. Germany is still the most represented country followed by the UK.

5. Financial matters (MD)

The financial report from 2022 has been audited and approved. The society expresses their gratitude to Maria Wiberg and Anna Tidholm for all their work auditing over the years, and will now pass the roles over to others.

The society has two bank accounts, one held by the society for invoices, sponsorship and JVS; one VIN account for membership fees, pregress fees and website.

Credits (income): membership and pregress fees via VIN, pregress sponsorship, JVC royalties and fee to cover expenses.

Debits (expenses): pre-congresses, grants, awards and JVC royalties

The financial situation is quite healthy, but the pre-congress suffered a substantial loss last year, mainly due to costly venue in Barcelona. Also there was less sponsorship last year and additional grants compared to previous years.

The society needs two auditors to approve the financial report for 2023. Mikael Svensson from Sweden and Hanneke van Meeuwen from the Netherlands have been proposed by the treasurer, and both have offered to fill these roles. The floor agrees unanimously.

2023 closed with a balance of 86050,45 euro.

2024 has a preliminary balance of 124050,26 euro.

The society is a non profit organization and a reserve can be kept as a surplus. The floor was unanimously in favor of keeping the surplus in the bank account as a reserve.

There were no questions from the floor.

The Financial report was unanimously accepted.

Acknowledgements: MD expresses his gratitude to VIN, and Mark Rishniw in particular, for the involvement, dealing with membership fees, pregress registration and the running of the ESVC website.

Regarding membership fees: an updated list of members can be found on the website, please remember to update your information, and if not on the list, check that the membership fees have been paid.

6. Update of JVC (MB – Professor Michele Borgarelli)

MB reminds the audience that ESVC membership includes JVC subscription – a journal that is run, owned and supported by the society. JVC is endorsed and supported by the ACVIM- and the ECVIM cardiology specialties.

It is 25 years since the first JVC issue. This issue included a large clinical study by C. Lombard and C. Amberger. MB would like to thank everyone involved from the start, including the authors of the study and Dr Claudio Borgarelli.

Editors in chief:

Sonja Fonfara, Michele Borgarelli

Editorial board:

Jonathan Abbott, John Bonagura, Michele Borgarelli, Marc Dirven, Sonja Fonfara, Philip Fox, Lisbeth Hoier Olsen, Gunther van Loon, Jordi Lopez Alvarez, Giulio Menciotti, Lynne O'Sullivan, Pedro Oliveira, Chris Orton, Romain Pariaut, Brian Scansen, Anna Tidholm, Massimiliano Tursi, Sonya Wesselowski

Presentation of submissions, editorial outcomes and published counts:

- Number of submitted papers so far this year: 41
- Publication process is similar to other journals at around 300 days
- Impact factor 1.7 comparing well to other veterinary journals
- The cite score was 617 in 2023, comparing well with previous years
- The number of online downloads continues to grow at 223.556 in 2023, ie a good usage of the journal
- Rejection rate remains similar to previous years and other journals: 37% desk rejected, 11% standard rejected

Applause to winners of "The young investigators awards" (the award title will likely be changed to "early career award" or similar, to include investigators of all ages):

Original Study

Pires A, Raheb S, Monteith G, Colpitts ME, Chong A, O'Sullivan ML, Fonfara S. Heart rate distribution in dogs with third degree atrioventricular block and rate responsive pacemakers. *J Vet Cardiol* 2022, 43:70-80

Case report:

Chi IB, Scansen BA, Potter BM, Pierce KV, Gagnon AL, Sloan CQ. Transcatheter closure of aneurysmal perimembranous ventricular septal defect with the canine duct occluder in two dogs. *J Vet Cardiol* 2022, 43:61-69.

Open access fee 1700 USD (ESVC, ACVIM, ECVIM)

There will be two special issues in 2025:

"The Mitral and tricuspid valves"

- Guest editors: Dr Chris Orton, Dr Giulio Menciotti
- Submission deadline: December 31st 2024

"Advanced cardiac imaging"

- Guest editor: Dr Brian Scansen

More reviewers are needed for the journal. Members are invited and encouraged to take part in reviewing for the JVC. Professor A. Boswood will provide members with a seminar/webinar to explain how to review scientific papers.

Reminder to update user profiles including postal address and areas of interest. Current member information can be found on the ESVC website. Members are also encouraged to submit papers.

Questions regarding the journal can be posted to:

Sonja Fonfara (Co-EIC) - sonjafonfara@googlemail.com

Michele Borgarelli (Co-EIC) - mborgarelli@gmail.com

There were no questions from the floor.

SS: The ESVC board would like to show their gratitude to Professor M.Borgarelli for long service and invaluable involvement in the development of the society.

7. Board members and amendments to the constitution (SS)

One new board member will be needed for 2025, new and existing board members can run for election/ re-election.

The Constitution will be amended to reflect the fact that we have separate secretary and treasurer roles on the board due to increased workload. In this process, the need for further editing was discovered, largely to modernise the language. The constitution will be amended and the new version will be presented to the members for voting at the AGM in 2025.

8. ECVIM 2024 (ADP/ SS)

Summary of the ECVIM congress 2024:

5 talks, 6 speakers

5 EU speakers, 1 US

1 Panel discussion

Abstracts – 27 oral presentations, 25 posters

Yet again the ESVC was the biggest society represented at the ECVIM congress.

Information on next years meeting:

Precongress on 17th September 2025

Main congress 18th – 20th September 2025, MECC, Maastricht, Netherlands

Suggestions on topic and speakers for the precongress and the main congress 2025 are welcome. Suggestions should be sent to board members as soon as possible as the ECVIM deadline for programme submission is tight, October 14th 2024.

9. ESVC Research grant 2024 (SS)

There were seven applicants for the ESVC research grant 2024. The scientific committee is evaluating the proposals and the results will be available late autumn. The review process is taking some time due to a higher number of applicants compared with previous years.

10. Announcement of prizes for best resident/young investigator abstract/oral presentations 2023 (SS)

ORAL

1st Giovanni Grosso “Echocardiographic evaluation of main pulmonary artery dimension size in dogs with pulmonary hypertension

2nd Sophie Goodrich “Evidence of restenosis and associated risk factors in dogs undergoing balloon valvuloplasty for pulmonic stenosis”

3rd= Rachel Carter “Combined physical examination variables and N terminal ProBNP in predicting cardiac disease in asymptomatic cats with murmurs”

3rd= Francesca Edgerton “Investigation of the indications for and outcome of ambulatory electrocardiography in a referral population of dogs”

POSTER

1st Kyriacos Georgiades “Clinical presentation and survival in dogs with acquired ASD secondary to myxomatous mitral valve disease”

2nd= Lisa Alibrandi “Smartphone based 6 lead ECG: a new device for electrocardiographic recording in dogs”

2nd= Noelia Costa-Rodriguez “Correlation of serum N-terminal ProBNP with pulmonary hypertension in heartworm infected dogs with adulticide treatment”

11. Task force progression (LHO)

“ESVC screening of myxomatous mitral valve disease in dogs” – this task force is in progress with a draft manuscript.

12. Proposals from the board: (SS)

A. The ESVC abstract and poster prizes remain as previously:

- 1st Prize oral presentation 1000 euro + BSAVA book
- 2nd Prize oral presentation 800 euro
- 3rd Prize presentation 500 euro
- 1st Prize poster presentation 500 euro + BSAVA book
- 2nd Prize poster presentation 300 euro
- 3rd Prize poster presentation 150 euro

B. The ESVC Clinical Research Fund

The amount remains as previously at 30.000 euro

The grant can be divided between two applicants, and the period is up to 2 years

C. Precongress participation:

Free for PhD students and residents if they are members of the ESVC

D. Membership fee:

No change this year

The proposals were unanimously approved

13. Any other business:

Comment from Jens Häggström: the pre-congress is successful and appreciated by the members, JH supports that the pregress is free for PhD students and residents

Georgia Santarelli proposed the clinical grant is name in honour of past member, Dr Jonathan Bouvard. This had been previously agreed but there was no grant awarded in 2023.

14. Plaque for Katja Höglund (SS)

A plaque has been made for Associate Professor Katja Höglund, to show our gratitude for her long service and contribution as a treasurer, 2015-2023. She is not present at the ECVIM congress in Lyon this year, but MD will bring the plaque back to Sweden and present her with it in due course.

L. Vatne
ESVC Secretary