

Minutes ESVC AGM
Friday 4th September 2020
Online

1. Present and apologies for absence:

PRESENT:

Bach M, Battaia S, Borgarelli M, Bouvard J, Chiren F, Claretti M, Crosara S, Dirven M, Domanjko Petric A, Domenech O, Dukes Mc Ewan J, Franchina L, Haggstrom J, Henrich E, Hildebrandt N, Hoglund K, Hoier Olsen L, Klueser L, Kristom K, Ljungvall I, Martinez Pereira Y, Milne S, Motskula P, Novo Matos J, Ohad D, Pavelkova E, Porciello F, Sanchez Aguilera J, Santarelli G, Schneider M, Silva J, Spina F, Stephenson H, Swift S, Tidholm A, Villemson-Kavak M, Vollmar C, Wiedemann N, Wotton P, Wurtiger G.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: none

2. Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2019 meeting

Minutes will circulate through VIN.

4. Secretary reports (SC)

Members are 408, unchanges since 2019. Distribution of members is worldwide. Leading countries are Germany and Italy followed by UK. P Watton asked if membership in UK gone down or membership in other countries risen: members in UK slightly decreased from 70 to 64 while members from Germany and Italy increased respectively from 61 to 68 and from 58 to 68.

5. Financial matters (KH)

- a. The pre-congress day in 2019 had a positive balance (surplus 4807,75 €). We had 4 different sponsors (BI, Ceva, Esaote, Elanco) that provided a total sponsorship of 8000 Euros. Overall the 2019 pre-congress was very successful.

For the y. 2019: End of 2018 we had 72.876 € on the ESVC account. The total balance for 2019 was 81.620 € which is close to the balance in 2018. The balance was approved. For 2020, the balance at the ESVC account was 46.388 € and at the VIN account 66.403 €, in August. Thus, the preliminary balance until August was 112.431 €, but after anticipated costs, the expected balance at the end of the year 2020 is about 65.000 €. This was approved as well. Because of the positive balance the board decided to keep the fee at 75 Euros and keep the buffer on the account. This was unanimously approved.

6. Update of JVC (MB)

JVC is doing well. IF is 1,2 at the moment; most indexes are in upper quartile. About 130-140 papers are submitted per year, the rejection rate is around the 45%. There are about 6000 downloads per year in the past four years; the top four countries are USA, UK, Italy and Brasil. During pandemic it was even more difficult find reviewers. Members are invited to help JVC and write to MB or Sonja Fonfara if interested to become a reviewer. There will be a special issue on canine cardiomyopathies in 2021, with Stern as special editor.

7. Board members election (LHO)

Because of covid-19 pandemic there is a delay in board election. We asked DO to work one more year as officer. Members approved unanimously.

8. ECVIM congress (DO)

Next ECVIM congress will take place in Lyon 2nd-4th September 2021.

The main program will be on Myxomatous mitral valve disease

The pre-congress will be on canine and feline cardiomyopathy.

9. ESVC research grant (LHO)

The winner was Dr Den Toon with the proposal entitles "Identification of genes responsible for valvular pulmonic stenosis in French Bulldog dogs". ESVC research grant proposals for 2020 are in course of evaluation from the scientific committee. The ESVC 2020 will be named "Dr. James W. Buchanan ESVC research grant" to acknowledge his precious contribution in veterinary cardiology research and teaching.

The board asked to keep the grant to 20.000 Euros. The members approved unanimously.

10. Prizes for best resident/young investigator abstract/oral presentation (LHO)

The winners of the awards 2019 are:

- Best oral abstract: Victoria Greet “supraventricular tachycardia in 23 cats: comparison with 21 cats with atrial fibrillation (2004-2014)”.
- Second best oral abstract: Alessandra Franchini “Predictors of reoccurrence of congestive signs in dogs with ACVIM-stage C myxomatous mitral valve disease (MMVD)”.
- Best poster: Wan-Ching Cheng “identification of increased desmin aggregates consistent with intermediate filament dysfunction in feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy”.

11. Task force progression (LHO)

- a. MMVD Task Force is in progression and should be finished this year.

12. Others (LHO)

None

S. Crosara
ESVC Secretary