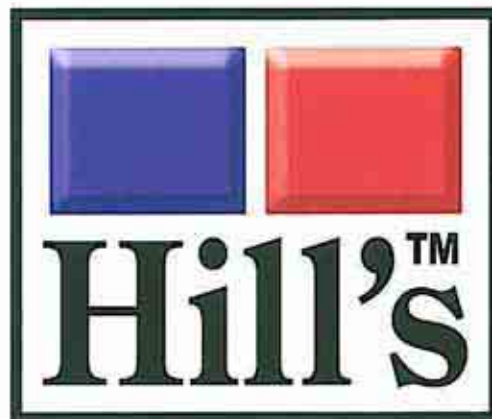




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## European Society of Veterinary Dermatology

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## President's Remarks

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The year 2006 has been positive and fruitful for the European Society of Veterinary Dermatology. In spite of the large number of documents to be completed and a lot of bureaucracy, the ESVD has finally become a **charity and limited company** registered in the UK. We now have limited liability in case the ESVD losses ever exceed our assets. Members of the board are no longer personally responsible for any losses of the ESVD. The charitable status allows us as a limited company not to pay tax on income and also allows us to reclaim some VAT.

For the first time, our permanent professional congress organizer, **CAL**, has organized our Annual Meeting, in Lisboa. With some minor problems – obvious for any “first time” – the congress ran smoothly and was a scientific, social and economical success. The only major problem was a misunderstanding, which led to the failure to publish some abstracts in the book of proceedings and in the journal *Veterinary Dermatology*. We apologize to the Authors and can reassure all Members that all future abstracts will be published both in the book of proceedings and in the Journal.

The hotel which should have hosted the next annual meeting in Prague has decided to charge unusually high fees for their services. We therefore decided to change town and country, and go to **Mainz**, on the river Rhein. The German Local Organizing Committee has done a lot of work in such a short period of time and we are very grateful to them. The next Annual Meeting promises to be unforgettable, and not only for the wine-tasting! Again, I would like to encourage proposals for future congress locations in your country and with your help!

The cooperation with our Long-Term Partners **Bayer, Janssen and Royal Canin**, is working extremely well and we are grateful to them for many reasons. They not only committed to be our Gold Sponsors and help in all our activities until the year 2009, but are effectively involved in the organization of the Annual Congress, including the choice of the location. There will be no congress in 2008, due to the World Congress in Hong Kong, and in 2009 we are planning a meeting possibly in some Eastern European country, such as Slovenia.

After three years of serving as **Editor in Chief** of *Veterinary Dermatology*, Joan Rest passed the chair to Aiden Foster. We are indebted to Joan for her incredible work in removing the backlog of manuscripts, increasing the Journal size, setting up the electronic submission system, rewriting the instructions for Authors and Reviewers, improving the photograph quality and statistics, and setting up a Journal Office. We hope Joan will continue to help the journal with her great experience and wish Aiden all the best for his new position!

I would like to thank my **Board Members**: Luc Beco, Aiden Foster, Ralf Mueller, Margreet Vroom and Trevor Whitbread for the great work they have put into the activities mentioned above and in the publication of a Bulletin, a Membership Directory and an Annual Report; in maintaining the finances and the membership details; organizing workshops and the Annual Congress; keeping the web site updated [www.esvd.org](http://www.esvd.org); selecting the best ESVD grant proposal and much more! This will be the last year for this Board, and my last report as President. If I look back at these three years, a lot has been achieved and we have learned a lot, but there is still a lot to do... so I wish the next Board every success and pleasant cooperation, as we have had in recent years.

**CHIARA NOLI**  
ESVD President

## Publications

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I am grateful to the Board members, who provided me with the material published in this edition of the **Annual Report**. I also would like to thank **Hill's** wholeheartedly for again covering the printing and mailing costs of the **Annual Report**, of the **ESVD Bulletin** and of the membership directory.

The year 2006 has again been a year of great changes for our journal **Veterinary Dermatology**. The lay out is new and online submission seems to work very smoothly. Our editor, Joan Rest has resigned after 3 years of dedicated service. Her enthusiasm and new ideas will be missed! Peter Hill resigned as a co-editor. We would like to thank both of them for all the effort and hard work they have put in to contribute to make this journal what it is today. Sheila Torres from Minnesota joined **Veterinary Dermatology** as a new American editor and we would like to welcome her to the team. Dr. David McEwan Jenkinson from Europe and Dr. Rosanna Marsella from the United States will continue to serve as editors, I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their hard efforts as well. Our new editor in chief is Aiden Foster. He has both the qualifications and the experience to tackle such a demanding task and I would like to thank him for taking up the challenge and wish him all the best in his endeavours to further improve our journal. **Veterinary Dermatology** is indexed/abstracted in Medline, Current Contents, Focus on: Veterinary Science & Medicine, Index Veterinarius, Small Animal Clinical Endocrinology, SciSearch, Research Alert and **Veterinary Bulletin**. **Veterinary Dermatology** can also be found on line. Electronic subscriptions permit the rapid download of all published articles, including abstracts of most of the cited references. For more information please visit the web site [www.blackwell-science.com/vde](http://www.blackwell-science.com/vde).

The **ESVD Bulletin** is an important and efficient means of communication to and between members. In it you can find the reports of past courses and congresses, the announcements for future national and international meetings in veterinary dermatology, the "Web Watch", a number of web pages related to dermatology, and the "Abstract Watch", comments on recently published articles. Peter Forsythe has gracefully agreed to take over the bulletin from Tim Nuttall who after years of being responsible for the bulletin will go on with life! I would like to use this opportunity to thank both of them, Tim for all the years in the past, and Peter for putting in the work as we speak.

Last, but not least, please visit our web site, [www.esvd.org](http://www.esvd.org). There you will find links to the new constitution and byelaws, you can download membership registration forms, and you can obtain updated information regarding future **ESVD** courses and direct links to the organisers' e-mail addresses.

**RALF MUELLER**  
Publication Officer

## ESVD Grant

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**ESVD** wishes to encourage high standards in all aspects of veterinary dermatology and to promote the development of related research. Therefore, an annual research grant has been awarded since 1996 by the **ESVD** for basic or clinical research in veterinary dermatology. Grants used to be to the value of €5,000, but thanks to our good financial situation we had increased that amount to €10,000 last year. Last year, 5 grants were submitted to the **ESVD**. This year three grants were submitted and as every year a dermatopathologist, a dermatologist in academia and one in private practice kindly agreed to put in the time to evaluate these grants. Thank you so much!

Ordinarily projects are expected to be of one to two years' duration. Applicants are expected to propose a project of scientific merit that is applicable to veterinary dermatology. Grants are evaluated on scientific merit, feasibility, and usefulness. Preference will be given to novel proposals including the development of pilot studies. Applications for support of some identifiable component of an ongoing research work will also be considered. It is not the intention to provide funds for single items of capital expenditure. Please note that the Society is not in a position to support the costs of institutional overheads. Any use of experimental animals must conform to the local ethical and animal welfare regulations.



## ESVD Grants (continued)

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Proposals should be received by April 1 each year for consideration by the grant awarding committee. Research proposals (four copies) should be sent to the current ESVD Publications and Grant secretary (Dr. Ralf Mueller, Medizinische Kleintierklinik, Veterinaerstr. 13, 80539 Muenchen, Germany). Grant proposals may also be submitted by email (Ralf.Mueller@med.vetmed.uni-muenchen.de). An acknowledgement will be sent. All applications will be subject to peer review and must include background information, project aims and objectives, project design, specific methods, budget together with an explanation of the relevance of the proposed work to veterinary dermatology, as described in the guidelines. The award will be granted and announced at the next AGM of the Society. Payment of the grant will be made into a special account and a budget report will be required by the ESVD Treasurer at the end of the study. Any funds not spent must be returned to the ESVD. Annual progress reports are required and should be submitted to the current Publications and Grant Secretary at least 30 days before the Society's AGM.

Successful applicants will be expected to submit their results for publication in Veterinary Dermatology and to present their findings to ESVD members at an ESVD Annual Congress **within three years** from receipt of the grant. The funds cannot be used for travel and accommodation at the meeting but only for research. However, the principal awardee is entitled to free registration at any ESVD Annual Congress at which he or she will present the data generated as a result of the grant.

Proposals should be prepared according to the following guidelines. As far as is practically possible, the proposals will be evaluated anonymously. Therefore, please include names, addresses and other identifying information only on the title page. Please make every effort to have no identifying information in the body of the proposal. Submitted along with the body of the proposal, as a separate document, should be one copy of the curriculum vitae of each of the principal investigators.

### Guidelines for Preparation of ESVD Grant Applications:

Applications not adhering to these guidelines may be excluded from consideration. The maximum number of pages is listed for each section. Shorter proposals are acceptable and welcomed.

#### Section 1 (one page maximum)

Title page should include the project title, the name and title of the investigator, the institute at which the research will be performed, and the dates of the proposed project period.

#### Section 2 (one page maximum)

- i. Provide a brief abstract with clearly stated objectives and the importance of the research, the experimental design and the methods used for achieving the stated objectives.
- ii. Specific aim(s): State in general terms the long term objective(s) and the hypothesis to be tested.

#### Section 3 (two pages maximum)

Background and significance: In this section, briefly review the background for the present proposal, and the gaps in knowledge that the proposed project will fill.

#### Section 4 (2 pages maximum)

Preliminary studies: If there are preliminary data to support the hypothesis or to demonstrate that the investigator is familiar with the proposed methods, they should be included. If there are no preliminary results, then this section can be omitted.

#### Section 5 (4 pages maximum)

- i. Experimental design and methods: This section should contain a concise discussion of the experimental design and the procedures to be used to accomplish the specific aims listed above. This section should be sufficiently detailed so that the feasibility may be judged. This section should list a brief description of resources available to investigators. It is important to discuss the means by which the data will be collected, analysed and interpreted, and the controls that will be required to allow a proper analysis. The type of statistical evaluation to be used for data analysis should be briefly detailed. Investigators should justify the sizes of experimental groups.
- ii. Animal use: Projects must fulfil the requirements of legislation in force in the country in which the work is to be performed. A statement to this effect should be included in the application. Any project proposal involving animals must be evaluated by the applicant's institution animal use committee and a statement to that effect should also be included in the proposal. If pets are to be used in the project, a permission form for the owners to complete should be appended to the proposal. Unless animal care and use has been carefully addressed, a proposal can not be considered for funding.

## ESVD Grants (continued)

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### Section 6 (one page maximum)

A one page detailed budget should be included. The ESVD will not subsidise professional veterinary fees incurred by clients in the investigation of animals involved in clinical projects.

### Section 7 (one page maximum)

References should be provided for Section 3 (background information) and section 4 (methods).

**RALF MUELLER**

Grant Officer

## Further Education and Meeting Secretary Report

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The last workshop on **Dermatology and Endocrinology** in Spa (Belgium) was successful. It was the first time an endocrinology workshop was held and it was completely booked out. There were ten different and highly competent speakers and, last but not least, a friendly atmosphere for the social programme. The workshop about infectious diseases in Lübeck (Germany) was also very successful.

Unfortunately, the **Canine Dermatology** workshop in Bayern was cancelled. Despite a really good organisation, a nice location and a good price this workshop did not attract enough participants. Was the subject too large for a workshop?

Our congress in Lisboa was also successful. It was the first congress where ESVD collaborated closely with ECVD, a Congress Agency (CAM), Long Term Partners (Bayer, Janssen, Royal Canin) and local organizers. We will continue in that way and try to make our best to improve the organisation of our meeting.

The forthcoming events you should not miss are:

### ESVD Annual Congress

The 23rd Annual Congress of the ESVD-ECVD will be held in Mainz, Germany on September 13-15th 2007.

The congress topics are:

Continuing education programme:

- The diagnostic approach to common dermatological problems

Specialized programme:

- Hair follicle biology and pathology in humans and animals
- Evidence-based dermatology
- New concepts in human atopic dermatitis

### Venue of the Meeting

Congress Centrum Mainz GmbH

Rheinstraße 66

D-55116 Mainz

Germany

Tel: +49 6131 242 0

Website: [www.ccmainz.de](http://www.ccmainz.de)

### Long Term Partners Pre-congress Symposium on Wednesday 12th September 2007

The Long Term Partners of the ESVD/ECVD – Bayer, Janssen & Royal Canin – are delighted to announce that they will once again host a pre-congress seminar, offering a day of complimentary continuing education on dermatology in a wonderful setting. This year's symposium will take place in the beautiful and historic Kurhaus in Wiesbaden, Germany, near Mainz.

For more information about these events please consult the congress website [www.esvd2007.org](http://www.esvd2007.org).



## ESVD Workshops

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You will find complete details concerning our next workshops on [www.esvd.org](http://www.esvd.org)

Please do not forget to register early enough. The only priority is the date of registration and the ESVD membership. Workshops are organised for small groups (max 50) and if you register too late it may already be fully booked.

### Workshop on Skin Oncology

Bern, Switzerland – July 5–7th 2007

Local Organizer: Monica WELLE

Speakers: V. Affolter, A. Kristensen, K. Melzer, E. Müller, R. Panizzon, C Rohrer, S. Rüfenacht, I. Stamerkovich, M. Sutter, M. Welle

### Workshop on Dermatological therapeutics

Cuneo (Piedmont), Italy – Provisional date: July 2008

Local Organizer: Chiara NOLI

Speakers: Doug DeBoer, Manfred Kietzmann and Chiara Noli

### Workshop on Equine Dermatology

Spa, Belgium – September 2008

Local Organizer: Luc BECO and Kerstin BERGVALL

Speakers: Kerstin Bergvall, Johan Bröjer, Claudia Von Tscharnier, Anthony Yu

ESVD workshops should help ESVD members and residents in dermatology to improve their understanding and knowledge in veterinary dermatology. We welcome suggestions for future topics and possible venues.

### LUC BECO

Further Education and Meeting Secretary

## Minutes of the 22nd AGM of the ESVD

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Corinthia Hotel, Lisboa, Portugal – September 8th 2006

The meeting opened at 13–25. Chiara Noli, President of the ESVD opened the meeting with thanks to the Board for their work over the past year and for the long term commercial sponsors, together with the professional congress organiser (CAM), other commercial sponsors and the local organisers for the arrangements for the congress in Lisboa.

### Treasurers Report (T Whitbread)

A general overview of the accounts was presented. Thierry Olivry was thanked for administration of the US account, which has now been closed. There is currently €300,000 in the accounts. There were no comments from the floor and the report was approved. T Whitbread informed the meeting that there were 498 members of ESVD which had been stable for a number of years with an additional 45 that had not renewed.

### New Full members

Margreet Vroom invited the audience to approve the eight applications for full membership and they were accepted.

New Full Members 2006:

### Full Members

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ana I. Amat, Spain             | 5. Jane Coatesworth, UK    |
| 2. Kathrin Jaeger, Germany        | 6. Pierre Germain, France  |
| 3. Annet van der Lee, Netherlands | 7. Meike Horn, Germany     |
| 4. Pia Bernström, Sweden          | 8. Lucia Panakova, Germany |



## Minutes of the 22nd AGM of the ESVD (continued)

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### Publication Report (Ralf Mueller)

#### ESVD Bulletin

Tim Nuttall was thanked for his long standing work on the Bulletin and Peter Forsythe replaces him.

#### Veterinary Dermatology Journal

A vote of thanks was made and applause given for the retiring editor in chief of the Veterinary Dermatology journal Dr Joan Rest who has among other many activities achieved the following over the past three years: increased the number of pages of the journal, the number of review and evidence-based reviews, the number of editors on the board, arranged for publication of the proceedings of the next world congress of veterinary dermatology to be held in Hong Kong. The citation index and ranking among veterinary journals has risen and the journal has proven increasingly profitable. An electronic editorial process is now in place and an editorial office based at Blackwell has recently been established.

Peter Hill has also stepped down as a co-editor and he was given a vote of thanks.

The co-editors and Editor in chief will be sponsored to attend the annual ESVD-ECVD congress and financial support will be provided for them to attend meetings with the aim of improving the effectiveness of the editorial process.

Aiden Foster was thanked for offering to take over the role of Editor-in-chief.

#### Membership Directory

The Membership directory for 2006 will be issued with the next bulletin. Hill's were thanked for their substantial support in the production and mailing of the bulletin and the annual report and the membership directory.

#### Research Committee Report and the Nomination of the ESVD Research Grant (R Mueller)

There were five applications with two from the USA and three from Europe for the €10,000 award and the reviewers were a pathologist, a person in practice and a person in academia. The reviewers had unanimously and independently agreed to award funding for the study to Professors Ralf Mueller and Thomas Goebel entitled "The influence of lactic acid bacteria on T-cell cytokines of dogs with atopic dermatitis". Given the inclusion of Dr Mueller in the application those present in the audience were advised that they were welcome to contact the reviewers, who were blinded to the origin of the authors, for comment. Progress on the presentation and publication in the Veterinary Dermatology journal of the outcome of previous grant applications has been excellent with a slight delay only in the project entitled Immunopathogenesis of recurrent urticaria in horses by Dr Petra Roosje and colleagues. This delay has been associated with maternity leave for one of the persons involved. The reports by R Mueller were approved and accepted.

#### Dr Ulli Runge Harms award

Otto Fischer introduced the award and thanked Virbac for their financial support and the ESVD for providing a free congress registration. The award was given to Ana Oliveira in the amount of €1000 and she thanked the award committee and sponsors for their support and her supervisors Keith Thoday and Adri van den Broek. Her research project was to be presented later the same day in the free communications part of the program and has been published (Oliveira et al. (2006) Immune responses to *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Psoroptes ovis* in sheep infected with *P. ovis* – the sheep scab mite. *Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology* 113, 64–72).

#### Further Education Committee's Report (L Beco)

Chiara Noli thanked Luc for his hard work in organising the congresses and workshops. He thanked the organisers from Greece for a successful outcome. The current meeting in Lisboa was attended by 460 delegates and was the first venture involving the professional congress organiser CAM with the long term sponsorship partners and the ESVD. This relationship will hopefully flourish in future meetings.

September 2007 will see the congress in Mainz Germany and the German Veterinary Dermatology group were thanked for stepping into the congress organisation after substantial problems with using a venue in Prague. Christine Löwenstein gave a brief overview of the facilities in Mainz. Thierry Olivry gave a brief overview of the scientific program and advised that the arrangements for the free communications would be substantially reviewed and discussed with members through the listserv and by email.



## Minutes of the 22nd AGM of the ESVD (continued)

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Luc reported that there was no venue decided for the 2009 congress. He proposed that the dates for future congress venues ought to be flexible given the difficulties of arranging meetings, particularly in September, when there are lots of other veterinary society meetings competing for hotels / congress centres at venues. The expense of organising such meetings at this time of year is substantial and also proves a challenge for commercial sponsors. It is suggested that 1st September to mid October were flexible dates within which congress organisers could operate.

The workshops planned in canine dermatology (Germany; 2006), infectious disease (2007, Lübeck Germany); skin oncology (2007, Berne Switzerland) in Italy on therapeutics (2008) and on equine dermatology in 2008 were briefly mentioned. The immunology workshop was a success and Tim Nuttall was thanked for organising the event. The endocrinology workshop in Spa was also a success.

### **ESVD Board Elections (A Foster)**

ESVD board elections are due for 2007 and members will receive further details in the autumn bulletin. The process was briefly outlined and members were encouraged to only nominate those full members who were definitely prepared to stand for election.

### **Any other business**

The ESVD is a limited company and application for charity status is ongoing.

The meeting was closed at 14:20 by Chiara Noli who thanked all of the members for attending.

### **Date of the next AGM**

Friday 14th September 2007 at 12:45pm during the Annual ESVD-ECVD Congress, in the Congress Centrum, Mainz, Germany.

### **AIDEN FOSTER**

ESVD Secretary

## Membership Secretary Report

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At the end of 2005 there were 362 Associate members, 137 Full members. Sixty three members did not renew in 2005.

A list of all members was published as a separate booklet through generous sponsorship from Hill's.

### **MARGREET VROOM**

Membership Secretary

## Treasurer's Report 2007

Period 1/1/06 – 31/12/06

				2005	2006
Balance at 01/01/06	-	-	-	*266,475.49	239,865.90
Incomes	-	-	-	86,309.96	393,962.46
Expenditure	-	-	-	112,919.55	217,745.61
Balance at 31/12/06	-	-	-	239,865.90	416,082.75

Income (in euros)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
ESVD Fee	43,104.18	40,593.19	50,485.97	52,241.39	68,178.33
Interest	1,734.61	1,157.17	1,606.45	1,967.46	2,234.15
Annual Congress	-	72,103.00	64,705.17	-	295,304.41
Courses	-	7,080.74	10,078.84	5,343.00	600.00
Sponsoring	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	1661.00	300.00	1295.49
Blackwell	16,195.70	-	28,240.50	26,458.12	26,350.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,034.49</b>	<b>120,934.10</b>	<b>156,777.93</b>	<b>86,309.96</b>	<b>393,962.46</b>

Expenses (in euros)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Meeting – Travel expenses	2,639.55	2,963.87	3,428.99	453.37	1205.75
Vet Derm	29,926.65	49,725.00	39,303.00	41,320.92	39,624.40
Bank charges/Visa	1,501.69	1,632.82	2,114.72	2,501.12	3,239.55
Secretary/Mailing	3,888.50	3,030.95	6,864.29	-	-
ESVD Bulletin/Ann report	5,691.09	1,558.55	1,256.18	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,083.25	1,108.99	2,698.25	1,291.56	2,452.36
ECVD	-	-	-	32,352.58	39,635.91
Congress Organisation	28,303.11	-	-	25,000.00	97,234.34
ESVD Grant	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	10,000.00
Workshop	-	-	-	5,000.00	24,353.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,033.83</b>	<b>65,020.18</b>	<b>55,665.43</b>	<b>112,919.55</b>	<b>217,745.61</b>

Balance of bank accounts	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Luxembourg bank account (in euros)	-	-	-	-	-
BNP Investment account	48,033.00	131,695.00	212,700.00	159,616.33	311,779.12
BNP Current account	2,550.00	2,112.30	584.33	1,456.19	976.61
Balance at 31/12/05	<b>50,583.00</b>	<b>133,807.30</b>	<b>213,284.33</b>	<b>161,072.52</b>	<b>312,755.73</b>

### UK bank account (in Pounds Sterling)

Starting balance at 01/01/06	34,957.40	40,215.67	22,008.65	36,432.30	53,968.07
Income	33,247.31	20,662.67	48,256.31	47,823.29	57,096.30
Expenditure	27,989.14	38,869.69	33,832.66	30,287.52	40,292.44
Balance at 31/12/06	<b>40,215.67</b>	<b>22,008.65</b>	<b>36,432.30</b>	<b>53,968.07</b>	<b>70,771.93</b>
	<b>(€60,323.51)</b>	<b>(€33,012.98)</b>	<b>(€54,648.45)</b>	<b>(€78,793.38)</b>	<b>(€103,327.02)</b>

The amounts for the Luxembourg euro account and UK sterling account have been amalgamated in the above analysis at an exchange rate of £1.00 = €1.46 for 2006.

\* The starting balance has been altered to correspond with the current exchange rate.

## Notes to the accounts

### Income

#### Membership Fee

As we can see although the membership does not vary tremendously each year, the income from the membership fee does vary and this depends principally on the number of members who do not renew until after the beginning of January in the appropriate year.

#### Interest

The increased interest principally on the Luxembourg account reflects the increased balance towards the latter part of the year.

#### Annual Congress

This unusually large amount includes income from the congress in Halkidiki in Greece of €113,245.48. It also includes the Lisbon congress profits of €81,422.30, but it also includes a total of €100,636.63 reimbursement from the conference organisers for start-up money and deposits on conference facilities and hotel rooms. This is reflected in the high figure in the expenses column for congress organisation. There is only a small income from the courses that were put on during 2006. We do not expect to make any significant income from workshops. They are planned to break even as far as is possible.

#### CAM Accounts to December 31st 2006

Debits		Amounts	Bank Charges	Total
	2005	25,000.00	50.00	25,050.00
	2006	70,000.00	140.00	70,140.00
		14,525.14	29.05	14,554.19
		7,262.57	14.53	7,277.10
		5,446.63	10.89	5,457.52
		<b>122,234.34</b>	<b>244.47</b>	<b>122,428.81</b>
<b>Credits</b>				
				95,190.00
				5,446.63
				<b>81,422.30</b>
				182,058.93
			<b>Total Debits</b>	122,428.81
			<b>Balance</b>	<b>59,630.12</b>

#### Miscellaneous

This is the transfer balance from the USA account which we have now closed.

#### Blackwell

These are the profits from Veterinary Dermatology which is owned by the ESVD. Profits in fact considerably increased in the year 2005 and have continued at a similar level for 2006.

## Expenses

#### Meeting and travel

The Board have managed to maintain a very low level of expenses for board meetings as we principally conduct meetings by telephone conference, which is relatively inexpensive. We meet together in person at least once a year however at the Annual Congress, and this entails an extra night in the congress hotel and that accounts for additional expenses.

#### Veterinary Dermatology

The payment to Blackwells for publishing our journal accounts for about 90% of individual membership fees. Non-members and institutions that subscribe to Veterinary Dermatology pay considerably more for the journal and this accounts for the income that we receive from the journal.

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

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### Bank Charges

This includes both the charges on transactions on the Luxembourg account, but also the fee that we pay for Visa transactions.

### Secretary and Mailing

There is again no figure here for the second year running, but there will be quite considerable expense in the 2007 accounts for secretary and mailing expenses for both 2005 and 2006.

### ESVD Bulletin/Annual Report

We are very grateful to Hill's for the generous sponsorship that they give us for publishing the Bulletin and the Annual Report. Hill's have covered all expenses for these publications.

### Miscellaneous

This includes the website maintenance and membership of FECAVA. There have been a number of Visa refunds and also some refunds associated with workshops, all of which are small individual amounts.

### ECVD

The profits of the Annual Congresses include a percentage which goes to the dermatology group of the local organisers. This is to help with setting up and maintenance of local veterinary dermatology groups and this help is also a consideration that we make when looking at venues for the congress.

The remaining profit is divided 35% to 65% ECVD/ESVD, and the figure in this column is the ECVD share of the profits from the Greece congress.

### Congress Organisation

This is an unusually large figure but represents start-up expenses such as deposits on congress facilities and hotel rooms, which we have to make available to the congress organisers. I understand that this figure should considerably decrease in future years.

### ESVD Grant

The ESVD grant as you know has now been doubled to €10,000 and was awarded to Monica Welle in 2006.

### Workshop

This is quite a large amount but does include start-up fees for three workshops. It includes deposits that were made for hotel rooms and conference facilities for the Canine Dermatology Workshop, which unfortunately eventually had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

### US Account

As you know we have maintained a small balance in the US account for some years for paying expenses of US based speakers, but this has been maintained recently at a very low level and the decision was taken to close this account. We are very grateful to Thierry Olivry for administering this account over quite a number of years.

## Charity and limited company

As you know, we have been attempting to become a charity registered in the UK and also a Limited Company registered in the UK, and this has now been achieved.

Company number: 5871043

Charity number: 1117915

This has been embarked upon because there was a high probability that individual members of the Board of ESVD would be personally legally responsible for any losses incurred by the society which could not be covered by the society's assets. If this had not been changed, we felt this would be a major deterrent for any member to join the Board of ESVD. For this reason we decided to become a Limited Company, which means that individual liabilities are limited to £1 per member.

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

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### General Comment

The exchange rate that I have used to prepare these accounts is the same as last year which is €1.46 = £1.00. The transactions in the accounts for 2006 have been considerably increased due to the development of the working relationship with the conference organisers. This has entailed us providing a large amount of money for deposits etc, in organising the Annual Congress. Most of this has now been repaid into our account, and as you can see with the profits from Halkadiki and Lisbon we have an extremely healthy balance in our account. The Board is still reluctant to consider ways of distributing some of this large balance because of potential uncertainties of future expenditure. We are returning to Northern Europe for a congress in 2007 and traditionally these are less well attended than Southern European congresses, and the finances are therefore less certain, but in addition we are still in the early stages of working with the conference organisers. As we have seen in the first full year of working with the organisers we have had to provide in excess of a hundred thousand euros as part of the congress organisation. I am led to understand that this figure is likely to go down, but until we have at least one or two more years working with the congress organisers we do not know whether that is the case.

TREVOR WHITBREAD

Treasurer

## Agenda for the 23rd Annual General Meeting

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- 1 President's Address
- 2 Treasurer's Report
- 3 Membership Secretary's Report
- 4 Publication Secretary's Report
- 5 Research Secretary's Report and the Nomination of the ESVD Research Grant
- 6 Further Education Secretary's Report
- 7 Future Meetings and Workshops
- 8 Elections to the ESVD Board 2007
- 9 Any Other Business
- 10 Date and Time of the next Meeting
- 11 Closing Remarks by the ESVD President

## European Society of Veterinary Dermatology

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### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I apply for membership of the ESVD as:  Associate member  Affiliate member

**Associate membership** shall be open to all veterinarians who are interested in veterinary dermatology. Associated membership shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the ESVD. Associate members shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the Society. Recommendation letters are not required for associate membership.

**Affiliate membership** shall be open to all non-veterinarians who are interested in veterinary dermatology. Affiliate membership shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the ESVD. Affiliate members shall not have the right to vote or to hold office in the Society. Recommendation letters are not required for affiliate membership.

All applications must be accompanied by the payment of the annual fee. The subscription includes annual subscription to Veterinary Dermatology.

**Please note:** Membership is from January 1st to December 31st. Irrespective of when you become a member you will be deemed to have joined for that year and you will receive all copies of Veterinary Dermatology published that year. Therefore, this means that if you join in October, for example, you will get the three copies of Veterinary Dermatology so far published, and the fourth when it is published. You will then be asked for the next years subscription in the following January.

**Method of Payment:** (please tick the appropriate box)

- Payment by Bank transfer:** ESVD Account: 111858, BNP Paribas Luxembourg, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2992 Luxembourg  
Account number: 611858.001.000.978 IBAN LU50 0220 6118 5800 0978. **2007 Annual Fee: €105.**

Name of bank: \_\_\_\_\_

- Payment by cheque in Pounds Sterling** made payable to ESVD, mailed to ESVD Treasurer Trevor Whitbread, 89 Queen Street, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2BG, UK. **2007 Annual Fee: £66.**

Cheque no.: \_\_\_\_\_

- Payment with Credit Card:** type of card:  Visa  Mastercard **2007 Annual Fee: €110.**

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name and Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (business): \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please tick if you do NOT wish your address to be included in the ESVD Annual Report

**Please return the completed form and the letters of recommendation to:**  
Trevor Whitbread, 89 Queen Street, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2BG, UK



## European Society of Veterinary Dermatology (continued)

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### APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

Full membership shall be limited to ESVD Associate Members who devote a significant proportion of their professional activities to research, teaching or the practice of veterinary dermatology. Full members are elected at the ESVD Annual General Meeting. Applications will be considered by the Executive Committee of the ESVD only if received at least 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the ESVD.

**a. Education (Professional and advanced degrees)**

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**b. Present activities involving dermatology (research, teaching, practice, etc)**

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**c. Percentage of professional activity devoted to dermatology:**

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**d. Please attach two letters of recommendation from two founder or full members of the ESVD. The Executive Committee will not initiate such letters of recommendation. The names of the two sponsors are:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**e. Please attach a separate sheet with details about:**

- main lectures given during past two years, with dates and places
- main publications
- institutional affiliations

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