



## European Society of Veterinary Clinical Ethology

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### ESVCE AGM 2012

**Date:** Saturday, 8th September 2012

**Venue:** Hotel du Parc, Martigny, Switzerland

**Time:** 1745 hours to 1900 hours

#### AGENDA:

1. Greetings and check on presence of quorum
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Board reports
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Membership Secretary
  - f. Communications Officer
4. Elections
5. Any other business
6. Date of next meeting

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Secretary  
Treasurer  
Communication Officer  
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**Dear Members,**

Every year at the AGM the members have the chance to discuss ESVCE matters in a larger group and set the direction for our organization to move and develop – and members also have to discuss board activity and formally approve the actions of the board for the past year. Therefore - in preparation of the AGM - board will give a concise report of what has happened in the year 2011.

#### Presidents report for the year 2011

ESVCE board met five times via Skype and met eye to eye in Brussels and Avignon. One big area of board activity 2011 was the preparation of the Avignon congress, which for the first time was done without a national group in the background but solely was organized by ESVCE and ECAWBM. The congress was a great success and we got a lot of positive comments, not the least for the fabulous location. Many thanks again to Emmanuel Gaultier, who found the location and persuaded the municipality to give it to us for the congress.

Claire Corridan left the board in Avignon due to private reasons and Christine Halsberghe joined in. Many thanks to Claire for her input and time she gave for ESVCE and many thanks to Christine for her readiness to join in.

Our new website was finally launched in 2011. There are still some minor problems in using the CMS and in setting up the membership log-ins. We hope to have this solved in 2012. We are planning a more advanced executive program for membership management and payment.

ESVCE has contacted FECAVA and FVE to look for possibilities of becoming deeper involved in European processes re. animal behaviour, animal welfare and animal legislations (e.g. dangerous dogs legislations). We hope to tell you a bit more about ESVCE's involvement in due time. ESVCE's paper on risk assessment has been adopted by FECAVA and we hope that some more collaboration will follow.

The working groups on the other side (which had been installed already in 2010 in Hamburg) are a bit of boards "problem child". Simona Normando (shelter medicine working-group) and Esther Schalke (shock-collar working-group) need combatants to join in the respective group. So please contact Valerie Jonckheer-Sheehy if you are interested in joining either group. Valerie is the board's contact person for the working groups. You find more information on <http://www.esvce.org/projects.html>.

Last but not least board started in 2011 with the preparation of the 2012 congress in Martigny, this time supported by the Swiss national group, STVV. I hope that many of you come to Martigny and take the chance to attend a great conference, see old friends or make new ones and discuss ESVCE matters in a large group.

I will close with a big "thank you" to my colleagues from the board for their work and dedication: Working with you was and is a pleasure.

This was a quick overview about the activities in 2011 from the president's perspective. My colleagues from the board will now report from their respective positions.

Best wishes

**Barbara Schöning**  
(ESVCE President)

**Dear Members,**

The ESVCE Board Members still developing projects started in the near past. Hopefully we wish that more and more members get involved with the organization and projects in development.

We are proud to present a fantastic programme for the next **Conference in Martigny**, with the participation of speakers from all the Europe (and not only!). I hope that many of you take the opportunity and come to this Conference. My thanks go to all helpers (specially the local team from the **STVV** and our Secretary **Anneli!**) who have been busy so far, and who will drive insane in the next weeks.

An important project we have started is the **ESVCE Working Groups** where all the members can help and support! I kindly ask ALL members (independently from the type!) to join us in the development of these further projects that will give the ESVCE an opportunity to help all European members. This will be also a chance to spread the Behavioural Medicine and Animal Welfare through Europe!

Working in and with the board was a great pleasure. I would like to specially thank to **Christine Halseberghe** who accepted to join this board last year. It was great to have Christine together with us, especially because of her experience, knowledge and mainly because of her special personality! Many thanks, Christine!

Finally, I have to let all members know that it will be a great pleasure to receive all of you in Portugal next year. The ESVCE, together with the ECAWBM and the PsiAnimal (the Portuguese association), is organizing the **Conference 2013 in Lisbon** (at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine – Universidade Lusófona). Lisbon will receive not only the European Conference, but it will be the International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting (IVBM). The IVBM 2013 will be promoted in Martigny, but I can already promise to everyone a great scientific programme (invited speakers already confirmed their presence and will develop different workshops and lectures) and a great opportunity to share knowledge, experiences and researches developed all around the world. Together with this, we'll have a great Social Programme that will allow us to relax and enjoy a bit of what Portugal have to offer for all that visit us! I am sure that those that join us will remember all the unforgettable moments from this Meeting.

Nevertheless, I am sure that only with the support of all members we will grow and achieve much more goals in the future. Without the enthusiasm of the memberships the ESVCE is going to struggle to survive.

Best wishes,

*Gonçalo da Graça Pereira*  
**ESVCE Vice-president**

**Dear members,**

you are certainly surprised to hear from me again - this time as the secretary.

I continued to function as the treasurer for some more time in 2011, and in fact, it was Barbara, who carried on with all the important parts of the secretary's duties, like organising the Avignon congress. Thank you, Barbara.

Like the other board members I would like to point out the importance of your getting involved with ESVCE; we count on your collaboration and contribution. In fact, we depend on it.

All of you do important work, but only if we combine our forces, we shall arrive at setting new standards for the comprehension, the manipulation and the treatment of animals. Please, share your questions, your answers, your ideas, your suggestions with us!

I would like to thank everybody, but especially all members who supported ESVCE by setting up working groups, or who participated in discussions on the Forum. Keep on going!

Sincerely yours,

**Anneli Muser Leyvraz,**  
ESVCE secretary

Dear members,

2011 was not a bad year for our finances. But this will reflect on the balance of 2012 since the profit of the congress in Avignon was received after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. For this year (2011) there are only expenses made for the congress, so it looks not that good, but it was good. We have a new little amount of money to work with.

Besides the congress and due to financial restrictions and the fact that the members of the board limited their expenses to more than a minimum, we even have a little profit in 2011.

For those who like exact numbers: here is the summary of the balance.  
We started with 10372.64 euro on 31.12.2010.

Income membership 2011: 7722.67 euro and income interests 19.95.  
Expenses 2011: 6889.21 euro for webhosting, board meetings, lawyer, accountant, flights and other travel costs for the two board meetings, costs prepaid for the congress of 2012, FECAVA membership.

Membership fees	7722.67
Bank interest	19.95.
Total	7742.62

Board meetings	3340.2
Varia	3483.76
Bank costs	65.25
Total	6889.21

Profit: 853.41 euro

Financial status: reserve of 11238.05 euro on the account.

This sum corresponds to the amount shown on the Fortis Bank sheet from the 31.12.10.

All the bank transactions are supported by documents kept in the ESCVE archive and available to be controlled by 2 commissioners.

**Rudy De Meester**  
ESCVE Treasurer

## **Dear Members**

This is my first year in the board of the ESVCE. How could I resist Rudy's and Barbara's request to join the board, to replace Claire Corridan.

I was asked to be the membership secretary and started to work on a long excel- list that Emmanuel send me – thus my report comprises more events in 2012 than 2011.

ESVCE has 342 members, 9 persons are individual members, all the others are member of a national group. 3 members are affiliate members, all the others are full members.

I would like to thank all the national representatives for their help. It's so crucial for us to have the right e-mail addresses of everybody, it's the only way to reach our members.

Being in the board is new for me and I needed some time to settle in. Thanks to all the board members for their gentleness. I'm looking forward to the congress in Martigny and discuss new challenges for the board and the whole ESVCE.

All the best.

**Christine Halsberghe**  
Membership secretary.

In the year 2011 Emmanuel Gaultier acted as communication officer and was responsible for organizing the congress in Avignon on site.

## Minutes ESVCE AGM 2012

**Date:** Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
**Venue:** Mercure Hotel, Martigny, Switzerland  
**Time:** 17.45 – 19.00 hours

**Attending :** 23 full members, 3 affiliate members (no voting rights) = **26 members**  
 From the board Rudy DeMeester and Anneli Muser Leyvraz are excused

**1. Welcome and Acceptance of proposed agenda :** accepted with **23 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions**

**2. Minutes of last meeting** (had been sent to all members via email); no discussion wanted. Accepted with **17 yes, 0 no, 6 abstentions**

**3. Board members' reports** (had been sent to all members via email); no discussion wanted. The reports were accepted with **19 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions**. Barbara gave some additional information about what has happened in 2012 so far: ESVCE had trouble with the website and therefore will change the webmaster. The position paper on risk assessment was adopted by FECAVA and will be brought to FVE in the near future.

Barbara Schöning asks for overall approval of the board activities in 2011: **23 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions**

### 4. Elections of board members

Goncalo da Graca Pereira, Anneli Muser Leyvraz and Barbara Schöning had finished their term and will stand for re-election; Christine Halsberghe had to be officially elected after she replaced Claire Corridan in Avignon 2010; Rudy DeMeester is leaving the board due to illness, and needs to be replaced. Kendall Shepherd stands for election. There are no other candidates (call for candidature had been sent with the invitation for the AGM).

Barbara asks whether there are any reservations for voting the 5 new board members en-block and whether anyone in the room wanted a ballot-vote.

Gary Landsberg states that due to low number of candidates there was no need for an election anyway, only for an affirmation.

Goncalo da Graca Pereira, Anneli Muser Leyvraz, Barbara Schöning, Christine Halsberghe and Kendal Shepherd were elected en-block: **19 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions**.

### 5. Other business- varia

- Danny Mills gives his congratulations for the organisation of the congress in Martigny. He announced the next Canine Science forum in July 2014 in Lincoln UK.
- Next ESVCE congress in Lisbon (26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013). Goncalo and his team are already well organized.
- ESVCE congress 2014 and future ESVCE-congresses
  - Organizing a congress takes a lot of time for the board. From year to year it becomes more of a problem to get sponsor money and to receive enough abstracts. Board thinks it a good idea to organise a special ESCVE congress (together with ECAWBM) only every two years and in between have a seminar day followed by AGM in the course of the FECAVA-congress. For the first time ESVCE will go together with FECAVA in 2014 (November in Munich). ESVCE will have a whole day, with the AGM to follow. Organizing a

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seminar-day during FECAVA can help us to attract more people from all over Europe (bring ESVCE more into focus from European vets). FECAVA is very interested to collaborate with ESVCE: additionally to the seminar we can provide speakers for the main streams in the congress, thus reaching a range of practicing vets. Organizing the congress with FECAVA gives the board more time to work on other important items.

- The idea of going together with FECAVA was intensively discussed ECAWBM was worried that this might mean an end of collaboration between ESVCE and ECAWBM (Jaume Fatjo had been informed about ESVCE and FECAVA by Barbara beforehand but had not mentioned this topic on the ECAWBM-AGM). ECAWBM members stated that the college had to follow certain rules and e.g. needs a seminar/congress each year. It was said that the idea of going together with FECAVA was a trial and now it has to be seen how it works out. ECAWBM can easily have its own seminar day on the FECAVA congress or else go together with ESVCE in that the seminar day is split into half. Also it will be possible for ECAWBM to have a study day before or after FECAVA congress.

### 6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place in **Lisbon, Portugal, during the IVBM 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> of September 2013.**

Martigny, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012



Barbara Schöning

Christine Halsberghe