

ESTP Newsletter 2017 (1)



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President's column

Dear ESTP members,

2017 is already some days old, but it's not too late to wish all of you and your families a Happy New Year as well as happiness, health and success in all the things you are doing and planning! The new-year will bring some changes, but a lot of well-proven things will stay the same.

One of the important innovations for ESTP is the decision of the board, to stay not any longer within the IFSTP. It was a long lasting discussion between all board members and many ESTP members over several months, in which the pros and cons were intensively discussed. Finally, the ESTP Board came to the common decision not to envisage a further membership of the ESTP within the IFSTP. In a personal letter, sent to the IFSTP President Takanori Harada, the ESTP Board explained its position and sincerely acknowledged the intensive effort IFSTP had made in the past years for the international collaboration in the field of toxicologic pathology. Nevertheless, among the ESTP Executive Board, there is unanimous agreement that a forum of international communication and collaboration between the STPs is needed. However, we don't believe that a separate body, such as IFSTP, is mandatory for this purpose. In fact, we have been very glad to experience these past years an extremely positive and regular exchange between Presidents and key persons of all national/regional STPs, together with F2F meetings during all regional annual scientific meetings (STP, JSTP, BSTP, SFPT, ESTP).

The international collaboration and communication is extremely important in the future, as it was already in the past. Also in the future, the ESTP board fully supports the discussion, communication and collaboration between all STPs on a global level. Therefore the ESTP

Board is looking for new and will strengthen existing collaboration between international STPs.

As all of you already experienced, a modified membership dues invoice system was installed. For the first time, you received your invoice for 2017 already at the end of 2016 and you had the opportunity to choose between different options (with or without Journal). Around 1/3 of all members did chose the opportunity having the journal in print or online. The reason for this early time point was that we had to give all names of the people receiving the *Journal Toxicologic Pathology* already end of 2016 to the publisher to make sure that all issues arrive to the recipient in a timely manner. Second, the membership fee has to be paid before receiving the journal. A lot of work had to be done in the background for a smooth procedure. Many thanks to Annabelle, Kuno und Rupert, who did most of the work!

Additionally, I would like to encourage all our members to submit publications to *Tox Path Journal*. In case of any questions regarding publications, please ask the editor Susan Elmore or our Associate Editor Susanne Rittinghausen. Susanne is gratefully acknowledged to serve as an associate editor on behalf of ESTP in 2017.

February 3rd-4th 2017, the 24th Classic Examples will take place in Hannover in the Department of Pathology at the University of Veterinary Medicine. Again, the organizers put together a great program and the scientific exchange between "junior and senior pathologists" will be very helpful for all of them. For the first time, on Friday evening a reception will be organized for all participants and speakers. In addition, on Friday morning a RITA Workshop is organized with all news about SEND.

Looking further forward, the organization of the ESTP/ECVP/SFPT Joint Meeting, the 15th European Congress of Toxicologic Pathology in Lyon (August 30 to Sept 02) is ongoing and the SOC informs the ESTP Board on a regular basis about the progress.

The publication of the last ESTP Adversity Workshop, held in Barcelona, is also on its way and will be published hopefully within the next months. The organizers are planning already a new workshop and the discussion on the topic is ongoing.

These are the most important issues that happened during the last months and I hope I could inform you a little bit about the work the ESTP Board is doing.

I'm always happy to receive direct feedback from the membership and I'm glad to answer your question!

I wish you a successful start in 2017 and hope to see most of you in Hannover!

Best regards



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ESTP International Expert Workshops - Update -

Dear ESTP Members,

Following the face-to-face expert discussion during the workshop “Adversity of Lysosomal Accumulation” in Barcelona, which occurred after this year’s ESTP congress, further TCs were held by the expert group. Discussions were summarized and drafted to a planned publication by Barbara Lenz. This draft is currently reviewed and enriched by contributions of the various workshop members representing subtopics. We aim to submit an internationally endorsed publication to *Toxicologic Pathology* by summer 2017.

At the same time, the group is preparing abstracts for posters to be presented at the STP and ESTP congresses 2017.

Furthermore, as our society wishes to continue the efforts to give guidance on adversity decisions concerning pathological effects, the group has elaborated a suggestion for a next ESTP International Expert Workshop (6th workshop in the series), where we propose to recommend approaches for the adversity consideration of thyroid follicular epithelial hypertrophy/hyperplasia, taking into account direct versus indirect effects and species specificity of lesions. This proposal will be subjected to review by the ESTP

Executive Committee, before the planning can enter its active phase.

We would like to re-invite all ESTP members to send us topics they wish to be covered by future workshops and/or to volunteer for active participation.

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Have a wonderful Retirement Matthias!

Dear ESTP Members,
Dr Matthias Rinke recently retired from Bayer AG in 2016 and subsequently abdicated his position on the ESTP board.



He was an early member of the German Society of Toxicological Pathologists (GTP) and an ESTP member since the founding of our organization. In 1991, he was presented with the GTP award. Matthias was a long standing member of the ESTP board, and served as honorary treasurer since 2006. He also actively served on numerous committees including the Guess What, Membership and Awards Committees. In his many years of dedicated service, Matthias provided only the highest quality of input and counsel. His approachable demeanor, coupled with his sense of humor made him a true pleasure to work with over the past decades.



Not only did Matthias make significant contributions to the organization through his diverse administrative roles, but he also provided substantial scientific input as he assisted in preparation of an attractive and innovative program for our annual congresses.

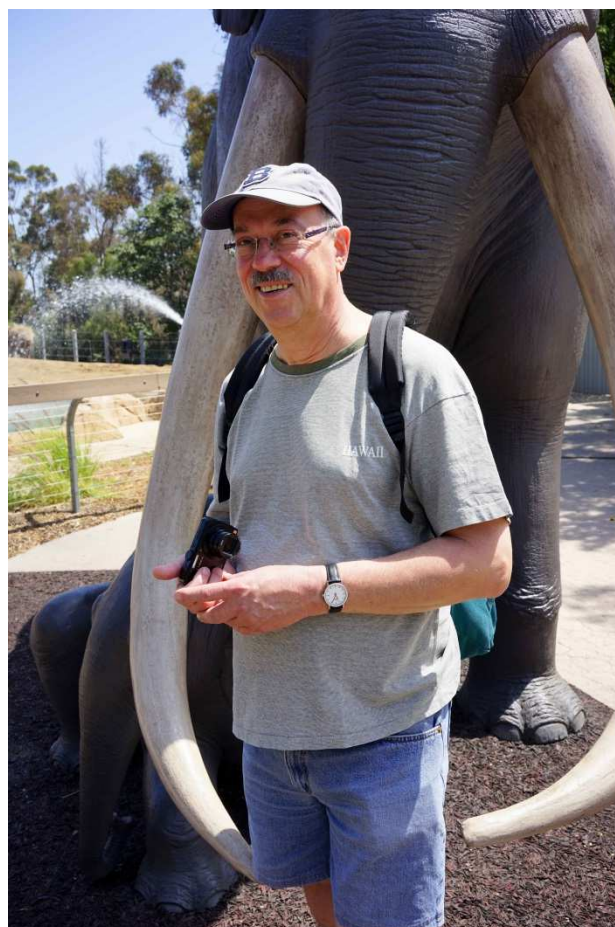
He has continued his commitment to the global INHAND project with his special expertise in the skeletal / soft tissue and cardiovascular system and in general in a harmonized nomenclature use at the RITA database in Hannover, Germany, where he was co-chair of the group from September 2003 until October 2016. Matthias is passionate about continuous education, and to that end he brought many interesting histological slides to spur fruitful scientific discussions. Apart from the discussions at the multi headed microscope, he was also engaged in the team spirit of the group. Over the years Matthias gave his time to provide several guided tours and enthusiastically showed the participants various parts of his former home town of Hannover.



Matthias was always convinced of the great value of a strong European society that contributes to the science of toxicology pathology on one hand, but also comments strongly on e.g. OECD regulatory guidance documents to improve them and make them practically useful for our purposes. He also acknowledges the importance of

mentoring and promoting the interests of young pathologists, giving lectures on toxicological pathology and with various contributions to the Classic Examples organized in collaboration with the ESTP once yearly as part of the PhD program at the University of Veterinary Medicine (TiHo) Hannover.

We thank him for his diligent and outstanding contributions and wish him all the best and most of all health in, what they say in German, his "Dritten Lebensabschnitt" (third section of life). His contribution will be dearly missed. Most recent OAPs (Old Aged Pensioners) are busier than ever, and Matthias' wish is to focus on his special interest: biology and pathology of rabbits and otters. With respect to the latter, he already started to collaborate with the University of Veterinary Medicine (TiHo) Hannover - back to the roots. However, we do hope to see him at one of our next meetings!



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