

ESTP Newsletter 2017 (4)



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President's column

Dear ESTP members,

A very busy summertime is over, hopefully it was also relaxing. We experienced an extremely successful "Cutting Edge Congress" in Lyon, France, in September, 2017. On behalf of the ESTP Executive Committee, I would like to take the opportunity to say thanks to all the people, who were actively and passively involved in organizing this event and making it a great success! My thanks especially go to Catherine Botteron, Franck Chanut, Pierluigi Fant and their teams.

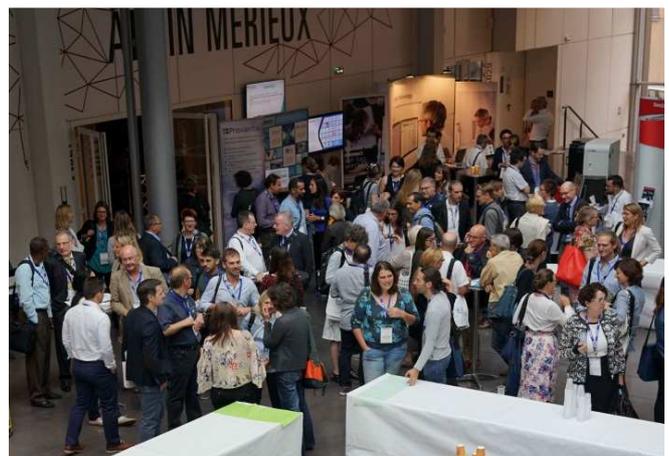


Welcome reception, in the Musée Gallo-Romain, over the Great Mosaic (2000 years old)

The Cutting Edge Congress in Lyon gave us all the opportunity, besides listening to scientific outstanding presentations, for networking, for cultivating friendships

and professional relations, to get in contact with young pathologists from academia, to discuss scientific and personal topics and much more.

I personally had a lot of fruitful conversations with numerous people from all over the world and was impressed by the huge number of participants from so many countries. During one of the lunch breaks, another President's Meeting with the President's from other Tox Path Societies took place and we all agreed on the new paths forward.



The Annual General Assembly was well received and attended by many ESTP members. For those, who had no opportunity to join us at the AGA, all information which was given during the AGA is also available on the ESTP webpage, including the annual reports of the executive committee members, councilors and working group heads.

The Congress Dinner is always one of the social highlights of the whole congress and also this year the organizers chose a great location for eating, dancing and having fun.

The Award Ceremony was one of the topics of the evening and was very well received by all participants.

We are looking forward to see you all at the 2018 ESTP Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark taking place from September 11 -14, 2018.

I am always happy to receive feedback from the membership and glad to answer your questions!

I wish you a nice autumn and a great time!

Best regards



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ESTP 2017 Congress Gala dinner, Friday 1st September

The Congress dinner took place in the Selcius restaurant on the Saône left bank. The aperitive happened on the large terrace; to my surprise it was served with gougères, typical choux with cheese that are generally too salted and that I don't like so much, but those were of top quality, really tasty, soft and not too salty. With a view on the Fourvière hill and the old city, it was a great experience.



A view of Lyon from the Fourvière Basilica

With more than 400 guests, the restaurant was almost full. The first course was a salad of several kind of tomatoes with mozzarella di buffalo; absolutely delicious.

At the dinner, Pierre Maliver introduced the new ECVF diplomates: Annalisa Forlani (Harrogate, UK), Charlotte Lempp (Hanover, Germany), Erika Abbondati (Edinburgh, UK), Josep Monne Rodriguez (Liverpool, UK), Kerstin

Hahn (Berne, Switzerland), Martin Langenmayer (Munich, Germany), Nerea Cuesta Garcia (León, Spain), Pamela Kelly (Dublin, Ireland), Simone Roos (Vienna, Austria), Valentin Perez (León, Spain).

The main course was a veal entrecôte, but very thick and very soft, again an excellent choice; also it was fascinating for me to see the ballet of the waiters, perfectly coordinated and who served and unserved all the rooms very rapidly and efficiently.



A view on the antique theaters from the terrace of the museum

After the main course, I came back on stage (in fact in the middle of the tables, so that everybody, including those on the 1st floor, could see what happened) to lead the introduction of the award winners of the Cutting Edge Pathology congress:

Maja Suter received the prestigious Olafson Medal from Liz McInnes, in recognition of her long career and devotion to the advancement of veterinary pathology in Europe, during the Welcome Reception at the wonderful Musée Gallo-Romain on the Fourvière hill, on Wednesday.

Wolfgang Baumgärtner (University of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover/Germany) received the Chirukandath Gopinath Lecture Award (sponsored by BSTP) from Renaud Fleurance.

Wolfgang Baumgärtner, Laura Peña Fernandez & Paola Rocabianca presented the Best Poster Awards (6) in Veterinary Pathology (sponsored by ESVP, 50€ each) to the winners.

The IATP Charles Capen Award presented to **Markus Vaas & his team** (Institute for Biomedical Engineering, ETH & University of Zurich, Switzerland) by Charlene Dixon.

The ESTP Best Poster Award in Toxicologic Pathology (sponsored by SFPT, 1000€) was presented by Lise Bertrand to **Grazyna Wiczorek & her team** (Novartis, Basel, Switzerland).

The ESTP Publication award (sponsored by ESTP, 500€) presented to **Frank Seeliger** (AstraZeneca, Gothenburg, Sweden) by Heike Antje Marxfeld.

I thank sincerely Sanofi who sponsored the Award Ceremony.

About the dessert I will not say much, as I was a little disappointed (too high expectations? on taste and colors let's not discuss, as we say in French). The acme of the gala was reached when the band Rewind (that we already saw in

Ghent, in 2013) began to fire up the dance floor: I didn't stay (preparing for the Saturday) but I learned that the dancing ended quite late, or must I say early in the morning.

All in all, another memorable Gala Dinner! Congratulations for the organizers and especially for Pierluigi Fant for overseeing the team at Selcius and the menu!

ESTP 2017 Congress Beaujolais trip, Saturday 2nd September



Giving part of my heart to Beaujolais and Lyonnais (the other part belongs to my wife and daughters, no need to say!!), I took the liberty of organizing a half-day trip to the south of Beaujolais, best known for its villages in Pierres dorées (golden stones) in the middle of vineyards and hills. We took a bus at 14:00 at Perrache station, and due to road works we had to go through the south of the Confluence borough, unfortunately not the most interesting as it is being completely renovated and gentrified. So we were a little late, but leaving the motorway, following the deep valley of Azergues and then emerging to the glorious hills was really a good experience. The guide did a very good job entertaining us and presenting some of the secrets of the region, especially historical. Our first stop was Oingt, a very old village at the top of a hill (later, when there was a demographic increase and more security, other villages were created in the valleys). This village is very special as it was completely renovated, you don't see any satellite dish or electric wires. In addition, there is a wonderful tower (remnant of the stronghold) from which I can spend hours looking at the countryside. I must say I was rejuvenated by the view, even if there was a light rain; I saw teams working for the grape harvest. And in addition again, it was the festival of barrel organs, with around 70 organists from several European countries: one more reason to visit Oingt early September!

After spending an hour at Oingt, we went to Charnay, to the Domaine des Terres Dorées, the winery of Jean-Paul Brun.

Jean-Paul's welcome was very friendly and he talked about his work and the specificities of Beaujolais, including the "crus" of the north. But too quickly it was time to leave. We arrived at Perrache around 18:30, later than expected but the time flew too quickly and I checked upfront nobody would miss a train or plane. All in all, I hope everybody liked this short trip and fell in love with this beautiful region of France! It was a pleasure to organize it, and being part of this trip with you all!



A view from the tower of the village of Oingt

With best wishes

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Presentation of *Olafson Medal* from Davis-Thompson DVM Foundation to Prof Maja Suter by Liz McInnes - 2017 ESTP Congress, Lyon/France -

The Davis Thompson DVM Foundation presented Prof. Maja Suter, formerly of the University of Berne with the esteemed Olafson Medal at the welcome reception of the combined ESTP, ESVP and ECVP conference on the 30 August in Lyon, France.



From left: Anja Kipar (ECVP), Sibylle Gröters (ESTP), Maja Suter with Olafson Medal, Liz McInnes (President of European Division of Davis Thompson Foundation), Wolfgang Baumgärtner (ESVP)

Prof. Suter qualified as a veterinary surgeon in 1974 and gained the Dr Med Vet in 1977. She was awarded the Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in 1987 and gained a PhD from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, in the United States in 1988. From 1993 to 2014, Maja Suter held the position of Professor and Director at the Institut für Tierpathologie, Vetsuisse Faculty, at the University of Berne. Over the years, Maja Suter has held the positions of Charter member, Council member, Member of the Exam Committee, Vice President and President of the European College of Veterinary Pathologists. Prof. Suter has been involved in numerous research projects founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Morris Animal Foundation and Cancer League from 1993 to 2011. Maja Suter has published extensively on dermatopathology, in particular pemphigus vulgaris and has been invited to write many reviews. Last but not least, she was a co-founder and board member of the biotechnology company CELLnTEC Advanced Cell Systems.

Maja Suter has been involved in curriculum reform activities at Cornell University in the United States and at the University of Berne. In addition, Maja has been pivotal in the organisation and teaching of the veterinary pathology residency programme at the veterinary faculty of the University of Berne.

The audience of approximately 300 delegates at the welcome reception cheered and applauded as Prof. Suter received the award from Dr Liz McInnes, President of the European Division of the Davis-Thompson DVM Foundation. Prof. Suter gave a short but gracious acceptance speech indicating her pride and happiness at receiving this award and emphasizing how she could not have achieved her success without the support of her veterinary pathology colleagues.

Good-bye An Vynckier, Rest in Peace

With sadness, our beloved colleague An Vynckier passed away this summer on 7th August, 2017.

An joined Janssen in 1993. She was a very valued colleague and worked for many years as a pathologist/pathology head within the Preclinical Development and Safety department. She contributed to the successful development of several medicines (e.g. antifungal, CNS, oncology).

An was also an active and respected member of the ESTP community. For example, she was very active in the organization of the successful 2013 ESTP congress in Ghent.

We will always remember An as a warm, positive colleague, with great involvement in her work and colleagues and her positive attitude to life. An has been extremely brave and hopeful during her disease and has been strong up to the last moments.



An Vynckier (front left) with her colleagues Marjolein, Erio, Sandra, David, Ronnie and Sameh during a team meeting on the 14th December 2016

Our deepest sympathy is with An's husband, her children, family, friends and colleagues.

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