

ESTP Newsletter 2018 (3)



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President's Column

Dear ESTP members,

We are in the middle of the summer and most of you are enjoying nice summer days or holidays trips with family and friends. It's time to relax a bit and having some time off from work!

In May, another "Adversity Workshop" took place in Berlin and was very well received by the participants: experts dealing with thyroid gland pathology, pathophysiology and their interpretation for regulatory interactions as well as the audience also actively involved in discussing this "hot topic". A publication is under preparation and will be submitted to 'Toxicologic Pathology' journal in the near future.

The 16th ESTP congress (September 11-14, 2018) is coming closer and will take place in Copenhagen. Please take the opportunity to register! The organizers put together an interesting program titled "Adipose tissue and central nervous system in metabolic and neurodegenerative diseases: biology, toxicologic pathology and investigative techniques". In connection with the congress, there is also an IATP workshop on the "Non-clinical safety assessment of stem cell based therapies". Please find the updated program and all the information at the ESTP home page:

<https://www.eurotoxpath.org/>

I will summarize our activities of the last year during the AGA in Copenhagen. I also would like to invite you to the AGA and take the opportunity to ask questions to the executive board!

During the last month, the ESTP election took place and it's my great pleasure to announce that all candidates were elected. The results were sent out already to the membership and can also be found in this newsletter. We

will have some new faces in our executive board and I would like to welcome all of them. It is always important to have the right mixture between new people and experienced people in the board to guarantee a smooth transmission and a continuing work. The next chairman, starting after the AGA in Copenhagen, will be Anna-Lena Frisk and the new chairman-elect is Franck Chanut.

I would also like to thank Zuhall Dincer, who is responsible as the editor for our newsletter of the last 12 years. She always gently reminded us to write and send articles to her. She made a great job, thanks Zuhall! The successor of Zuhall will be Emmanuelle Balme and I am sure, Emmanuelle will also do a great job!

This is my last President's column as ESTP Chairman before the new Chairman takes over the responsibility. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all of you, to my colleagues in the executive board, to the membership and all friends and colleagues I met all over the world during the last two years. It was a pleasure for me to serve as your Chairman! And once again, I am always happy to receive your feedbacks and to answer your questions!

Best regards,
Your Chairman

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Electronic Elections of ESTP Executive Committee 2018 - Results -

Dear ESTP Members,

The biannual electronic elections for ESTP executive committee were terminated on the 20th June, 2018. Hundred and ten ESTP members made use of the vote, which can be considered a satisfactory participation and is quite similar to the participation in our previous EC election.

We are very grateful to all candidates, for their willingness to invest their time and energy in voluntary work for our Society, and to our webmaster Rupert Kellner for his excellent technical support in setting up the electronic voting procedure.

Please find below the detailed results.

Position	Name	for	against	abstention
Designated Chairman	Dr. Franck Chanut	103	0	7
Vice Chairman	Dr. Lars Mecklenburg	95	2	13
Secretary	Dr. Gabriele Pohlmeier-Esch	99	3	8
Treasurer	Dr. Kuno Würsch	102	0	8
Councillor for International Collaboration	Dr. Erio Barale-Thomas	94	3	13
Councillor for Digital Pathology	Dr. Vanessa Schumacher	98	1	11
Councillor to represent University Teachers	Prof. Wolfgang Baumgärtner	89	3	18
Councillor for the Younger Generation	Dr. Angele Breithaupt	98	0	12
Councillor for Electronic Communication	Dr. Rupert Kellner	102	0	8
Councillor for Classic Examples in Toxicologic Pathology	Dr. Thomas Nolte	100	1	9
Councillor for Nomenclature	Dr. Susanne Rittinghausen	103	0	7

The newly elected executive committee members will officially take office at our upcoming Annual General Assembly, on the September 12th, 2018. This newly elected executive committee will be constituted of:

Chairman: Anna-Lena Frisk (elected 2016 as designated chairman)

Past Chairman: Sibylle Gröters

Designated Chairman: Franck Chanut

Vice Chairman: Lars Mecklenburg

Treasurer: Kuno Würsch

Councillor for International Collaboration: Erio Barale-Thomas

Councillor for Digital (Tele)Pathology: Vanessa Schumacher

Councillor to Represent University Teachers: Wolfgang Baumgärtner

Councillor for the Younger Generation: Angele Breithaupt

Councillor for Electronic Communication: Rupert Kellner

Councillor for Classic Examples: Thomas Nolte

Councillor for Nomenclature: Susanne Rittinghausen

Representatives of our sister societies will be confirmed at the AGA.

On behalf of the present ESTP Executive Committee

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Feedback-Survey on the 2017 Cutting Edge meeting in Lyon

A positive and encouraging feedback was collected from the participants at the last ESTP and ESVP/ECVP joint meeting which was held in Lyon, France in August/September 2017.

An on-line survey consisting of 32 questions was constructed in collaboration with ESVP/ECVP colleagues and was submitted by e-mail to the participants, early 2018. For each session, the quality of speakers and topics of conferences were scored based on a 5-degrees grid.

More than 400 pathologists attended the meeting and 142 responded to the on-line survey (i.e. 35% of the attendance). Many thanks to all responders!

About 65% of responders were employees in the industry or academia field. The reasons for meeting attendance were most frequently related to the continuing professional education (50% of responders) and less frequently to active contribution (20%), or networking, interest in specific topic and attendance to the ECVP AGM (10% for each item). More than 90% of the responders felt that the congress mostly or fully met their expectations and would recommend registration to future joint meetings. The interest and quality of the topics of the 7 plenary lectures, the 3 educational sessions, the 5 workshops, the interactive case presentations as well as the IATP satellite workshop were highly scored by most responders. Finally, the vast majority of responders expressed a positive evaluation of the logistic aspects of

the conference venue.

The moderate rate of response to the survey (only 35% of the participants replied) was most probably due to the delayed submission of the questionnaire to the participants. However, the majority of responders expressed a positive evaluation of the meeting content, which encourages the organisation of future joint meetings.

Pathologists who plan to attend the upcoming ESTP and ESTP/ESVP/ECVP joint meetings are warmly invited to share comments and suggestions of topics/speakers for future sessions. Finally, each pathologist is strongly encouraged to actively give her/his valuable contribution and support to the organisation of future meetings of our Society. This will ensure that the scientific quality of our next meetings will be kept at the Cutting Edge.

Best regards
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**An Update for the 6th ESTP International
Expert Workshop
“Adversity of Thyroid Follicular Cell
Hypertrophy/Hyperplasia (TFCH/H),
Differentiation between Direct and Indirect
Mechanisms and their Implication for Risk
Assessment”**

Dear ESTP Members,

The Face-to-Face Expert Discussion of our current workshop took place at Bayer AG in Berlin on May 16-17th, 2018. The workshop comprised 26 members, among which four participants from international regulatory agencies. Presentations and case examples covered a refresher on thyroid gland physiopathology, an overview of the mechanisms of thyroid follicular cell toxicity, several experimental approaches to understand the mode of action of toxicants leading to TFCH/H, clinical pathology challenges associated with thyroid hormone measurement in pup and adult rats, as well as regulatory considerations and risk assessment of TFCH/H. All presentations were well received by an audience of 33 additional scientists. There were Q&A sessions which allowed the audience to contribute actively, and four sessions of expert discussion.

The achievements of the workshop are currently summarized by the organizing team and experts, and will be further discussed and refined at workshop teleconferences, with the aim to submit an internationally endorsed publication to *Toxicologic Pathology* within the next half-year or so.

We would also like to use this opportunity to re-invite all the ESTP members to send us topics that they wish to be covered in the future workshops and also to volunteer for active participation. Future ESTP International Expert Workshops will be discussed at our Annual General Assembly in September-2018.

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The South Downs – chalky hills, United Kingdom

ESTP Annual General Assembly - Announcement & Invitation -

Dear ESTP Members,

On behalf of the ESTP Executive Committee and ESTP Chair, Sibylle Gröters, I would like to cordially invite you to our next Annual General Assembly which will take place during our annual meeting in Bagsværd/Copenhagen (Denmark), on the 12th September 2018 (15.30 – 17.00 local time).

The exact address for our AGA is:

*Novo Nordisk A/S Corporate Headquarters
Smørmosevej 17-19
2880 Bagsværd
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If you have not yet registered for the meeting, we cordially invite you to find the necessary information on our website and register as soon as possible. The agenda for the AGA has been sent to all members by e-mail. Besides general topics and administrative topics, the Executive Committee and other Committees will update you on recent activities and future plans and strategies of our Society, including congresses, seminars, workshops, international collaboration and more. We will make sure that you receive the annual reports from the various councillors, committees and working groups prior to the Assembly by separate e-mail(s).

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Bagsværd/Copenhagen

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