

## ESTP Newsletter 2021 (2)



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### **President's Column**

Dear ESTP members,

Finally we are heading towards the summer break, hoping that things will gradually get better. The ESTP has been quite busy and we are welcoming new members in the executive committee. The Cutting Edge Pathology meeting is getting closer and you can still register for it. The webinars are still very successful and we are planning to continue organising them next year. They are part of the future of the society (and our work) where digitalisation will take a more important role. We have the tools, we learnt to use them efficiently, so let's capitalise on this! I'm very pleased to welcome Simone Tangermann as the new councillor for the younger generation, a position that Emmanuelle Balme had before agreeing to substitute Gabi in her role of the

ESTP secretary. I'm very happy to see that our society still attracts younger members and that they become heavily active in the life of it, I mentioned the future before, and the renewal of the executive committee members is clearly something we need to prepare.

So to finish with, let me wish you a peaceful and safe summertime, and looking forward to seeing you all even on a computer screen at the Cutting Edge meeting!

Kind regards,

Franck

Franck Chanut

ESTP Chairman

## **Announcement ESTP AGA and 4<sup>th</sup> Cutting Edge Pathology Congress**

Dear ESTP members,

On behalf of the ESTP Executive Committee and ESTP Chair, Franck Chanut, I would like to cordially invite you to our next **Annual General Assembly** which will be held virtually after the 4th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress, on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 2 to 4pm CEST. The agenda for the AGA will be sent to all members by e-mail, as well as the annual reports from the various councillors, committees and working groups, prior to the Assembly. Besides general 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.

The **4th Cutting Edge Pathology Congress**, jointly organized by the ESTP, the European Society of Veterinary Pathology and the European College of Veterinary Pathologists, will be held virtually from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The theme of the ESTP sessions will be **Biomarkers and Organ Toxicity**, with focus on the development and use of biomarkers in the process of preclinical development of new medicines, associated organ toxicity and their translatability to man. ECVP/ESVP will organize parallel sessions dedicated in particular to global health and

emerging infectious diseases, novelties in oncology, forensic pathology and molecular technics in veterinary pathology. In addition, there will be three joint keynote lectures on next generation biomarkers, coronavirus-related diseases and interactive joint case presentations. 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.

On behalf of the present ESTP Executive Committee,

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## **Webinars on Immune System and Ocular Pathology**

After a successful start in 2020, the joint ESTP/SFPT/BSTP and ECVP/ESVP webinar committee organised two webinars so far this year. Both webinars were well attended with over 230 participants each. The feedback for the first webinar on immune system was very positive. The feedback forms for the second webinar in June on ocular toxicity are distributed, but not yet analysed. Participants of the May webinar were according to the

feedback forms about one third from the VP societies, the remainder from the various TP societies. Further webinars are being discussed for October, and the potential topic will be animal models.

We look forward to your continuing participation and please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to join the organizing committee, suggest a topic or a talk for a webinar.

Hans Harleman

On behalf of the webinar committee,

Anna-Lena Frisk (ESTP)

Flavia Pasello dos Santos (SFPT)

Jerome Abadie (ESVP)

Matthias Rinke (ESTP)

Pierluigi Fant (ESTP)

Pierre Maliver (ECVP)

Rita Deuchande (BSTP)

### **19th ESTP Congress – Maastricht (2022)**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The European Society of Toxicologic Pathology is pleased to invite you to the '19th EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF TOXICOLOGIC PATHOLOGY' which will be held in Maastricht at the Crowne Plaza Hotel very close to the city center and next to the river Maas (Meuse), from the 13th to the 16th of September 2022. A Scientific Committee

consisting of nationally and internationally recognized experts is responsible for the Scientific Program. The congress will focus on the female reproductive system and will cover the normal and pathologic female reproductive system and new techniques, models and challenges in clinical development and risk assessment of hormonally active/endocrine-related compounds. There will be plenary lectures, oral presentations of original scientific work, interactive case presentations, a half-day IATP session, a poster session and of course plenty of opportunity for interactions both formally and informally with colleagues and friends. There will also be a trade exhibition where books, new equipment and techniques and services of contract laboratories will be presented. Maastricht is one of the most beautiful and unusual cities of the Netherlands and is located close to the border of Germany and Belgium. The city's beautiful historic districts and contemporary architecture are part of the charm of Maastricht. In the old town many boutiques, exceptionally good restaurants and cozy bars will welcome you. Besides the many cultural, architectural, historical and culinary high- lights, the city is surrounded by beautiful nature reserves with historic fortifications and caves (Frontenpark and St. Pietersberg). For all participants the social program will include a welcome reception and a congress dinner.

We are pleased to welcome you in Maastricht,

On behalf of the ESTP,

Eveline de Rijk,

Ankie Lambregts,

Melissa Czajkowski

*Co-Chairs of the Scientific Committee*

## **Presentation as Councillor for the Younger Generation**

Dear ESTP members,

Recently, I took over the position as Councillor for the Younger Generation from Emmanuelle Balme and I would like to start with thanking her for her commitment to the younger generation over the last year. Emmanuelle will replace Gabriele Pohlmeier-Esch as secretary of the ESTP and I wish her all the best for this new position.

In 2018, I joined BASF as a toxicologic pathologist. In the years between graduating from veterinary school (Munich) and joining BASF, I worked towards my doctoral degree, performed a pathology residency (both in Bern) and held a Postdoc position (Vienna). Those years were mainly focused on research and diagnostics. Even if there was always an interest in toxicologic pathology and the option of following a career in toxicologic pathology in the back of my mind, my personal focus in those years was on the doctoral degree, the board exam and later on research. In the end, as in many cases personal contacts were

responsible for my decision to take up a position in toxicologic pathology, a step which I never regretted.

I am excited about my new position as Councillor of the Younger Generation and I am hoping to be able to engage young pathologist in the possibility to follow a career in toxicologic pathology and to help bridge the gap between training in veterinary pathology and a career in toxicologic pathology.

The Covid-19 pandemic has challenged us in many ways in the last 18 months, but it also opened many unexpected opportunities. The ESTP webinars have been a huge success and they are a great tool for continuing education. They also open the opportunity for young colleagues to gain an insight into topics which are not strongly represented at their training sites or companies.

The ESTP will continue the support for the ECVP summer school and hopefully we will continue to be able to attract young colleagues for a career in toxicologic pathology.

The younger generation is desperately needed to replace colleagues who will retire in the next years and internships for young colleagues are highly valuable possibilities of getting an insight into a new working field. I am therefore asking for your help: Please get in touch with me if you have any internship options for veterinary students, residents, or young certified colleagues in your company.

I am wishing you a nice and healthy summer break.

Simone Tangermann  
Councillor of the Younger Generation  
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### **SFPT 2021: Virtual but full of life**

The topic of our SFPT annual scientific meeting, held on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May, was: 'Fighting Cancer with Immuno-Oncology: from Research to Clinic'. The Scientific Organizing Committee, led by Dr Céline Thuilliez has done a great job refining the program to fit with the virtual event format constraints and to follow a logical progression from the most fundamental data on immune system in the context of immune-oncology to the clinical context of CAR-T cell usage or the very practical and innovative use of the immunoscore in patients. The SOC showed also a dose of creativity in order to bring more energy and engagement to this virtual event: 10-minute video-montage from our sponsors during the breaks, speaker resume as short videos and even a photo contest.

We were 85 registered participants from academia, CROs, pharmaceutical or (agro)chemical industry from six different countries (France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, USA, Finland) and the audience

reached up to 77 attendees during the live sessions.

The feedback received on the scientific program and organization were very enthusiastic and the very dynamic Q&A live sessions were highly appreciated, with more than 30 questions received (and answered!).

On behalf of the Scientific Organizing Committee and of the board of the French Society of Toxicologic Pathology, we would like to thank all the participants, the speakers and sponsors and we hope to see you next year in Toulouse for SFPT 2022!

On behalf of the SFPT2021 Scientific Organizing Committee,

Emmanuelle Balme,  
Lise Bertrand,  
Sophie Coronas Dupuis,  
Beatrice Gauthier,  
Sebastien Laurent,  
Isabelle Raymond Letron,  
Céline Thuilliez