1. **Welcome**

   The meeting was opened by the Vice-President, Ursula Junker Walker, on behalf of our president, John Finch, who was unable to chair the General Assembly this year. She warmly welcomed the members to the meeting and stated that the invitation had followed the rules set by the constitution and thus the assembly had a quorum.

2. **Agenda/Minutes**

   The previously circulated agenda was accepted.

3. **Approval of Minutes from La Grande Motte 2006**

   The minutes of the Annual Meeting held in La Grande Motte, France, had been circulated to the membership by e-mail and were accepted as a true record.

4. **Annual Report of the Executive Committee**

   Ursula Junker Walker presented the committee report.

   Hard copies of the report of executive committee activities of the last year had been previously circulated:

   In the past year the executive committee has tried in all its activities to work towards the main societies objectives. According to our constitution our main goal is to protect man against harmful effects that may result from the intended use of active ingredients or additives, or which may be due to toxins at the workplace or in the environment. Our Society aims at supporting the scientific interests of toxicologic pathology, to aid in the research of spontaneous and toxic changes which manifest themselves morphologically, and to further promote the importance of toxicologic pathology as an independent, specialised area. Since the last Annual General Assembly the executive committee has had 7 teleconferences and 3 face to face meetings (in Ludwigshafen/Germany; Edinburgh/Scotland; and in Basel).

   The report highlighted that there has been one change in membership of the committee. During the year Jan Klapwijk (Councillor for the Journal) resigned and has been replaced by the co-option of Zuhal Dincer (GSK, UK) who will look after the society pages in the Journal. Accordingly the committee membership is:

   John Finch (Chairman), Ingrid Sjögren (Designated Chairman), Wolfgang Kaufmann (Past Chairman), Ursula Junker Walker (Vice Chairman), Annette Romeike (Secretary), Matthias Rinke (Treasurer), Catherine George (IFSTP Councillor), Wolfgang Drommer (Councillor)
for University), Jenny McKay (Councillor for the Younger Generation), Zuhal Dincer (Newsletter), Gerd Morawietz (Councillor for Electronic Communication), Susanne Rittinghausen (Representative for RITA and nomenclature), Dominique Cahard (France, Sister Society Representative), Bob Thoolen (The Netherlands, Sister Society Representative).

The report highlighted the work of the 5 subcommittees, which have given separate reports. Thanks were expressed to the chairpersons and members of those committees on behalf of all members of the Society. In order to improve communication and integration of ESTP activities the chairpersons of the subcommittees will be invited to participate in teleconferences and face to face meetings. These are Erio Barale (Guideline Committee), Matthias Rinke (Membership Committee), Susanne Rittinghausen (“Guess What” Committee), Sibylle Gröters (Case Presentation Committee). The 5th committee is the Awards Committee, which has a vacancy as Chairman following the resignation of Daniel Roth. The committee thanked Daniel for his hard work and for very successful administration of the Boehringer Ingelheim and Novartis awards.

The report further mentioned the first ESTP International Expert Workshop held in November 2006 on laryngeal metaplasia. This was very successful and is due to be published in our journal. A second International Expert Workshop is planned for 2008 on fish gonad histopathology.

The committee also reported on the external cooperation with other societies. The Society of Toxicologic Pathology (North America) has asked for ESTP to nominate representatives to a number of committees looking at specific scientific issues which result in the publication of recommendations and guidelines. These are:

- STP Working Group on Anatomic Pathology related to Enzyme Induction: Gundi Mueller (Merck)
- STP Working Group on Clinical Chemistry related to Enzyme Induction: Volker Strauss (BASF)
- STP Working Group on Risk Assessment of Enzyme Induction: Annette Romeike (Pfizer)
- STP Working group on Use of Historical Control Data : Matthias Rinke (BayerHealthcare)

Moreover, good relationships have been established with the Society of Hungarian Toxicologists through our member Dr. László Német. Our 8th European Congress in 2010 will be hosted by the Hungarian Society, probably in Budapest. It is also the hope of the EC that the Hungarian Society will become an eligible sister society of ESTP and have their own board member. If so this will become a subject of a vote at our next AGA in Edinburgh in 2008.

The report mentioned the upcoming congress in Edinburgh, Scotland,
for which the ESTP is co-operating with the European Teratology Society and British Society of Toxicological Pathologists. The first flier is available at this meeting. ESTP members who want to register for just the ESTP half of this week long conference may do so and this starts with an ETS/ESTP joint day. The scientific organising committee for ESTP is being chaired by Noel Downes (UK, Sequani) who chairs the Education Subcommittee of the British Society. The 2009 congress is planned for The Hague, Netherlands.

With regards to the journal the committee highlighted that it is focussed on improving the visibility of our Journal and its usefulness to members. Unfortunately only one membership section has been published and this needs to be improved in the coming year especially as Zuhal Dincer has been very successful in attracting articles for the newsletter pages. The committee would like to commission high profile review articles for the journal and we welcome any ideas from members or potential authors.

The report also touched on other visible activities including the popular Classic Examples course in Hannover, and nomenclature initiatives which are the subject of separate reports. The committee urged all members to visit the website regularly as that is a key area for a society spreading over such a large geographic area to communicate and interact.

Finally, the committee expressed thanks to the many people and organisations that help and support the society, as well as the many companies who sponsor ESTP congresses, whether by cash donation, by exhibiting or by allowing and financing their employees to come. In an uncertain age this represents faith in the future of toxicologic pathology for which the committee is grateful. The administration of the committee is similarly supported by its members’ employers as an unseen, but not unappreciated ongoing expense. Very little of the Society’s reserves are spent on administration. Warm thanks were also sent to the organisers within ESTP and IFSTP for this wonderful congress: Robert Ettlin, Hans Harleman, Friedlieb Pfannkuch, Matthias Rinke, Paul-Georg Germann, Barbara Lenz, Philippe Schaetti, Gundi Mueller and Kay Groothoff (without whom very little would be possible!).

5. **Report of the local organizing committee**

Hans Harleman spoke on behalf of the local organising committee and stated that it was a great pleasure to have organized this meeting. He thanked all participants in the local and scientific organizing committees for their work as well as Solution office for their professional support.

6. **Report of the Awards Committee**

The report of activities of the last year had been previously circulated by e-mail to the membership in word format. In summary Daniel Roth, on behalf of his colleagues on the committee (Andrew Pilling, Andrew Spencer, Frieke Kuper, Jürgen Funk, Lars Mecklenburg, Regis
Masson, and John Foster), stated that:

The ESTP has again offered its award for an outstanding scientific publication by a younger society member, as announced in Experimental and Toxicologic Pathology, the official journal of the society (2007, Vol. 58, pp 275-276).

As a result of the announcement only two proposals were submitted to the award committee. In order to consider (almost) all relevant papers published between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2006, a literature search via PubMed was performed for articles published by younger ESTP members and fulfilling all formal criteria. 10 papers were identified, including two papers which were already in the selection for the publication award 2006. From the remaining 8 papers, three with the best quality and relevance for toxicologic pathology were further evaluated within the award committee and an award winner was suggested to the ESTP board for decision by July 9, 2007. The ESTP Board did confirm the ESTP Award committee proposal by August 27, 2007. This year Elodie Drevon-Gaillot received the ESTP Publication Award 2007 for her publication "A review of background findings in cynomolgus monkeys (Macaca fascicularis) from three different origins".

Given the fact that the number of papers that met the formal criteria for an award was low and some of them were already reviewed as part of last year’s award nomination, the committee made the following recommendation to the ESTP Board:

- A paper should not be eligible for more than one evaluation period
- The ESTP award for a scientific publication should be given every 2 years in alternation with the Boehringer Thesis Award.

Therefore the award for a scientific publication should be advertised every second year and the next one should be in 2009. Novartis Pharma AG is willing to sponsor this award in 2009 again. The ESTP board endorsed the proposal at the last meeting on June 29, 2007.

The award committee welcomed 2 new committee members. Regis Masson from France and Lars Mecklenburg, award winner 2006, from Germany. The next committee should welcome the ESTP award winner 2007.

Since 2005, the committee membership was broadened by colleagues from outside the German-speaking regions as requested/wished in the annual report 2005 of the Award Committee. At present the committee has 3 representatives from the U.K., 1 from France, 1 from the Netherlands, 1 from Switzerland and 2 from Germany. This is very positive for identification of relevant publications and/or thesis and an objective assessment. Additional support from other regions is very welcome and interested members should indicate their interest either to the ESTP board or award committee members.

Daniel Roth mentioned his wish to retire from the ESTP Award committee after the ESTP 2007 congress in Basel. He will stay
available and support the new committee chair once nominated. He warmly thanks the committee members for their support and dedication to this task. He thanked on behalf of all committee members all society members and the ESTP board who actively supported the committees work by either proposals or suggestions or considering recommendations. He also expressed thanks to Novartis Pharma AG for support of the publication award 2007.

There were no questions.

7. Report of the Guess What Committee

The report of activities of the last year had been previously circulated: In summary Matthias Rinke on behalf of his colleagues on the committee (Susanne Rittinghausen and Heinrich Ernst) stated that:

Even after the “dramatic” appeal to the membership to participate more actively on the “Guess what” section of our webpage did not help a lot to increase the number of answers to Case 7 after the meeting. Thus, the committee sent out an electronic survey to evaluate possible reasons for the low participation rates. From 281 contacted members via e-mail (302 members), 31 responses ( = 11%) were received. A vast majority (22/31) stated that they had simply no time to go through the cases in detail. Some said, that they were just looking at the cases and others feared to make themselves ridiculous. In terms of the severity grade, a third of the responses stated that they were just right, 2 found them partly too severe and some of no practical relevance.

However, the committee also received encouraging letters, so that they conclude it is worth to continue with that section. Moreover, the responding rate was significantly increased after announcement of Case 8 via e-mail to the membership.

Matthias Rinke stated that the available time seemed to be the most critical aspect. This was also the problem with the RTPA presentations of the AFIP, which unfortunately disappeared. Therefore he encouraged department heads to encourage their colleagues to participate in continuous education!

Please participate!

There were no further comments.


The report of activities of the last year had been previously circulated: In summary Agnes Schulte on behalf of her colleagues on the committee (Christine Ruehl-Fehlert, and Sivert Bjurström) stated that:

The GC resumed its activities and resonance inside and outside the society on a teleconference on July 18, 2007. The low response to the internet page and generally low feedback were raised. The question which priorities should be set in future and ways to improve communication with the ESTP Board were discussed on the face-to-
face meeting here in Basel.

Erio Barale-Thomas has joined the GC as a new member.

The guideline revision of the OECD TG 407 and the possibility to comment on short notice were communicated to the ESTP membership. The comments of a group of pathologists working with the guideline were forwarded to the OECD by the GC.

Upcoming guidelines are:

- ICH S9 guidance „Preclinical Guideline on Oncology Therapeutic development“ for harmonization of current guidelines of EMEA, FDA and Japanese MHLW is still in a very early status (Step I document awaited in Oct. 2007);

The BIAC (the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD) has been contacted and asked for their support to get information on upcoming OECD guideline revisions or guidance documents in time. Fortunately, BIAC offers to send documents to Christine Ruehl-Fehlert. The proceeding how to transfer comments from the GC and the ESTP members to the OECD in case no internet consultation is installed by the OECD is still under discussion.

Agnes Schulte announced her wish to resign from steering the GC. Erio Barale-Thomas has consented to follow Agnes in this responsibility after the Basel meeting.

There were no further comments.

9. Report of the Membership Committee

Annette Romeike spoke about the membership committee activities also on behalf of her colleague M. Rinke. She highlighted that there is continuous work of the executive committee to increase our active membership. It is important to note that most of the 37 members, who had joined during the last year were not members of European sister societies.

There were no further comments.

10. Journal Report

The report of activities of the last year had been previously circulated. In summary, Zuhal Dincer stated that the Experimental and Toxicologic Pathology Journal (ETP) published the 4th, 5th, and 6th issues of Volume 58 and 1st issue of Volume 59 in 2007. A variety of subjects was covered such as molecular pathways, new methods/techniques, in vivo and in vitro experimental models, discussion on data interpretation with statistical analyses and genetic toxicology. With these articles many topics were touched on in
different species. The articles were submitted from members/non-
members of ESTP and all over the world (Japan, USA, Austria,
France, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Czech Republic, New Zealand, Poland,
Italy, Brazil, Tunisia, India, Germany, Switzerland, Nigeria, China, and
Turkey).

Since 2006 the ESTP has a newsletter section within the ETP journal.
The first newsletter has been published in the first issue of volume 58
of the journal. The newsletter covers letters from the President of the
ESTP board committee, announcements of activities such as
workshops, scientific conferences/meetings and courses,
report/summary of these activities, and opinion pieces of various
subjects etc. These items are written by members of the ESTP and
organised and published by ESTP board members. The newsletter
was put together by Jan Klapwijk and Gerd Morawietz. Zuhal Dincer
joined them as a helping hand in January 2007. Jan Klapwijk left the
ESTP board committee because of other commitments in June 2007
and Zuhal has been co-opted to the Board to take care of the ESTP
newsletter (choosing subjects and nominating the author to write the
article, and designing) together with Gerd Morawietz (designing and
publishing). This year the following articles are due to be published:

1. News (2 of them) from President by John Finch
2. ESTP Expert Larynx workshop by Dr Birgit Kittel
3. New archive for “Case presentation” during ESTP Meeting by
   Sibylle Groeters
4. New procedures in the UK for research on human tissues by
   Andrew Pilling
5. Annual Stakeholder Meeting - “Progress and Challenges”: National
   Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of
   Animals in Research (NC3Rs) by Jan Klapwijk

Zuhal encouraged the membership to come up with new ideas and
articles as the newsletter needs to become more and more interesting.

There were no further comments.


    The report of last year’s activities had been previously circulated.
    Jenny McKay gave a report on the ESTP activities for trainees. Currently
    there are 42 trainees (75% industry, 25% residencies or academia) on
    the e-mailing list through which information regarding forthcoming
    pathology meetings, courses and job opportunities is sent out.

    In May 2006, following a meeting of several veterinary and toxicologic
    pathologists from Europe, (Wolfgang Kaufmann (President-ESTP),
    Catherine George (ESTP, SFPT), Monique Wyers (ECVP, Nantes
    Veterinary School), Bob Thoolen (ESTP, CRPTP), Noel Downes
    (BSTP), Chiara Brachelente (ECVP, Bern Veterinary School), Sionagh
    Smith (Edinburgh Veterinary School), Michele Ardizzone (SIPTS),
    Anja Kipar (ECVP/ESVP Summer School, Liverpool Veterinary
School), it was highlighted that a number of courses for trainees were often overlapping and that there was no central searchable database for such courses. A key development over the past year has been to develop together with Gerd Morawietz such a database on the ESTP website. We now have a unique meeting database which enables searching using key words and the inclusion of meetings which are definitively planned and those which are in the early stages of preparation. Through the network of pathologists described above, we believe that good communication between those societies and individuals organising training courses can be maintained and we would encourage all intending to plan a course for the future to think ahead, check the ESTP meeting database and ensure we reduce duplication.

There were no further comments.

12. IFSTP Report

Catherine George reported on IFSTP matters. She stated that in the past there has been a good interaction of the IFSTP Board with the different member societies.

The following national or regional meetings have been/are sponsored by the IFSTP:

- Latin STP/IFST symposium in Sao Paulo in March 2008
  - IFSTP sponsoring with € 5000
- Plan to sponsor a scientific symposium in India (Dr Ettlin)
- 2013 IFSTP/regional STP to be organized with Korean STP

The following scientific activities have been/are sponsored by the IFSTP:

- IATP satellite symposium: “Application of the human relevance framework to the analysis of rodent tumor data” September 16th, 2007
- ESTP/IFSTP joined meeting in Basel: “Integration of Toxicopathology in Risk Assessment – Key to success September 17-19th, 2007

She further mentioned the IFSTP/IATP proposal for accreditation of Toxicologic Pathologists. The aim of this initiative is to obtain worldwide recognition of expertise in Toxicologic Pathology for people working in the field since more than 5 years. A first draft of a proposal document has been reviewed by the ESTP Board in 2006. Now a new version has been presented during this congress and copies were enclosed in your conference information. A white paper has been prepared by Robert Ettlin, Hugh Black and Brad Bolon, which will be published by the respective regional journals. A meeting has been organized with the IATP during this congress to further define the operational model for the accreditation.

The income-expense statement is as follows:
Total balance in May 2007: € 50,940
Since then all societies sent their 2007 fees including the North American STP

The IFSTP committee is composed of: J. Harleman (President), J. Engelhardt (President Elect), Secretary General (to be identified), F. Schorsch (Treasurer), Representatives of British (Ian Pyrah), Dutch (Piet Wester), European (Catherine George), French (Xavier Fouillet), Italian (nobody assigned), Japanese (Shoji Fukushima), Korean (Jae Hak Park), North American (Brad Bolon) Societies of Tox Path + observers as the past president (Y. Konishi) and a representative of the Latin STP (de Camargo).

She furthermore informed about the activities of the IFSTP-RIC (Regulatory Interaction Committee). It’s aim is to increase awareness about new guidelines from regions or issues arising in one of the regions and influence regulatory authorities worldwide. Current representatives are: S. Watanabe (JSTP), F. Schorsch (SFPT) agrochemical industry, C. George (ESTP) pharmaceutical industry (link to ESTP guideline committee), Jenny McKay (North American STP). The committee will start it’s work after the Basel meeting and a 1st topic will be the Harmonization of Pathology Raw Data Handling worldwide.

There were no questions.


Ursula Junker Walker showed a couple of slides and invited everybody warmly to the upcoming ESTP congress in Edinburgh, Scotland, on September 23-26, 2008. The ESTP is co-operating with the European Teratology Society, the European Network of Teratology Information Services and British Society of Toxicological Pathologists for this congress. The first flier is available at this meeting. ESTP members who want to register for just the ESTP half of this week long conference may do so and this starts with an ETS/ESTP joint day. The scientific organising committee for ESTP is being chaired by Noel Downes (UK, Sequani) who chairs the Education Subcommittee of the British Society.

There were no questions.


The financial report was presented by Matthias Rinke. His slide presentation is attached as Appendix 2.

There were no questions.

15. Report of the Auditors

S. Gröters and J-C. Schaffner reported that the accounts were in “GLP-like order” and praised Matthias Rinke for his extraordinary work. They have checked all balance sheets and confirmed the adequacy of the presentation, which is a true view of the treasury. They recommended acceptance of the accounts. The members
accepted the accounts unanimously and approved the activities of the board.

16. **News about RITA/CEPA**

A report of the RITA/CEPA activities provided by Susanne Rittinghausen had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. The past 12 months were a busy period for the further development and update of nomenclature. The RITA and CEPA groups continued their work as effectively as in the years before.

**Nomenclature**

As the RITA representative within the GESC committee, a terminology for non-proliferative and proliferative lesions of rodents (rats and mice) was compiled by Susanne Rittinghausen on the basis of the STP SSNDC documents and NTP lists for non-proliferative lesions. For proliferative lesions, the published WHO/IARC nomenclature was used, which was mainly developed by the RITA group. In addition, changes made by the Joint Harmonization committee of STP and RITA in 2000 were considered. This terminology should be the basis for the Organ Working Groups within the GESC/INHAND project. The terminology list was accepted by the GESC committee during the STP Annual Symposium in Puerto Rico last June. Only some additional terms from NTP have to be included.

GESC agreed to use the goRENI Web site for presentation of the nomenclature and asked the Societies of Toxicologic Pathology for financial support. It is planned to have the terminology available soon on the goRENI Web site.

From the STP 4 Organ Working Groups were established. The manuscripts for non-proliferative lesions of the Respiratory Tract of rodents are already in a final draft status and will be available on the goRENI Web site soon. There is the opportunity to send in comments via a so-called Forum entity. The manuscripts for proliferative lesions of the respiratory tract have to be updated and brought together. Beside there are Organ Working Groups for the Immune System chaired by Dan Weinstock, for the CNS System chaired by Wolfgang Kaufmann, and for Cardiovascular System chaired by Brian Berridge. The formation of groups for Liver, Urinary System, and Musculoskeletal System is planned as the next step.

A workshop to support the work of the RITA organ working groups on proliferative lesions and to update all colleagues about the necessary enhancements of the nomenclature is scheduled for end of 2007.

**RITA**

The RITA data base project is running now within the 20th year. Since the 2006 European Congress of Toxicologic Pathology in La Grande Motte, there have been panel meetings with the company pathologists in November 2006, and in 2007 in January, March, June and September chaired by Thomas Nolte and Matthias Rinke. The next meeting will take place in November. The panel meetings are open now for non-RITA members. This opportunity was taken by a few
pathologists and PhD. students.  
RITA Status: 132 rat studies comprising 14,145 animals are finalized by the panel. In addition, 61 mice studies comprising 5,763 animals are finalized by the panel. There are more than 50,000 lesions reviewed and stored in the RITA data base. From RITA cases, there are more than 6,000 images collected in the RENI system. Partly these images are available in the internet within the goRENI system.  
The companies sponsoring the RITA project plan to prolong the contract with the Fraunhofer Institute for a further contract period. 
More information about the RITA group was provided in the Monday session and will be available at the RITA booth near the registration desk.

The microscopic panel session are public, but registration for this is required (please contact rita.panel@item.fraunhofer.de).

**CEPA**

CEPA meetings have taken place in November 2006 and May 2007 chaired by Elke Persohn and Manfred Kohler. Major topics beside cell proliferation screening systems were image analysis and archiving of electronic data. There was a discussion on the definition of the terms “raw data” and “specimen”. In addition a meeting for technicians was organized, where technical details could be discussed and exchanged. The next CEPA meeting will be in November, directly after the RITA meeting.

17. **Status of the GESC/Inhand initiative**

Wolfgang Kaufmann presented a slide set to present the activities of the INHAND initiative (International Harmonization of Nomenclature and Diagnostic Criteria for Lesions in Rats and Mice). The objective of this initiative is to establish an internationally harmonized and recognized nomenclature of proliferative and non-proliferative lesions in rats and mice. The European (ESTP), North American (STP) and Japanese (JSTP) Societies of Toxicologic Pathology are working jointly on this project. The ESTP is supported in this by the BSTP, SFPT and RITA. A global editorial and steering committee with representatives from the main societies manages the different organ working groups on non-proliferative and proliferative lesions. The membership of all Societies will be given opportunity to comment and feedback on the manuscripts through the electronical system “goRENI” (global open RENI), which has been chosen as the platform tool to collect the nomenclature and diagnostic criteria. Given the tremendous information on proliferative lesions in mice and rats already collected by the RITA group within the RENI system, a leading role for RITA/ESTP in this part of the initiative was recognized by the partner societies. The members of the steering committee are: Takanori Harada, Takashi Nonoyama, Dai Nakae, Peter Mann, Ronald Herbert, John Vahle, Wolfgang Kaufmann, Ian Pyrah, Susanne Rittinghausen and Gerd Morawietz.
The last Face-to-Face meeting of the GESC took place at the STP meeting in Puerto Rico (chair: Peter Mann). Teleconferences are held every 6 weeks. The groups dealing with CNS and Cardiovascular have been implemented. For the CNS a first revised draft manuscript has been prepared. A goal for this year’s end is to complete the revision for proliferative lesions and to prepare a first draft of non-proliferative lesions.

With regards to financing, the official commitment of the societies are the following: 10000 $ (STP), 8000$ (JSTP), 4000 $ (ESTP), 4000 $ BSTP per year for the next five years.

The drafts will be placed in goRENI for membership comments, which will be announced by e-mail. All final manuscripts will be jointly published in Toxicologic Pathology, Experimental and Toxicologic Pathology and the Japanese Journal of Toxicologic Pathology.

There were no questions.

18. **News about Classic Examples in “Toxicologic Pathology”**

Eberhard Karbe presented the program of the upcoming “Classic Examples Workshop 3 at the Institute of Pathology of the veterinary School in Hannover. It will take place from Friday, February 22, 2008 (13:15 – 18:00) to Saturday, February 23, 2008 (8:15 – 13:00).

The seminar will be held in English. Examples of toxicologic pathology will be presented by the following speakers and discussed by the participants, viewing slides with the induced lesions under individual microscopes.

The speakers are:

- Thomas Nolte & Ulrich Deschl: Alpha-1 agonists
- Ursula Junker & Elias Perentes: Kinase inhibitor, cyclin-dependent 1/2
- Anke Heuser & Susanne Schröder: PDE4 inhibitors
- Jenny McKay: MEK inhibitors
- Klaus Weber: Doxorubicin, free + liposomal
- Anja Knippel & Hans Harleman: Erythropoietin
- Hijiri Iwata & Klaus Weber: Corticosteroids, inhaled
- Martin Rosenbruch & Wolfgang Kaufmann: Aerosole-induced laryngeal metaplasia
- Rodney A. Miller & Nigel J. Walker: Dioxin-induced lung lesions
Amy E. Brix & Nigel J. Walker

Dioxin-induced biliary lesions

The registration fee is 60 € for members and 80 € for non-members, which should be paid upon registration to the account of the ESTP in Germany (Commerzbank Loerrach, account number: 2809 705; routing number: 683 400 58, BIC code: COBADEFF 683, IBAN code: DE66 6834 0280 9705 00). No registration fee is required of TiHo colleagues.

We provide handouts and 60 slide sets for 120 participants. Slides remain at the institute. Participants can view slide lesions also on screens. Please register as soon as possible, at the latest by January 10, 2008 to Dr. Ingo Gerhauser, Institute of Pathology, University of Veterinary Medicine, Bünteweg 17, 30559 Hannover, Germany (E-mail: Ingo.Gerhauser@tiho-hannover.de). Further information will be given upon registration or may be requested of the organisers:

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There were no comments.

19. New Members

Annette Romeike presented the list of new applicants. They were accepted into the Society without objection.

1. Sabina Soldati
2. Marielle Odin
3. Jean-Marc Garbay
4. Eric Destexhe
5. Thomas Lemarchand
6. Bernard Palate
7. Frank Seeliger
8. Kenneth A. Schafer
9. Roger Owen
10. Shirley Aguirre
11. Peter Maslej
12. Diane Gunson
13. Birgit Stierstorfer
14. Marjolein van Heerden
15. Bruce McCullough
20. **Any other business**

One member raised concerns about the increasing number of publications in our society’s Journal (Experimental and Toxicologic Pathology) either directly or indirectly related to the tobacco industry. This was controversially discussed by the membership. While some agreed that this is not in line with the main goal of our society to “protect man against harmful effects that may result from the intended use of active ingredients or additives, or which may be due to toxins at the workplace or in the environment”, others highlighted that we cannot limit toxicologic pathology to certain fields and that there is obviously a scientific interest and importance for these type of publications. Board members highlighted that imbalance could best be avoided by receiving more publications in general, also review articles. One way to highlight these concerns are to send a letter to the publisher.

Annette Romeike, Secretary, ESTP

Ursula Junker Walker, Vice-Chairman, ESTP

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