

# European Society of Toxicologic Pathology e.V.

## Minutes of the Annual General Assembly held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 16.00-17.30 pm (CEST), Virtual

68 members attended (including 14 executive committee members)

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| 1. | <b>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</b>                                 | The meeting was opened timely by the Chairperson, Silvia Guionaud, who welcomed the members to the meeting. She stated that the invitation was conforming to the constitution and had been made timely, and thus the assembly had a quorum. The recording of the Annual General Assembly (AGA) to facilitate minute writing purposes and the deletion of this file after its use was announced.  |
| 2. | <b>Approval of the Agenda</b><br><br>(VOTE 1)                           | The Secretary Raffaella Capobianco had circulated the agenda to the membership prior to the AGA, according to the constitution.<br><br>The agenda was approved by the membership and the Executive Committee (EC) (VOTE 1: for: 45; against: 2; abstentions: 9).   |
| 3. | <b>Approval of Minutes of Annual General Assembly, 2023</b><br>(VOTE 2) | Prior to the AGA the minutes of the Annual General Assembly 2023 (Basel) had been circulated to the membership. There were no comments or questions and the minutes were approved by the assembly and the EC.<br><br>(VOTE 2: for: 45; against: 0; abstentions: 11)  |
| 4. | <b>Commemoration of Eberhard Karbe</b>                                  | Annette Romeike honored Eberhard Karbe, an ESTP honorary member who had passed away in 2024, by sharing an overview of his life and mayor achievements. Eberhard Karbe was one of the initiators of the German Toxicologic Pathology (GTP) and later on also the initiator of the transition of the GTP to becoming the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology.<br><br>Amongst other mayor achievements he was the chairman of the RITA project from 1988-1999, he created the seminar series "Classic Exmaples in Toxicologic Pathology" and the "Toxicologic Pathology Training Program" at the School of Veterinary Medicine in Hannover (Germany) together with Wolfgang Drommer and founded the charity "Help for Small Farmers" in Togo (Africa). |
| 5. | <b>Report of the Executive Committee: ESTP Highlights</b>               | The Chairperson, Silvia Guionaud, presented the ESTP highlights and achievements of the past year to the membership.   |

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|  | <p><b>and Achievements of Past Year</b></p> | <p>An initiative of the EC which started in 2022 was the work on the society's Vision and Mission which led to the identification of the three pillars: Continuing Education, Influence of Regulators and Promotion of the Profession. The deliverables were to cultivate the strengths of the society, scope out the future and to increase the society's visibility. As key capability communication was identified and increasing participation was defined as a key issue. Thus, the EC has made effort to include new talent into the working groups and committees. The visibility of the society on LinkedIn has grown in the last two years, in 2024 having 1088 followers with more than 100 posts per year.</p> <p>The visibility and continuing education are also reflected in the publications ESTP working groups have promoted. In 2023 two webinars and three modules of the Residency Program were co-sponsored. In total two publications were published: One from the Pathology 2.0 sub-group, the Review of In Situ Hybridisation Techniques for Drug Research and Development being awarded the "Review of the Year Award" by the Toxicologic Pathology journal, and another from the group which organized the 9<sup>th</sup> International Expert Workshop. This year's publication award was bestowed upon Lea-Adriana Barlang for her work on pulmonary surfactants. The 10<sup>th</sup> International Expert Workshop on Long-Acting Injectables, which took place in Basel in 2023, had in total 30 participants and various publications are planned to be published in a special issue of Toxicologic Pathology Q1 2025.</p> <p>The relationship with other societies is critical for the society's success and testimonies of this are: the working groups (e.g. Digital Pathology and Pathology 2.0), the joint conferences (Cutting Edge Pathology, joint congress with BSTP), lectures at congresses of sister societies, participation of a DigiPath working group member in the OECD GLP discussion group and the shared official journal "Toxicologic Pathology". Together with the latter, the ESTP has updated the Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) and initiated a new steering committee to enhance communication between the three societies. Silvia thanked Béatrice Gauthier for her commitment, who recently stepped down as Associate Editor of the ESTP.</p> <p>She also brought to the attention of the membership an overview of the cost development of the congresses of the last three years and the increasing financial pressure that the society is facing. In addition, difficulties in the organization of the CEP congress, such as to find a suitable venue, the obligation to pre-book a large amount of rooms at hotels or conference centers, are encountered more frequently. Silvia thanked the sponsors who cover about 1/3 of the cost of the congresses and also the ESTP's Congress Councilor, Anna-Lena</p> |
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|    |  | <p>Frisk, who put in an enormous amount of work in the congress organization, especially in the last two years.</p> <p>The Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Initiative was launched 18months ago by a survey of the respective working group lead by Lars Mecklenburg. A change to the constitution will be proposed later on including §13 on protecting minorities and promoting diversity. Members were asked to contact Raffaella, the Secretary, and Lars if they wish to participate in the working group.</p>   |
| 6. | <b>Questions &amp; Answers: Pre-Circulated Reports of Committees and Councillors</b> | <p>Prior to the meeting the membership had received the reports of the committees and councilors by email. Silvia presented a short, written statement made by the chairs of each committee and thanked all of them for their valuable contributions. The highlights were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Congresses</u>: Anna-Lena reported on the past congresses in Madrid and Basel. The organization of the next congress in Manchester is well-advanced.</li> <li>• <u>Digital Pathology</u>: The group, led by Lise Bertrand, raised awareness of Digital Pathology in a webinar in September 2024 and will share the results of various surveys on regulatory aspects of digital pathology, use of image analysis and implementation of a digital pathology workflow.</li> <li>• <u>Councilor to represent University Teachers</u>: Ingo Gerhauser is currently establishing a new structure of the “Toxicologic Pathology Training Program” (2025-2027) in collaboration with other European Societies of Tox Path in other locations to provide wider geographic outreach.</li> <li>• <u>Early Career Pathologists and Residents</u>: Simone Tangermann has also been actively reinventing the above-mentioned training course and ensured the representation of the ESTP at the ESVP/ECVP Summer School.</li> <li>• <u>Electronic Communication</u>: The website is being used for the distribution of information and eight new job adverts have contributed to the society’s revenue.</li> <li>• <u>Classic Examples</u>: The 31<sup>st</sup> edition of this event took place in March 2024 and attracted 10 presentations (topics: traditional lesions, novel treatment modalities and human conditions) and 110 participants. It was co-moderated by Charlotte Lempp.</li> <li>• <u>Nomenclature</u>: Ute Bach updated on the activities in INHAND: The manuscript for Non-Rodent Ocular will be published in ToxPath, Vol 51 and the manuscript for Fish Pathology is scheduled for membership review. The Harmonization of terms across organs and species is complete and available on the website: goren.org. The recommendations of INHAND/STP</li> </ul> |

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|    |   | <p>SRPC and the FDA on combining appropriate tumor types for statistical analysis have been finished. As upcoming activity, the review of published rodent terms was highlighted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Guess What Committee</u>: In this year a new case was posted and received ten diagnoses. An article was published in the last newsletter asking for membership participation in a survey.</li> <li>• <u>Pathology 2.0.</u>: A new subgroup on “Humanized Mouse Models” was initiated and this committee is working on three publications.</li> <li>• <u>Award Committee</u>: The committee chose a high-quality paper for the publication award. All members are asked to participate in the “award committee”.</li> </ul> <p>No questions were asked.</p>   |
| 7. | <b>Report of the Toxicologic Pathology journal chief editor</b> | <p>Kevin Keane, Chief Editor of the Tox Path journal, gave an editorial update to the ESTP membership.</p> <p>He presented the editorial team and thanked them for their contributions. He especially thanked Béatrice Gauthier, the former ESTP Executive Committee Liaison. Kevin highlighted that the role of the liaison is to communicate the needs and interests of the constituents of the society and to provide the editorial publishing team information on manuscripts which are coming from working groups.</p> <p>The acceptance ration over the past five years was presented and a drop in submissions can be seen in 2021 due to the pandemic. A lot of primary work in the laboratory was paused then which lead to a decline in data. It is a trend in the industry which is gradually correcting itself and for 2024 the number of manuscripts which can be published is limited. The acceptance ratio has dropped: only 1 out of 4 are accepted. The reasons for objections are that they are out of scope or they do not have reasonable quality. A new tendency is the submission of manuscripts created by artificial intelligence (AI) , which usually do not reflect high quality. Sage’s policy excludes AI as author of a manuscript, only accepting human beings as authors and AI as a tool.</p> <p>The aims and scope statement can be found on the website of the journal <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/overview-metric/TPX">https://journals.sagepub.com/overview-metric/TPX</a> and all authors planning to hand in a manuscript are asked to read them before submitting. This statement is adapted and updated when situations in the profession of toxicologic pathology change.</p> <p>The 2023 ToxPath Best Paper Award for Original manuscript was awarded to:</p> <p>Neurofilament Light Chain: A Translational Safety Biomarker for Drug-</p> |

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|  | <p>Induced Peripheral Neurotoxicity, Toxicologic Pathology, vol. 51, 3: pp 135-147.</p> <p>Diethelde Theil, Jens Kuhle, Dominique Brees, Elaine Tritto, Francois Pognan, Wilfried Frieauff, Kelley Penraat, Emily Meseck, Reginald Valdez, and Andreas Hartmann.</p> <p>The 2024 ToxPath Best Paper Award for Review Article was awarded to:</p> <p>European Society of Toxicologic Pathology (Pathology 2.0 Molecular Pathology Special Interest Group): Review of In Situ Hybridization Techniques for Drug Research and Development, Toxicologic Pathology, vol. 51, 3: pp 92-111.</p> <p>Josep M. Monne Rodriguez, Anna-Lena Frisk, Robert Kreutzer, Thomas Lemarchand, Stephane Lezmi, Chandrassegar Saravanan, Birgit Stiersorfer, Celine Thulliez, Enrico Vezzali, Grazyna Wieczorek, Seong-Wook Yun, Dirk Schaudien.</p> <p>Kevin Keane congratulated and thanked the authors for their contributions to the Journal.</p> <p>The Special Issues have evolved over the last 7 years. The last Special issues were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- INHAND: Nonproliferate and Proliferate Lesions of Nonrodent Ocular Tissue (published: in issue 52.6)</li> <li>- Special Issue on Molecular Pathology (publishing late winter/early spring 2025)</li> <li>- Special Issue on Long-Acting Injectables (publishing spring/summer 2025)</li> <li>- ESTP Symposium Issue (publishing spring/summer 2025)</li> </ul> <p>Kevin underlined the continuing education activities, such as the ESTP International Expert Workshop, are excellent opportunities to turn presentations into manuscripts. The submission deadline for the Symposium Issue is October 15<sup>th</sup>. There has been less participation as expected from the speakers. The membership is asked to contact the Journal with ideas for Special Issues.</p> <p>Kevin presented the ToxPath Steering Committee, which meets quarterly, whose objective it is to increase communication for any changes to journal management and strategy and to provide aligned recommendations to ToxPath Journal and Executive Committees for consideration. The latest change is the ongoing work on defining how the journal can move from being a print journal to a digital only journal. The initiatives of ToxPath for 2025 are the use of whole slide images in digital version. Authors are asked to add digital images to all</p> |
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|    |   | <p>manuscripts. Graphical Abstracts, a single summarized slide of the manuscript, are being offered and promoted as a free service. A Reviewer-in-Training Program is a mentoring initiative to pair the younger generation with experienced Editorial Board Members to be trained in peer review.</p>  |
| 8. | <b>Financial Report and Membership Fees</b> | <p>The financial report was presented by the Treasurer Kuno Würsch, it included a report on the year 2023, an update on 2024 and a financial outlook for the budget for 2025.</p> <p>The main activities of 2023 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the years 2019-2021 Kuno prepared the tax submission, which has been completed. It resulted in a tax-exemption status. The next tax submission is due in 2025.</li> <li>• The society has a new tax advisor.</li> <li>• The 2023 financial year resulted in a loss of 3120 € and reserves of 16000 € were dissolved to reduce the loss. Overall the net assets are stable.</li> <li>• One significant decrease in income is the number of job ads compared to the last three years.</li> <li>• Kuno presented the financial situation to the Executive Committee and they discussed membership fees and decided on the increase of the registration fee for Classic Examples.</li> </ul> <p>The financial report of the account on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 stated that the assets were €161.113,35 with the loss in 2023 being €3.119,66. He highlighted that the major costs are administration and Classic Examples as well as a number of minor costs. The main income are the membership fees and registration fees of Classic Examples.</p> <p>Kuno gave an overview of the ESTP assets which are divided on different accounts. The Commerzbank account is the main account used for daily transactions (membership fees, invoice payments, transfer from Stripe account). The Stripe account is for the credit card payments and the assets are transferred to the previous account within about seven days. The Rabobank account is held by the PCO in the society's name and has been opened to avoid negative interest payments on main account. The last two accounts held by the PCO are for the ESTP congress. The receivables are mainly outstanding membership fees or job advertisement.</p> <p>The liabilities are divided into accrued expenses which are usually membership fees for the next year which become revenue within that year and are booked as accrued expenses in the meantime. Also, some reserves for INHAND is included.</p> |

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|     |   | <p>The net assets dropped slightly in 2023 and a decrease is expected for 2024. One slide showing the overview of the revenue highlighted three meaningful drops: The first one being the decrease in membership fee in 2017, the second being the absence of regular donations from 2016-2020 and the third in 2023 and 2024 the low number of job advertisements.</p> <p>The membership fees were presented in relation to the expenses including and excluding the Classic Examples. They contribute to 2/3 of the core expenses (administration, legal and tax advisor, etc).</p> <p>The financial update for 2024 (18<sup>th</sup> September 2024) stated a current amount on the account of €145068 (loss of € 743). Kuno still expects expenses in the range of about 5-7k to come for the last three months.</p> <p>Demographics and Statistics:</p> <p>There are currently 320 society members from 21 countries including 6 honorary members and 22 members paying a reduced fee (student and retired members). 298 have already paid for 2024 (14 have not paid yet). Open fees for 2023 are 9 and open fees for 2022 is one. No open payments exist for 2021. Six members have not paid for more than three years and will be written off.</p> <p>The overview of expected expenses and revenue for 2025 forecasts a loss of 9k. Neither income, nor expenses of Classic Examples has been included. The expected expenses are in the low end compared to previous years and the forecasted revenue expected lies within the average range compared to the last years.</p> <p>Overall the congresses are in a surplus but they are managed separate from the society account.</p> <p>The EC proposes maintaining the current fees (regular fee € 80 and reduced fee € 35) for the year 2025.</p> |
| 9.  | <b>Report of the Auditors</b>   | <p>Eight weeks prior to the AGA the society auditors Wolfgang Kaufmann and Roger Alison received all balance sheets from 2023. Wolfgang confirmed that they had found the accounts in excellent order and recommended them for acceptance by the membership. Both him and Roger propose the membership to exonerate the Executive Committee.</p>   |
| 10. | <b>Votes:</b><br><b>- Exoneration of Executive Committee</b><br><br><b>- Membership fee</b> | <p>Roger proposed to exonerate the work of the Executive Committee for the year 2023. Wolfgang seconded this proposal and the membership granted its approval for the work of the executive committee. The EC has herewith been exonerated. (VOTE 3: for: 41; against: 1; abstentions: 17)</p>   |

|  | <p><b>- Budget 2025</b></p> <p><b>(VOTES 3,4,5)</b></p>                | <p>The membership approved of retaining the current fees (regular fee € 80 and reduced fee € 35) for 2025. (VOTE 4: for: 46; against: 2; abstentions: 11)</p> <p>The membership approved the budget for 2025. (VOTE 5: for: 49; against: 0; abstentions: 11)</p>  |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |
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| 11.  | <b>Confirmation of Auditors for 2024 (WAHL 6)</b>                      | Silvia thanked the auditors for their work and the membership approved of the continuation of Wolfgang Kaufmann and Roger Alison as auditors. (VOTE 6: for: 49; against: 0; abstentions: 11)  |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |
| 12.  | <b>Results of Electronic Elections to the ESTP Executive Committee</b> | <p>Rupert Kellner presented the results of the electronic election of Executive Committee members, which took place from 18<sup>th</sup> of July until 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024. 117 ESTP members had submitted their vote which is the highest number of participation since the election has been held electronically.</p> <p>The following nominees were elected or confirmed by re-election (in brackets: votes for/against/abstention):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Position</th><th>Name</th><th>Votes (for/against/abstention)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Designated chairman</td><td>Dr. Neus Prats</td><td>102/2/13</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vice chairman</td><td>Dr. Lars Mecklenburg</td><td>108/1/8</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td><td>Dr. Raffaella Capobianco</td><td>112/0/5</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td><td>Dr. Kuno Würsch</td><td>112/1/4</td></tr> <tr> <td>Congress Councillor</td><td>Dr. Anna-Lena Frisk<br/>Dr Elisabeth Neyens</td><td>98/0/4<br/>15/0/4</td></tr> <tr> <td>Councillor for Digital Pathology</td><td>Dr. Lise Bertrand</td><td>111/2/4</td></tr> <tr> <td>Councillor to represent University Teachers</td><td>Dr. Ingo Gerhauser</td><td>97/2/18</td></tr> <tr> <td>Councillor for the Early Career Pathologists</td><td>Dr. Laura Polledo</td><td>106/1/10</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Position | Name | Votes (for/against/abstention) | Designated chairman | Dr. Neus Prats | 102/2/13 | Vice chairman | Dr. Lars Mecklenburg | 108/1/8 | Secretary | Dr. Raffaella Capobianco | 112/0/5 | Treasurer | Dr. Kuno Würsch | 112/1/4 | Congress Councillor | Dr. Anna-Lena Frisk<br>Dr Elisabeth Neyens | 98/0/4<br>15/0/4 | Councillor for Digital Pathology | Dr. Lise Bertrand | 111/2/4 | Councillor to represent University Teachers | Dr. Ingo Gerhauser | 97/2/18 | Councillor for the Early Career Pathologists | Dr. Laura Polledo | 106/1/10 |
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| Designated chairman                          | Dr. Neus Prats   | 102/2/13  |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |
| Vice chairman                                | Dr. Lars Mecklenburg   | 108/1/8   |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |
| Secretary                                    | Dr. Raffaella Capobianco   | 112/0/5   |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |
| Treasurer                                    | Dr. Kuno Würsch  | 112/1/4   |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |
| Congress Councillor                          | Dr. Anna-Lena Frisk<br>Dr Elisabeth Neyens                             | 98/0/4<br>15/0/4  |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |
| Councillor for Digital Pathology             | Dr. Lise Bertrand  | 111/2/4   |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |
| Councillor to represent University Teachers  | Dr. Ingo Gerhauser   | 97/2/18   |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |
| Councillor for the Early Career Pathologists | Dr. Laura Polledo  | 106/1/10  |          |      |                                |                     |                |          |               |                      |         |           |                          |         |           |                 |         |                     |  |                  |                                  |                   |         |   |                    |         |  |                   |          |

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| Councillor for Classic Examples         | Dr. Thomas Nolte   | 111/0/6   |   |                    |         |                                 |                  |         |                             |              |         |
| Councillor for Nomenclature             | Dr. Ute Bach   | 111/0/6   |   |                    |         |                                 |                  |         |                             |              |         |
| 13.                                     | <b>Presentation and Vote:<br/>Amendments to ESTP Constitution</b><br><br><b>(VOTE 7)</b> | <p>Lars presented the proposed amendments to the ESTP Constitution which had been circulated in two documents to the members prior to this AGA with the invitation. The documents were comprised of a summary of the proposed changes with the justification and a bilingual version of the constitution with the specific wording highlighted. The final goal of the changes to the paragraphs 5,7,9 were to reduce the administrative burden of the society. These changes and the addition of paragraph 13 had been discussed extensively in the Executive Committee (EC) and an external lawyer had been consulted.</p> <p>Lars gave the membership an overview of the reasons for the proposed changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- §5: The duties and rights of honorary members were defined.</li> <li>- §7: The power of representation for court registration was simplified, thus an individual can act in representation of the EC.</li> <li>- §7: The EC has the authority to define the roles of the councillors. However, the number of councillors remains the same.</li> <li>- §7: The voting rights for observers has never been needed so far.</li> <li>- §7: The nomination process for EC membership had previously not been defined and can now be made until two weeks prior to the election.</li> <li>- §7: The decision process of the EC was not defined previously and now explicitly states that resolutions are made in any meeting style, including virtual meetings or in writing by circulation.</li> <li>- §9: The administration of the AGA invitation was made more flexible: The invitation can be sent one month prior to the AGA by any EC member.</li> </ul> |   |                    |         |                                 |                  |         |                             |              |         |

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|     |  | <p>- §13: The constitution was extended by a paragraph which protects minorities and promotes diversity</p> <p>The assembly voted by majority vote for the proposed amendments to the ESTP constitution. (VOTE 7: for: 48; against: 4; abstentions: 8)</p>   |
| 14. | <b>Report of SOC for the 4<sup>th</sup> Cutting Edge Pathology meeting</b>         | <p>As co-chair of the SOC 2024 Sameh Youssef presented the work of the SOC of the Cutting-Edge Pathology Congress held in San Lorenzo de El Escorial from the 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.</p> <p>A digital proceedings book was compiled including all the lectures, information about the speakers and all details about the conference.</p> <p>He presented the scientific program, which focused on Neuropathology for the ESTP. The congress started with the IATP Symposium including 4 lectures. The first day opened with a session on NeuroMethods (7 lectures) followed by day two on CNS Evaluation (1<sup>st</sup> joint lecture, 7 lectures and 1 Case Presentation). The third day was divided into a morning session on Neurodegenerative Diseases (2<sup>nd</sup> joint lectures, 5 lectures, panel discussion) and an afternoon session on Developmental Neuropathology (5 lectures). The last day focused on Recent Neuroconcepts and consisted of 5 lectures and 3 case presentations. In total 32 ESTP posters were presented and 4 sponsored presentations were held.</p> <p>The feedback was generally positive. However, the limited space in the poster area was criticized and classical lectures on toxicologic pathology were missed.</p> <p>The total number of participants were 498 from 43 countries and 241 were members from one of the three organizing societies. The ESTP received 38 abstract submissions of which two were rejected and four were withdrawn.</p> <p>The preliminary expenses were estimated at € 333.575. The main costs consist of the location, organization of the congress, social program and speaker support. The estimated income is € 380.981 from registration and sponsorship.</p> <p>A special thank you was stated to all the sponsors for their support.</p> |
| 15. | <b>Report of the ESTP Committee for Regulatory and Scientific Standards (CRSS)</b> | <p>The chair of the CRSS, Annette Romeike, updated the membership on the ongoing activities and changes within the committee.</p> <p>Since 2023 Ingrid Sjögren and Pierluigi Fant joined the committee and the whole group endorsed a new mission and task document, available on the ESTP website, which outlines the three pillars of the committee. Annette thanked the committee members for monitoring regulatory guidelines and forwarding several communications to the membership. They reviewed and counselled several publication</p>  |

|                        |   | <p>projects from ESTP working groups and Points to Consider papers provided by the STP SRPC.</p> <p>Authors of high impact articles or ESTP working groups with publication projects are asked to reach out to the CRSS.</p>  |      |                        |                    |                  |              |             |                   |                    |                |                 |                 |                    |                     |
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| 16.                    | <b>New Members</b>  | <p>Raffaella Capobianco presented the new members. All of them were approved as members by the Executive Committee as they fulfil constitutional criteria.</p> <p>The new members are:</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Name</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Malgorzata Ciurkiewicz</td></tr><tr><td>Julia Vienenkötter</td></tr><tr><td>Ingeborg Langohr</td></tr><tr><td>Cecilia Gola</td></tr><tr><td>Silvia Poch</td></tr><tr><td>Elfi Schlohsaczyk</td></tr><tr><td>Melissa Czajkowski</td></tr><tr><td>Olivia Richard</td></tr><tr><td>Shelley Patrick</td></tr><tr><td>Ann Marie Molck</td></tr><tr><td>Filippo Torrigiani</td></tr><tr><td>Tais Meziara Wilson</td></tr></tbody></table> | Name | Malgorzata Ciurkiewicz | Julia Vienenkötter | Ingeborg Langohr | Cecilia Gola | Silvia Poch | Elfi Schlohsaczyk | Melissa Czajkowski | Olivia Richard | Shelley Patrick | Ann Marie Molck | Filippo Torrigiani | Tais Meziara Wilson |
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| Melissa Czajkowski     |   |   |      |                        |                    |                  |              |             |                   |                    |                |                 |                 |                    |                     |
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| 17.                    | <b>Proposal and Ratification of Representatives for Sister Societies/ Other Bodies</b><br><br><b>(VOTE 8 and 9)</b> | <p>Prior to the AGA, the Secretary had asked sister societies to nominate their representatives within ESTP. The following representatives had been nominated by the societies:</p> <p>French Society: Céline Thuilliez</p> <p>Dutch Society: Eveline de Rijk</p> <p>Hungarian Society: György Selenyi</p> <p>British Society: Zuhail Dincer</p> <p>The assembly approved the above-mentioned societies as sister societies of the ESTP with their respective representatives. (VOTE 8 and 9: for: 52; against: 0; abstentions: 8)</p>  |      |                        |                    |                  |              |             |                   |                    |                |                 |                 |                    |                     |
| 18.                    | <b>ESTP International Expert Workshops</b>  | <p>- Update on 11th Workshop “Pathologic effects in the female reproductive system: determinants of adversity for findings in nonclinical toxicity studies and considerations for integrated risk assessment.”</p> <p>Ute informed the membership that this workshop will take place as a full day workshops on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 after the ESTP/BSTP congress. The range of experts is large: Toxicopathologists, Human Pathologists, Clinical pathologists, DART experts/Toxicologists and</p>   |      |                        |                    |                  |              |             |                   |                    |                |                 |                 |                    |                     |

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|     |  | <p>Regulators.</p> <p>The main topics are to show up examples of pathologic changes in the female reproductive system and to define related adversity considerations with the goal to include a definition of pathologic findings which are decisive for adversity determination. The group also aims to make a proposal of a structured approach for consistent adversity assessment of female reproductive findings while considering relevant differences between pharma and agrochemical. In addition, recommendations for inclusion of reproductive endpoints in general toxicity studies and for reproductive risk assessment will be made.</p>   |
| 19. | <b>Report of SOC 2025 and Presentation of 2025 joint meeting with BSTP in Manchester, UK</b> | <p>Ute presented the second joint meeting the ESTP will hold with the BSTP in Manchester from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> on the topic “Carcinogenicity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – Challenges of new methodologies, strategies and their impact on pathologists”.</p> <p>The main topics will be: methodology / Best Practice, Alternative Models, Carcinogenicity Assessment of New Modalities, Data Interpretation, Carcinogenicity Risk Assessment and Poster and Case Presentations will also be held. An IATP Symposium and ESTP expert workshop will be held in the same week. The Scientific Organizing Committee, which is chaired by Jon Carter and Zuhair Dincer (BSTP) and Ute Bach and Thomas Nolte (ESTP), is composed of 20 colleagues representing both societies. It meets once per month where the subgroups report back on their progress.</p> |
| 20. | <b>Any other Business / Adjourn</b>  | <p>Vanessa presented the members of the Executive Committee for the term 2024-2026 to the membership. She thanked the members who were willing to continue in their roles and welcomed those newly joined. A special thank you went to those leaving the Executive Committee and Silvia Guionaud, who is passing to the role of past president, for her incredible commitment. She thanked the membership for joining the Annual General Assembly and invited all to actively contribute to the society and engage in one of the working groups and committees.</p>   |