

**Title: [SVEPM mailing] - CALL FOR ABSTRACTS and other information regarding upcoming annual meetings**

#### **Attachments**

- **President's invitation to attend the 2025 SVEPM conference**
- **Call for abstracts for the 2025 conference**
- **AGM 2024 minutes**
- **Workshops proposal form**
- **Conference proposal form**
- **Membership payment forms (credit card and standing order)**

#### **May SVEPM report:**

##### **1. SVEPM Conference 2024**

Thank you very much to all who joined and participated in the SVEPM 2024 conference held in Uppsala between 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>th</sup> of March. We had 20 presentations in addition to the opening plenary lecture and closing Gareth Davies lecture. It was attended by over 203 delegates who enjoyed an excellent conference.

##### **2. Minutes of the 2024 SVEPM Annual General Meeting**

Please find attached a copy of the minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Society, which was held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

##### **3. SVEPM 2025 Conference – Berlin, Germany**

The planning for the next SVEPM conference is well underway, and an invitation from our President Timothée Vergne to attend this conference is attached. The conference will be held in **Berlin, Germany** between **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Further details are available on the Society's website at: <https://www.svepm.org.uk>. In the meantime, we would like to invite expressions of interest from members who would be willing to run **pre-conference workshops** at the Berlin conference. Please complete the attached workshop proposal form and return to the Honorary Secretary before **31<sup>st</sup> August 2024** at [secretary@svepm.org.uk](mailto:secretary@svepm.org.uk). If you do not wish to run a workshop, but have an idea for a topic, please also contact me with your suggested topic, and we may be able to find someone willing to run a workshop on that theme. Workshops will be selected based on their relevance to the practice of epidemiology and on the clarity of the submitted proposal: content, skills to be acquired as well as the nature of, and time allocated for hands-on activities. Priority will also be given to workshops that have not recently been conducted at SVEPM as well as to those that can accommodate at least 25 attendees.

We would encourage you to advertise the SVEPM conference bursaries within your networks for next year's conference in Berlin. The bursary application form will be sent out later in the year.

##### **4. Call for abstracts for SVEPM Conference 2025**

Enclosed in this mailing is a call for **abstracts for papers to be presented** at the 2025 conference. The call includes full details of how you can submit an appropriate abstract before the deadline of Tuesday **31 August 2024**. On behalf of the Committee, I would again encourage you to submit abstracts for presentation, as these are what makes the SVEPM conference such an enjoyable scientific experience, and we are confident that the tradition of high-quality presentations will be maintained. Abstracts on all relevant topics are very welcome and the process of selection is based on merit, not topic. Nevertheless, several topics have been suggested to the Committee by members, and we would particularly welcome abstracts on **companion animal epidemiology, aquatic epidemiology, One Health, animal health economics, field epidemiology and socio-economic methods applied to animal health**.

##### **5. Location of future conferences**

The 2026 conference will be held in London, UK.

At this time, the Committee would like to ask members for expressions of interest in hosting the 2027 conference. The form for potential future conference hosts is attached, and we invite you to complete and return it to the Honorary Secretary at: [secretary@svepm.org.uk](mailto:secretary@svepm.org.uk) by **August 31<sup>st</sup> of 2024**.

## 6. Payment of membership fees and update of contact details – a note from the treasurer

Many thanks to all of you who have paid your SVEPM membership – this was due 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024. Please note that **annual membership is £30 (35€)**.

The membership fees have been registered up to April 2024. Please check the website for your payment status. An invoice for the membership fee can be downloaded there. Due fees are preferably paid by bank transfer.

For those that have paid by standing order – many thanks. **If you have an old standing order of £20 please could you update this? You can do this directly with your bank. –**

Payment methods

1. Bank transfer –

**UK Account**, £30 per year.

SVEPM, Clydesdale Bank Ltd, 83 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3ES

Account Number 50505797 with Bank Sorting Code 82-62-34.

IBAN GB48CLYD826234 50505797

**Eurozone account**, 35€ per year.

KBC Bank, Havenlaan 2, 1080 Brussels, Belgium

Account holder: SVEPM

Account number (IBAN): BE34 7350 4223 4390

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2. Credit card payment - £30 per year. Login to your profile and choose to pay by credit card option.

If your contact details have changed, or will be changing, please change these on the website. If you cannot login, please send an email to the Honorary Treasurer Egil Fischer at [treasurer@svepm.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@svepm.org.uk) to ensure you continue to receive regular updates about the Society's activities.

## 7. Data protection and privacy

The Society takes very seriously its responsibility to hold members' data securely and use them only to fulfil our functions as a Society. Members' data are held securely by the treasurer and the secretary of the Society on their respective university servers, and they are used to contact the membership and process membership payments. Financial data are not held apart from whether you have paid membership fees. Credit card payment forms are destroyed after the payment is processed. Your membership data will not be released to outside organisations.

## 8. SVEPM on LinkedIn

I wish to draw your attention to the SVEPM discussion group on LinkedIn, where members can share interesting announcements and information related to veterinary epidemiology and preventive medicine. I invite you to join the group if you have not done so already.

The SVEPM committee offers their best wishes to you all, and we very much look forward to seeing you in Germany next year.

Kind regards

Carla Gomes

SVEPM Honorary Secretary

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