



SOCIETY FOR VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

SVEPM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 42 MINUTES

Date: Thursday 23 March 2023
Time: 11:35 – 13:00 (GMT)
Location: Toulouse

1. Apologies for absence

Marnie Brennan; Dominic Mellor; Laura Green.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting No. 41 held in Belfast on Thursday 24 March 2022

Circulated to the membership on June 3rd, 2022, and available in the members' area of the website. Acceptance proposed by Maarten Weber and seconded by Marie McIntyre.

3. Matters arising (not otherwise on the agenda)

The President (Philip Robinson) introduced the current work building a new website, with planned delivery by April 2023, ensuring that it will be available for abstract submission this year.

New Website

• SYMBSO – Portuguese company

- To Rebuild the SVEPM's Website using the most recent technology stack
- To Redesign the current User Interface based on the best practices
- To Improve User Experience
- To Deliver a Frontend content management new feature, via [Wordpress](#) CMS
- To Develop a new internal Area
- Payment Recording and Tracking
- To Provide Technical and Functional Support
- To Guarantee Data Security and Safety

The Honorary Treasurer (Egil Fischer) reviewed the budget for the website, which will require an investment of 9100 euros, but will reduce current maintenance costs to 400 euros yearly (plus 153 euros for hosting).

Advantages of the new website include a new internal area for members, with the facility of paying membership online.

4. President's report

The President reported a society in good health, with very good attendance last year in Belfast (185) and record attendance this year with 239 registrations (including 9 online). We had 31 countries represented from 5 continents (we are just missing South America). UK: 62, France: 54, The Netherlands: 21, Ireland: 12, Denmark: 12. Of note, we have representatives from countries such as South Africa, Vietnam, Cameroon, Australia, Israel, China, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Thailand, Cuba and

Nepal. The President commented that the low number of registrations online shows the value of the in person interaction.

The President also reported that we received 82 abstracts, from which 20 presentations were selected. There were 99 posters, including 23 poster pitches. The posters will be made available on the website. Prizes for posters are supported by the Society.

The President thanked the two invited speakers, Marius Gilbert and Francois Roger. He further thanked the workshop organizers, the local organizers, delegates and committee members.

The best oral presentation prize will be as usual sponsored by SRUC, and the President thanked them for their support, as well as the support of all other sponsors.

The President also reported that the society received 11 applications for bursary awards. The committee scored all applications, and the 3 traditional bursaries were awarded to Natalia Cira Artiga (Spain), Iryna Makovska (Ukraine) and Gabija Džiaugienė (Lithuania). The first George Gettinby bursary was awarded to Damarys de las Nieves Montano Valle, coming from Cuba.

The President's report's acceptance was proposed by Fraser Menzies, and seconded by Arvo Viltrop.

5. Secretary's report

The Honorary Secretary (Fernanda Dórea) presented a report of the regular yearly activities, which included the ordinary regular correspondence to the membership, conferences, job announcements. Members who do not want to receive such announcements are welcome to contact secretary@svepm.org.uk

SVEPM LinkedIn group: 3,081 members @05/03/2023

Twitter: 728 followers @ 05/03/2023. The secretary reminded members to tag us if they'd like to be retweeted.

The secretary also urged members to keep their information up-to-date in the internal area of the website.

The secretary's report's acceptance was proposed by Koen Mintiens and seconded by Lis Alban.

6. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report presented is pasted below.

SVEPM Treasurer's Report

Membership

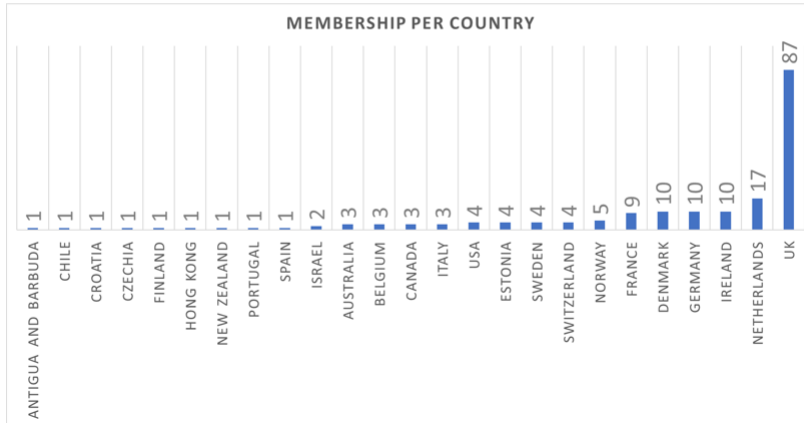
- Up– some outstanding payments / old standing orders
- Current - 218 members (15 life members)
- Previous – 2022: 154, 2021: 176, 2020: 195, 2019: 232

Conferences –

- Belfast accounts not yet audited – expected profit £3,377
- Toulouse 2021 - Profit € 9,457.05, £7,994.13
- 2021 -22 Accounts approved by email

Membership summary 2023

- 27 countries represented, 5 continents. 203 paid up members



Accounts Summary

• Reserves –

- November 2022 £70,250.29
- November 2021 £79,043.00
- November 2020 £55,581.19

• Bank account summary November 2022

- KBC Business (£1 = € 1.143) £31,144.76
- Clydesdale Cash flow £15,572.57
- Santander Bus Reward Saver £10,589.99
- Nationwide Business Saver £12,942.97
- TOTAL £70,250.29**

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Final Income and Expenditure Statement from 17 November 2021 to 16 November 2022

	2021/2022	Sub-totals (2021-2022)	2020/2021	Sub-totals (2020-2021)	EXPENDITURE	2021/2022	Sub-totals	2020/2021	Sub-totals
INCOME									
Membership subscriptions		£4,335.00		£3,485.00	Proceedings printing (post (EU))*	€ 0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
Membership subscriptions (EU) *	£1 = € 1.143	€ 1,425.00	€1,246.61	€5,581.61	Proceedings printing/postage		€42.00	€0.00	€190.95
Proceedings sales		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	Committee (EU) *	€ 601.83	€526.49	€568.49	€0.00
Proceedings sales (EU) *	£1 = € 1.143	€ 115.85	€101.35	€101.35	Bank charges		€128.90	€117.10	€190.95
Other (SRUC Prize, Gettinby scholarship)		€1,800.00	€1,800.00	€1,800.00	Bank charges (EU) *	€ 39.13	€34.23	€163.13	€41.93
Other EU (Sponsorship Hills Toulouse)*	£1 = € 1.143	€ 2,000.00	€1,749.63	€1,749.63	Credit card charges		€52.38	€29.33	€29.33
TOUTLOUSE 2021 balance**		€0.00	€0.00	€7,994.13	Website (EU) *	€ 1,749.30	€1,530.31	€1,435.67	€1,435.67
Westport deposit return**		€0.00	€0.00	€16,906.17	Westport DFAM sponsorship return	€ 0.00	€0.00	€4,226.54	€4,226.54
Exchange rate fluctuation KBC		€1,016.50	€1,016.50	€1,016.50	Belfist deposit		€17,131.80	€0.00	€0.00
(change in value of €34450.99 at end (£1 = €1.1431)* to start (£1 = €1.1830)** exchange rate)				€-510.75	Other (SRUC Prize, paid out)		€0.00	€200.00	€200.00
Clydesdale Deposit interest		€0.06	€0.00	€0.00					
Santander Bus Reward Saver interest		€1.02	€19.80	€19.80					
Other***		€348.57	€348.57	€348.57					
Nationwide Saver Account interest		€54.68	€54.68	€54.68					
TOTAL INCOME		€10,653.41	€29,703.33	€29,703.33	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		€19,446.11	€6,241.52	€6,241.52
					NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR		-€8,792.70	€23,461.81	€23,461.81
BANK BALANCES									
Bank balance 17/11/21 KBC Business Pro **	£1 = € 1.183	€30,121.72	€ 34,450.99	€8,681.37					
Bank balance 17/11/21 Clydesdale Cash flow		€26,659.40	€23,711.78	€23,711.78	SIGNED				
Bank balance 17/11/21 Clydesdale Deposit		€133.19	€133.19	€133.19					
Bank balance 17/11/21 Santander Bus Reward Saver		€10,240.40	€10,220.60	€10,220.60	E.A.J. Fischer (Honorary Treasurer)				
Bank balance 17/11/21 Nationwide Business Saver		€12,888.29	€12,884.25	€12,884.25	K. Howe (Honorary Auditor)				
TOTAL		€79,043.00	€55,581.19	€55,581.19	K. Verbeyen (Honorary Auditor)				
BALANCE SHEET									
Opening balance		€79,043.00	€55,581.19	€55,581.19					
Surplus for year		€-8,792.70	€23,461.81	€23,461.81					
Closing balance		€70,250.29	€79,043.00	€79,043.00					
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Westport DFAM sponsorship return	€ 0.00	£0.00			£4,226.54	
Belfast deposit			£17,131.80		£0.00	
Other (SRUC Prize, paid out)			£0.00		£200.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			£19,446.11		£6,241.52	
NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR			-£8,792.70		£23,461.81	

SVEPM Income and expenditure summary over the last five year accounting period

	Rolling average 2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/2022
INCOME					
Membership subscriptions	£5,608.55	£6,854.18	£6,717.40	£ 5,171.39	£ 5,581.61
Proceedings sales	£127.76	£36.21	£87.17	£ 68.55	£ 101.35
Conference	£15,216.81	£6,651.44	£6,767.56	£ 7,994.13	£ -
Other	(Invern /Tallinn)	(Utrecht)	(Westport)	£16,469.26 Toulouse	£ 4,621.88 Belfast
TOTAL INCOME	£21,322.54	£17,092.34	£15,429.07	£29,703.33	£ 10,304.84
EXPENDITURE					
Proceedings printing and postage	£180.30	£286.97	£144.16	£ -	£ -
Committee	£3,049.73	£4,489.24	£250.14	£ 190.95	£ 568.49
Website	£1,603.28	£1,474.49	£1,383.33	£ 1,435.67	£ 1,530.31
Other		(westport deposit and £4,859.09other)		£ 4,614.90	£ 17,347.31
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 4,980.70	£11,290.36	£7,392.77	£ 6,241.52	£ 19,446.11
NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR	£ 16,341.84	£5,801.98	8,036.30	£23,461.81	-£ 9,141.27

The Honorary Treasurer thanked the auditors Keith Howe and Kristien Verheyen, with special thanks for Keith Howe who is retiring from his position as auditor.

Acceptance of the treasurer's report was proposed by Christine Fourichon and seconded by Liza Rosenbaum Nielsen.

7. Election of auditors

Kristien Verheyen had kindly accepted to continue as auditor, and the continuation of her role was proposed by Hans-Hermann Thulke and seconded by Stuart Reid.

Gerdien van Schaik kindly volunteered to take the second auditor role, which was proposed by Lis Alban and seconded by Koen Mintiens.

8. Election of officers and committee members

The President proposed the following (automatic) changes to executive committee membership:

- Philip Robinson to Senior Vice-President
- David Brodbelt to President

The committee suggestion of electing Timothée Vergne as Junior Vice-President (JVP) was proposed by Christine Fourichon, and seconded by Liza Rosenbaum Nielsen.

Fernanda Dórea's continuation as Honorary Secretary was proposed by Marie McIntyre and seconded by Clazien de Vos.

Egil Fischer's continuation as Honorary Treasurer was proposed by Fraser Menzies and seconded by Hans-Hermann Thulke.

With the retiring of the Senior Vice-President Gerdien van Schaik, one ordinary member position is vacant. The committee received only one nomination for Katja Schulz, proposed by Jana Schulz and seconded by Fernanda Dórea. Katja said a few words about herself, and her acceptance into the committee was accepted by the floor, proposed by Carla Gomes and seconded by Thibaud Porphyre.

9. Production and editing of the proceedings

The proceedings were edited as usual by the Junior Vice President with help from the Senior Vice President. The committee thanked Hans-Hermann Thulke for his help with the book.

For the special issue of Preventive Veterinary Medicine the guest-editor-in-chief Fernanda Dórea reported that the Special Issue SVEPM 2022 reviewed 10 papers, 3 which were rejected, 6 published and one in production. For the Special Issue SVEPM 2023, 13 oral presenters showed interest.

10. Information on future conference venues

The annual meeting 2024 will be organized in Uppsala from 20-22 of March. No committee member had to be co-opted since Fernanda Dórea, who is already in the committee, will lead the local organizer team.

For the 2025 conference, the committee has received, reviewed and accepted a bid from Katja Schultz for a meeting in Berlin.

11. Nomination of life member

The committee was honoured to offer a life membership to Hans-Hermann Thulke. Koen Mintiens provided a brief introduction.

12. Any other business

The committee took a moment to remember the life member Michael Clarkson who passed away in 2022. The president spoke a few words about Michael's contribution to veterinary epidemiology. (Obituary: [Michael John Clarkson - 2022 - Veterinary Record - Wiley Online Library](#))

13. Date and venue of next meeting

Next AGM: 21st of March 2024 in Uppsala, Sweden