



SOCIETY FOR VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

SVEPM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 43 MINUTES

Date: Thursday 21 March 2024
Time: 11:35 – 13:00 (GMT)
Location: Uppsala

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received by the Honorary Secretary: Marnie Brennan, Koen Mintiens, Fraser Menzies

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting No. 42 held in Toulouse on Thursday 23 March 2023

No amendments proposed. Acceptance proposed by Gerdien van Schaik and seconded by Susanna Susanna Sternberg Lewerin.

3. Matters arising (not otherwise on the agenda)

None.

4. President's report

The President reported that we have a Society which is in very good health, with record attendance at our conference last year in Toulouse of 239 attendees, and this year, with 203 delegates here in Uppsala.

Size of conference: 182 paying attendants, 203 registrations total. This year we decided not to offer the option of online attendance.

26 countries represented from 6 continents (missing Asia); UK (37), Sweden (34), Denmark (20), followed by the NL (19), Ireland (12) and France (10). Of note, we have representative(s) from Ecuador, Kenya, Nigeria, Qatar, South Africa, Turkey, Canada, United States, Congo Brazzaville, Israel.

66 abstracts submitted for 20 presentations plus the two invited speakers. 94 posters, including 25 poster pitches.

The president thanked the plenary speakers, Thomas Schön and Lis Alban; the organizers of the 6 workshops; the local organizers, SVA, SLU, and the PCO (Akademi Konferens); the sponsors, delegates and committee members.

The posters will also be made available on the website. Prizes for posters were supported by the Society as well as the Best Junior Oral Presentation prize (sponsored by SRUC) – we thank these sponsors for their support.

Bursaries covering registration fees for the conference this year: three traditional awards (Sebastián Moya, Mehmet Murat Dogusan, Lidiia Moskalenko). Sebastian had an oral presentation and all others awardees presented a poster.

We also awarded the bursary in memory of the late George Gettinby, targeted at young scientists from LMIC. This year it was awarded to Naomi Peter, from Kenya, who also presented a poster.

Members are encouraged to keep their information updated via the website and check their payment status.

Proceedings – suggestion in the previous year to make them open after 2.5 years i.e. Autumn 2026 for this year's conference.

The president's report acceptance was proposed by Ann Lindberg and seconded by Inge Santmans-Berend.

5. Secretary's report

The Honorary Secretary reported the regular tasks of regular correspondence with the membership, circulating announcements of conferences, job announcements. Members who do not want to receive such announcements are welcome to contact the Honorary Secretary and will then be excluded from such emails.

SVEPM LinkedIn group: 3,108 members @06/03/2024

Twitter – 828 followers @06/03/2024. The Honorary Secretary asked hat members remember to tag us if they'd like us to retweet.

A limited number of bouncing email addresses – members are invited to log into the Society webpage where you can check and update information about yourself, including contact information. If this does not work, members should contact the Honorary Treasurer Egil Fischer or the Secretary with any updates.

The Honorary Secretary's report acceptance was proposed by Lis Alban and Marcus Doherr.

6. Treasurer's report

The Honorary Treasurer reported on the number of members – 306 including some expired payments, and 19 life members.

He also presented a report of the accounts, which had been circulate dot the membership prior to the meeting.

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Proceedings sales		£0.00		£0.00			Bank charges	£118.30			£128.90		
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Other (SRUC Prize, Gettinby scholarship, money received)		£1,200.00		£1,800.00		£101.35	Credit card charges	£44.53			£52.38		
Other EU (Sponsorship Hills Toulouse)*				£1,749.63	€ 2,000.00		Website (EU) *	£8,429.07	€ 9,631.06		£1,530.31	€ 1,749.30	
Belfast 2022 Conference balance		£-262.56					Belfast deposit	£0.00			£17,131.80		
Belfast 2022 Conference deposit return		£17,131.80					Other	£300.00			£0.00		
Toulouse 2023 Conference balance		£0.00					Other (EU)	£2,228.30	€ 2,546.06	£2,528.30	-		
Exchange rate fluctuation KBC		£13.63		£1,016.50			Correction error Santander account	£348.57			-		
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Santander Bus Reward Saver interest		£11.29				£1.02							
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Nationwide Bus Saver interest		£217.16				£54.68							
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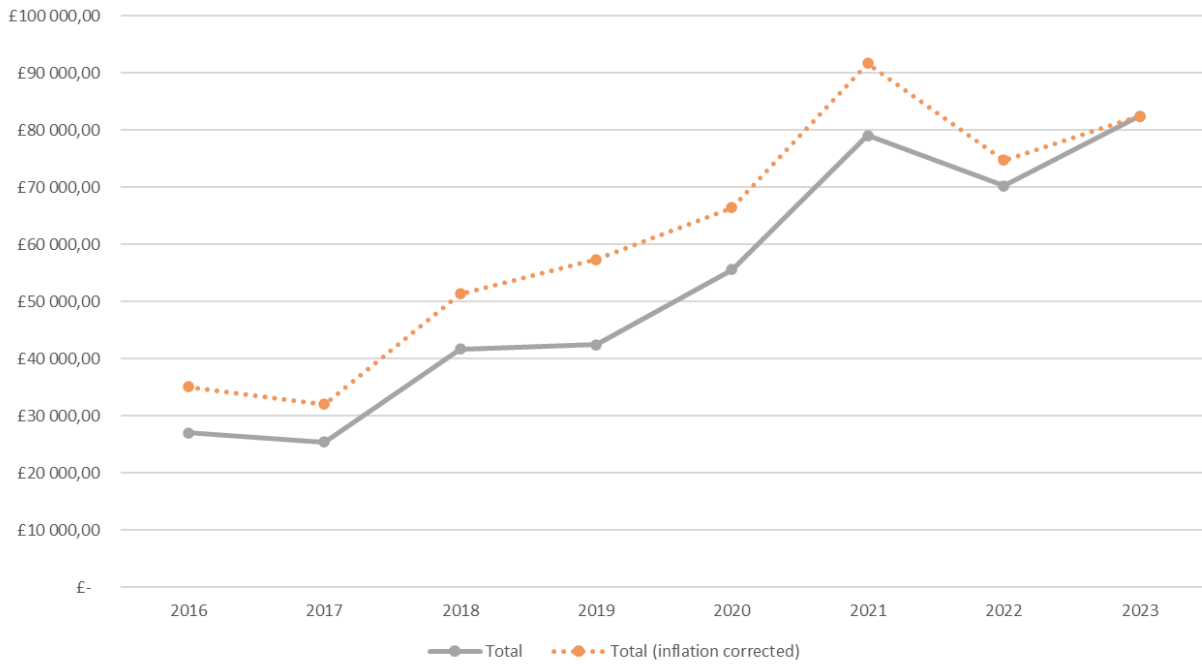
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The Honorary Treasurer thanked the auditors, Gardien van Schaik and Kristien Verheyen.

Question from the floor:

- Will this increase in balance have any implications for taxing considering that we should be a non-profit organization – the Honorary Treasurer reported that we are not at a number to worry about that yet.
- The floor asked whether the committee has considered what is our policy for accumulation of funds. The president reported that the issue has been discussed in the committee and,

following the COVID pandemic, we feel that we must always have enough to cover the costs of one entire conference, should it be cancelled last minute. Moreover, the current organization of the next conference (Berlin and London) has shown that conference planning costs are increasing, and more often venues are requesting deposits up front. The committee feels that we may need to commit to deposits up to two conferences ahead, which is estimated to require about 20 000 pounds per conference.

The committee has committed to discussing and documenting in the handbook an explicit policy for handling profits and avoid unnecessary accumulation of funds.

The report acceptance was proposed by Lis Alban and seconded by Matt Denwood.

7. Election of auditors

The committee proposed two auditors who have agreed to be nominated:

- Fraser Menzies – acceptance proposed by Maarten Weber and seconded by Ann Lindberg.
- Kristien Verheyen – acceptance proposed by Hans-Herman Thulke and seconded by Gerdien van Schaik.

8. Election of officers and committee members

The following automatic changes will happen at the end of the conference:

- David Brodbelt will become Senior Vice-President
- Timothee Vergne will become President
- Philip Robinson retires from the post of Senior Vice-President, opening one committee position.

The following changes are proposed by the committee:

- Fernanda Dórea is proposed as new Junior Vice-President
- Egil Fischer is proposed to continue as Honorary Treasurer
- Carla Gomes is proposed as new Honorary Secretary, noting that her 3 years service to the committee finished this year, and acceptance by the floor must be noted as resulting in Carla staying in the committee automatically to serve in this new post.

Fernanda Dórea's acceptance as JVP was proposed by Lis Alban and seconded by Gerdien van Schaik.

Egil Fischer's acceptance as Honorary Treasurer was proposed by Liza Rosenbaum-Nielsen and seconded by Gerdien van Schaik.

Carla Gomes' acceptance as Honorary Secretary was proposed by Thibaud Porphyre and seconded by Markus Doherr.

With Carla being elected as Honorary Secretary, her position in the committee remains. This meant that only one seat is opened in the committee, following the retirement of the SVP. Two nominations were received: Ane Nødtvedt, proposed by Fernanda Dórea and seconded by Jenny Frössling; and Jonas Brock, proposed by Simon More and seconded by Hans-Herman Thulke. Both got a chance to introduce themselves to the membership and say a few words about why they would like to take part in the committee.

Two committee members volunteered as tellers, Inge Santmans-Berend and Arvo Viltrop. Ballots for voting were distributed. Later during the meeting the votes were tallied and Ane Nødtvedt was welcomed as a new member of the committee.

9. Production and editing of the proceedings

The President commented on the timeliness of the production and editing of proceedings, thanks to the JVP (Timothee Vergne) and SVP (Philip Robinson). The President thanked the current keeper of antiquities (Marnie Brennan).

The special issue papers (10 of 13 submitted in total) all had final decisions. The editorial is published.

The President thanked Hans-Herman Thulke for finalizing the printing process with Amazon.

This year's PVM special issue: 8 papers currently under review.

The President thanked authors, reviewers, and editors especially Luís Pedro Carmo, Carla Gomes, Locksley Messam, Katja Schulz and Egil Fischer as guest editors and Fernanda Dórea as guest Editor-in-Chief. He also encouraged members to engage as reviewers and encouraged submissions.

10. Information on future conference venues

The next conference will take place in Berlin; local organisers are Katja Schulz and Jana Schulz. The conference will take place on 26-28 March 2024.

The 2026 annual meeting will be organized in London by Dave Brodbelt, Lucy Brunton and team from the RVC and in collaboration with APHA.

The President encouraged members to consider hosting in the future. We are due going back to south Europe.

11. Nomination of life member

Lis Alban was awarded a life membership, and Liza Rosenbaum-Nielsen came to the stage to say a few words in her honour.

12. Any other business

The President noted the passing of Jim Breen, Gareth Davies and Theresa Bernardo.

13. Date and venue of next meeting

Next AGM: 27th of March 2025 in Berlin, Germany