



SOCIETY FOR VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

2026 PRE-CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES(No. 126)

Date: Tuesday 24 March 2026
Time: 13.00 – 18.00
Location: RVC Camden campus in the Council Room, The Royal Veterinary College
Royal College Street, London, NW1 0TU, United Kingdom

1. Apologies for absence

All attended.

2. Minutes of previous meetings:

2.1. Meeting 125 – Fall meeting, 22nd September 2025 Online

Approved

3. Matters arising from previous meetings:

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	Status
All	AP2: Best oral prize scoring grid to be discussed at pre-conference meeting	March 2026	Completed (short version to be used)
LOC	AP4: LOC to look at the potential for recording the Gareth Davies lecture for the SVEPM youtube channel	December 2025	It will be recorded.
All	AP5: Discuss the scoring system and what kind of studies are in or out of the scope at the pre-conference meeting - all	March 2026	AOB
AN, TV	AP6: Template and guidelines for the scoring system to be updated – AN &TV	March 2026	AOB
FD	AP7: FD to alert the conference attendees that if you present one year you will not be considered for presenting in the following year	March 2026	To be completed at the conference
LT, EF	AP22: LT to have a short meeting with EF when the venue is agreed to look at the budget.	January 2026	Venue has been decided
EF, LC, IC	AP25: EF and LC to make the website guidelines document as a live document for one year and then finalise it after input from IC and the new treasurer.	December 2025	Create one drive account with all the documents

In relation to presenting the summary of the SVEPM history the committee has agreed to replace one of the poster pitches session by a presentation about the history of SVEPM

AP1: JVP (Egil) to factor this in for next year programme

4. The 2026 Conference

4.1. Conference management and organisation

PCO has been good. More support needed for the registration. Healthy situation.

4.2. Payment, registration and sponsorship (incl. discussion on free registrations)

£13000 sponsorship

4.3. Workshops

Uncover the Unknown “ Epidemiological outbreak investigations in the event of an animal disease outbreak	CG
The Future of Veterinary Epidemiology in a Changing World	EF
Maximizing research impact by using business models	AN
Economics of One Health	IC
AI and Data-Driven Epidemiology: Practical Tools for Modeling, Inference, and Early Warning	LC
A crash course in causal inference	Laura
Good practices for implementing and documenting mathematical models	We will ask opinion to one of the people attending

Feedback at the post-conference.

4.4. Poster session, prizes, presentations

Scoring: Needs to be done before Thursday afternoon coffee break. Anne, Inge, Katja and Ilias to score.

Oral: LC, TV and Annette that will score the junior oral presentation. Needs to be done before Thursday afternoon coffee break.

AP2: (CG and LC) To upload all the statutory, certificates, scoring grids and templates in the internal area of the website.

- Discuss the dinner programme and prizes

Prizes and bursaries to be given between tea and coffee after dessert.

4.5. Bursaries

- Bursary winners, regular bursary –Catarina Fernandes, Marta Manuel Mendes, Mattia Begovoeva
- Gettinby bursary winner: Mayra Alejandra Quiroga Robayo

FD to introduce the Gettinby bursary winner to Stuart.

4.6. Proceedings editing

- Edited by LC, checked by TV

Despite our efforts with the guidelines there was a lot of mistakes from the authors. Guidelines need to be updated to be consistent.

AP3: FD to harmonise the guidelines. Put these documents in the shared folder as a live document (CG).

4.7. Website

All fine. Make sure the bursary information is more visible on the website.

4.8. Conference feedback questionnaire

AP4: PCO to send an email to all attendees on Friday afternoon.

4.9. Other conference business

Last part: WABA, ICAHS, SVEPM 2027, LOC, Luis to say some words and close the conference

Sponsorship: should we allow MDPI to be sponsors of future conferences?

AP5: London LOC to share with Torino conference the sponsorship packages for this year.

5. AGM arrangements

5.1. Agenda and SOP (review power point together)

- circulated.

5.2. Nominations for officers and committee members

- Nominations received: Katja Schulz, Jasmeet Kaler, Esben Østergaard Eriksen
- Co-opt (Barcelona: 2028)

5.3. Nomination for life membership

- George Gunn, Ann Lindberg

5.4. Auditors

- Fraser Menzies, Andy Patterson

The committee has gone through the AGM arrangements and have updated the SOP and presentation.

6. Number of ordinary members

(see Treasurer's report)

7. President's report

(see AGM SOP)

8. Secretary's report

(see AGM SOP)

9. Treasurer's report

(see AGM SOP)

10. SVEPM website

A new person is needed to cater for the website and social media. SVEPM in LinkedIn is a close group so it is difficult for people to see the posts. To increase visibility, it needs to be created as a page.

AP6: IC will look at LinkedIn page and see if it is possible to do it without losing the members.

AP7: (Post-conference) to discuss who will cater for the website

11. Developments related to future conferences

Torino 2027: a venue and PCO have been decided. Cost of the venue and workshop rooms (€35000). To discuss with the treasurer the budget (budget for break even with 180 paying delegates). Poster instructions to be only advertised by the website of the LOC.

AP8: Torino LOC to discuss the budget with the new treasurer

11.1. Barcelona 2028

12. Preventive Veterinary Medicine special issue

12.1. 2025 editorial

Not published yet (final paper to be accepted).

12.2. 2026: 7 papers submitted.

12.3 Formalized contract between the SVEPM and PVM: to be discussed by FD with PVM directly

AP9: FD to discuss with PVM publisher

13. Any other business

13.1. *Handbook – finalize reviews and comments.*

FD circulated the review of the handbook. This should be a live document that should be updated every year by the president. We could create a google drive with the handbook, website guidelines and instructions to authors.

AP10: FD and CG to check the google drive and access to it.

13.2 *Bursaries:* Bursaries to be announced earlier at the beginning of September and to be reviewed in October with final decision by end of October.

AP11: CG to update the Handbook about the bursaries' timelines

13.3 *Action points from September meeting: AP5: Discuss the scoring system and what kind of studies are in or out of the scope at the pre-conference meeting and AP6: Template and guidelines for the scoring system to be updated – AN &TV*

AP12: AN is going to look at the wording for the call of abstracts and the scoring instructions and circulate it to all for comment during April.

13.4 2020 posters are still to be named properly

AP13: FD is going to look at this.

14. Date and venue of next meeting

Post-conference, Friday after lunch

Carla Gomes
Honorary Secretary

CIRCULATION

President	Fernanda Dórea (FD)	Committee members	Inge Santman-Berends (ISB)
Senior V-P	Timothée Vergne (TV)		Katja Schulz (KS)
Junior V-P	Luis Pedro Carmo (LC)		Ane Nodtvet (AN)
Honorary Treasurer	Egil Fischer (EF)		Ilias Chantziaras (IC)
Honorary Secretary	Carla Gomes (CG)	Co-opted members	Emma Snary (ES), Lucy Brunton (LC)
			Laura Tomassone (LT), Cristiana Maurella (CM)