



SOCIETY FOR VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

2026 POST-CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (No. 127)

Date: Friday 27 March 2026
Time: 13:00 GMT (or as soon as lunch is cleared)
Location: Senate House, G3 room

1. Apologies for absence

Fernanda Dorea, Ane Nødtvedt

2. New members and changes to the Committee

2.1. Update email distribution list: *Jasmeet Kaler (JK)*

AP1: Carla to include Jasmeet in the WhatsApp group and internal area

3. Matters arising from the 2026 pre-conference Committee Meeting (117)

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

AP2: London LOC to check with Lisa Boden if she is OK for her talk to be public.

AP3: Jasmeet to help Ilias with the website and social media

4. Matters arising from the 2026 Conference

4.1 Conference organisation

It went well. Reminders for next year conference organisers: attendees bags should have delegate and poster lists, programme should mark the speakers eligible for the best oral communication, having extra mics, not having access to the venue on Tuesday has diffculted things in terms of putting the poster boards up, making sure that people are in the room on time. London LOC will put together a post-conference pack for Torino. People were expecting more food on Wednesday (based on the oral feedback). It is preferable for the posters to be located close to the coffee stations. If possible next year to have space for more posters.

4.2 Presented papers

Quality was good. For the next conference at the opening speech to remind attendees that constructive questions are welcomed as long as been posed with empathy.

AP4: Reminder for president opening speech of next year conference.

4.3 Keynote speakers

Balance between the two keynote speakers was good. Take-home message: have more dialogue with the keynote speakers (especially opening keynote, as they are frequently not so much into SVEPM and its format) to have an idea of what they are going to speak about and if they need guidance.

4.4 Quality of abstract submission & selection process

Check Ane proposal but the idea is to rank based on the quality and innovation.

AP5: All to send your feedback in relation to the new scoring grid (to be done in the next 3 weeks)

4.5 Workshop sessions

AI and Data-Driven Epidemiology: Practical Tools for Modeling, Inference, and Early Warning: good but could improve in terms of time planning
The Future of Veterinary Epidemiology in a Changing World: it was an interactive lecture (through woodclap)
Economics of One Health: good interaction but too many things for a workshop
A crash course in causal inference: interesting but there was a lot of discussion
Uncover the Unknown “ Epidemiological outbreak investigations in the event of an animal disease outbreak: excellent workshop
Maximizing research impact by using business models: excellent workshops
Good practices for implementing and documenting mathematical models: to gather feedback on this.

Registration should start earlier to ensure that all workshops start at the same time.

AP6: Inge and Fernanda to gather feedback about the workshops and feedback it to the organisers

4.6 Posters and poster prizes

Good quality and it was very difficult to reach a consensus for the winners.

AP7: London LOC to compile and send all poster pdfs to Ilias so they can be uploaded into the website

4.7 Oral communication prize

Good quality.

4.8 Conference format

Other conferences should be promoted at other occasions during the conference and not at the end of the conference.

Look at the format of the conference for the first session not to be so long.

Make it clear the amount of time nominees for the committee have to present themselves.

AP8: Egil to look at the format of the conference for the first session not to be so long.

AP9: secretary to inform nominees the amount of time they have for presenting themselves

4.9 Early career scientist event

Mixed feedback. What is the main purpose of this event? To make sure that new people to the conference get to know people before the conference starts.

AP10: Change the feedback questionnaire to ask attendees of the event suggestions for the event.

4.10 Feedback questionnaire

To be gathered by Nanda and Inge will help her to analyse the data (see AP6 above).

4.11 Budgeting and accounting now

It will take a couple of weeks to finalise the accounting due to Easter. But London LOC are aiming to have the accounts very soon.

AP11: London LOC to finalise the accounting and sending it to the new treasurer

5. Matters arising from 2026 AGM

AP: Discuss sending a paper copy of the proceedings to life members.

The committee has agreed to ask the life members if they are interested in receiving a copy.

AP12: Carla and Inge to explore what needs to be done on this.

6. 2027 conference

Laura and Cristiana had to leave so a meeting will be organised for May between the president, JVP, treasurer and secretary to discuss the 2027 conference.

AP13: Meeting in May to discuss the 2027 conference

6.1 Workshops

6.2 Early career event

6.3 Invited papers

6.4 Call for abstracts and topics to be included

6.5 Conference organisation & budget

6.6 Responsibilities

6.7 Sponsorship

7. 2028 and future conferences

No updated.

8. Any other business

Special issue for PVM – one conference organiser would like to submit a paper in the special edition about the information collected during the workshop. The full committee needs to discuss this.

Hans-Herman has suggested to move from ISBN to doi for the proceedings, to make the proceedings easier to find online. Committee agreed that this is to be discussed with the AGM.

Discussion about having certification for poster acceptance (important for Balkan countries) but the committee disagree as this would change the model of this conference.

Another suggestion from a life member was to having a link to the bio of each life member in our website – the committee has discussed but agreed that it wasn't feasible.

Discuss criteria/guidelines for financial support and for promotion of other conferences

AP14: Organise meeting to discuss if workshops outputs or opinion papers can be included in the PVM special issue – Carla will send a doodle for this.

AP15: Bring the ISBN issue to the next AGM (Luis)

AP16: Discuss criteria/guidelines for financial support and for promotion of other conferences (all)

9. Date of next meeting

AP17: Carla to send a doodle for September meeting

**Carla Gomes
Honorary Secretary**

CIRCULATION

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