



European Association of Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging

British and Irish Division

Dear Members,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2012.

A belated Happy New Year to you all!

After two joyful years on the job Julien has passed on the mantle of secretary to me and I am really pleased to take on the role. These are exciting times with the change to a limited company afoot and the fantastic website which is blossoming under the care of Mat Hennessey. A recent meeting with BSAVA heralds a more interactive relationship with them to bolster and appreciate more our affiliation with them (see report page 5).

We are all keen to encourage the broadening of the appeal of our organisation to more general practitioners as well as our loyal interns, residents and diplomats, and are busy finding ways to do this.

Helen Renfrew

[Autumn meeting Girton College 11th and 12th November 2011](#)

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Friday started with an interesting and useful presentation on the imaging of soft tissue foreign bodies by Charlotte Whatmough of Davies Veterinary Specialists, followed by a beautifully enlightening tour through the murky waters of inflammatory CNS disease from Andrew Holloway of the Animal Health Trust.

We were extremely lucky this year to receive a visit from William Culp of the University of California Davis who took the stage next and gave us enormous food for thought with his informative and exciting discussion about where we are going in veterinary radiology, which looks to be mainly into the expansion of interventional techniques.

Sarah Powell, a distinguished equine vet from the nearby Rossgales Equine Hospital looked at stress injury in the horse, a huge area of concern in young racehorses,

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and particularly affecting the fetlock region. With great patience Sarah's team are using a standing system for MRI with all its practical advantages, but nevertheless eagerly await future improvements in motion correction software!

Ruth Dennis, back on home turf having spent her university days at Girton, treated us all to a beautiful photo of herself 'back then' clutching a glass of wine in the very same room in which we had the meeting! She then gave us a comprehensive run through anomalous brain disease on MRI with many gems along the way, and then rounded off the day coaxing answers to the film reading gently out of the residents present.

The AGM followed- see report end of page 2.

Saturday was a day of interventions! We started with ultrasound with Mike Herrtage of the University of Cambridge who gave us many interesting case examples and much encouragement in obtaining ultrasound-guided samples with his enthusiastic talk.

Audrey Petite, who offers a mobile ultrasound service and is a consultant in teleradiology followed with a beautifully and impressively illustrated discussion on the choice between CT and ultrasound techniques for biopsy.

Mike Martin of Martin Referrals dazzled us with his ultrasound and fluoroscopy videos of cases of pulmonic stenosis and PDA and their treatment.

Fluoroscopic techniques were then illustrated to us by Simon Tappin of Dick White Referrals (another 'old Gertonian') using many interesting and challenging cases with which he had successfully dealt, and William Culp came back to the stage to follow Simon with a further thorough look at the techniques and equipment available, from tracheal stenting to transarterial chemoembolisation of tumours.

The day came to a close with Mike Herrtage giving answers to the day's film reading.

Thank you to all the speakers and to Ruth Dennis and Mike Herrtage for providing the fabulous film reading cases which we all always enjoy getting our teeth into!

Abstracts were presented on both days:

- 1.Age related thoracic radiographic changes in golden and labrador retriever muscular dystrophy by A.S. Pedu
- 2.Effect of glucocorticoid administration on adrenal size and sonographic appearance in beagle dogs by P.Pey
- 3.Accuracy of ultrasound to identify the cause of intestinal obstruction in small animals by A. Anson
- 4.Combination of computed tomography-guided cementoplasty and radiation therapy for the treatment of lytic bone lesions in canine extremities; preliminary study by M. Vignoli

Thank you to all the above for presenting their work.

[Chairperson's report](#)

Abby Caine

EAVDI BID AGM 11th November 2011

Girton College Cambridge

The EAVDI BID holds two meetings each year, and the most recent ones have included a successful Autumn meeting in Glasgow in 2010, the pre BSAVA satellite in Birmingham in April 2011, and the 2011 Autumn meeting in Cambridge. All were relatively well attended with delegate numbers running at about 40-45 per meeting. It was felt that the main EAVDI/ECVDI annual meeting held in London last year is likely to have had an impact on delegate numbers.

The makeup of the delegates present at the meetings remains predominantly specialist, despite efforts to advertise these meetings to and encourage interested GPs. For example at the Autumn meeting there was an advert in the Veterinary Times, and it was directly advertised to local practices. It will be interesting to see if new

advertising techniques (via the EAVDI website, links to radiology organisations, and possibly via the RCVS to candidates enrolled on the new Advanced practitioner certificate) might encourage a wider audience.

The meetings aim to break even, however are there are subsidies from the EAVDI BID account for residents and (for the first time) interns, and also subsidies to encourage abstracts by offering free attendance for the day of presentation. The Autumn meeting offered £525 subsidy to residents and interns; and £360 subsidy to abstract presenters. Overall, the meeting lost £731. Subsidies for each meeting are thus relatively sizable, so it would be pertinent to review them at each AGM to ensure that the members remain happy with the situation.

One interesting development is the approach of Mat Hennessey to the EAVDI BID board, to ask if the organisation would like to collaborate in the fledgling London Film reading club. He addressed the Autumn meeting, asking for financial support and also members if they would help by leading informal friendly film reading sessions.

The Alistair Nelson Award will run for the first time this year. Details will be available on the website, however any member with an interest in equine imaging (or colleagues that would be interested) should look out for the submission deadline in the Spring.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my thanks to Gawain, the outgoing Chairperson, for all his hard work in organising meetings over the previous two years, and also to thank Julien Labruyere and Andrew Denning for their work as the secretary and Treasurer respectively for the division. Julien stood down at the Autumn meeting, whilst Andrew stood for and secured re-election.

[Previous secretary's report - Julien Labruyère](#)

Dear All,

Firstly, I would like to remind everyone the procedure for new members. This involves downloading the EAVDI membership application form from the website (<http://www.eavdi.org/index.php/joining-eavdi>), and submitting it to one of the Board Officers. Once the application is approved by the Board, a link to the website is sent to the applicant for final registration. All members present at the AGM will vote on the proposal of new members every year.

There are currently 94 declared EAVDI(BID) members, registered on the website. Last year at the previous AGM in Glasgow the 20th November 2010, only 60 members were registered. This increase can be explained by:

- Old members have registered on the website
- A good number of new members this year (12) - Welcome to all of them!!

Julie	Riches-Tomei
Vinita	Perera
Gaynor	Minshall
Raquel	Salguero
Emily	Parr
Luis Antonio	Queiro Mesquita
Sophie	Acton
Irene	Schaafsma
Yseult	Beaumlin

[Treasurer's report - Andrew Denning](#)

Sarah	Keir
Anne Sophie	Bedu
Alison	Major

Two meetings were held this year. The meeting in Glasgow 2010 lost £517.89 and the meeting pre-BSAVA 2011 lost £177.20. The losses were due to reduced registration fees for interns and residents, which has been the policy of the organisation for several years and reaffirmed by the AGM for 2011-12.

Tremendous work has been done on the website (www.eavdi.org), and a lot of information is now available for members. I strongly recommend using it without moderation:

- Information about the association and announcements
 - Events and meetings
 - Meeting archives
 - Yearbook archives that can be downloaded as a PDF
 - Job advertisements/residencies
 - Online resources
 - Online registration payment
- etc etc ...

Finally, 2 years goes very fast, and this is the time for me to step down from the position of secretary. It has been a great experience for me to work for the association and participate in something created by our peers back in 1960s. I have particularly enjoyed working with Gawain Hammond as previous president, Abby Caine as new president and Andrew Denning as treasurer. I want to thank all of them, and wish all success to Helen Renfrew who will be fantastic as your new secretary.

Long live the EAVDI(BID) !

Julien Labruyère

We received £950 of sponsorship from Visbion during the year for which we are very grateful.

Membership fees were £413.14, some of which are still held in the PayPal account.

The contribution of EACVDI (BID) to the EAVDI website setup and maintenance costs was 12.5% of the total and £425.28. We also paid £148 for the initial set-up of our website page to allow meeting registration via PayPal.

Some of the advanced costs for Cambridge 2011 and income from sponsorship given in 2009-10 fell within this financial year.

Overall there was a reduction in the bank balance of £205.10

Any member that would like to see a copy of the accounts presented at the meeting should contact me direct.

Andrew Denning

Affiliate Group Meeting

A meeting was held on the 11th January this year to discuss the affiliation of specialist groups including our own with the BSAVA. Andrew Denning kindly attended this daytime meeting on our behalf.

This was an informal meeting to explore ways that the groups can work together to maximise the mutual benefits of the relationship.

Communication between the groups to disseminate information.

The BSAVA have requested that Affiliate Group officers are BSAVA members in order to facilitate the full involvement of the decision makers in BSAVA. A nominated person from EAVDI will attend BSAVA board meetings so that a formal communication is set up between EAVDI and BSAVA and information can flow between the two organisations. This will involve 2 days a year.

BSAVA is frequently asked to contribute to consultations on wide ranging issues affecting the small animal veterinary profession and would value any input from Affiliate Groups who represent a vast pool of specialist knowledge. It was suggested that the groups nominate one representative from each group who can be a contact for provision of scientific advice. The nominated person would seek help if necessary from the membership. The chairperson, currently Abby, is to be the point of contact for such information.

Contributions to companion (BSAVA monthly magazine to members) will be welcomed from any EAVDI members so **please do consider sending any articles or case studies their way!**

Continuing Education

BSAVA would like to work with the groups rather than compete, particularly in avoiding course clashes, and so information on courses run by all groups will be shared.

BSAVA are willing to support our meetings on a practical basis as well as financial, by providing Woodrow House as a venue for a nominal fee, post course internet chat-rooms, and webinars to name a few.

The BSAVA PGCert programme is proving to be very successful. Some Affiliate Groups have already been heavily involved. EAVDI has yet to contribute but BSAVA is considering expanding certificate courses into other areas so this could soon change.

Congress

The satellite meeting day prior to BSAVA Congress is a great success. The rooms are heavily subsidised, such that BSAVA make a loss. They are happy to do this but we need to recognise this generous contribution to this very popular day meeting. We also utilise BSAVA overseas speakers at a considerable saving to ourselves.

It is no longer possible to physically fit all the Affiliate Group meetings in on the pre congress day. Various options were discussed. Some groups expressed interest in the possibility of bringing their day into the scientific programme of Congress as a special stream, and others felt that groups might combine to hold joint meetings with 2 or more groups on satellite day.

Lastly there is a desire that Affiliate Groups become involved in the master classes run during Congress, a change likely to be introduced soon.

Future Events

2012 pre-WSAVA meeting EAVDI (BID)

This meeting will be held as usual in the Telford Room, Austin Court, ICC, in Birmingham on 11th April 2012.

2012 IVRA-EVDI - Turkey

The 16th International Veterinary Radiology Association meeting and the European Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging meeting will be held together from 26th to 31st August 2012 in Bursa, Turkey.

The BMUS 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting and Exhibition

The 44th BMUS Annual Scientific Meeting will be held at the Telford International Centre from 10th to 12th December 2012.

2012 EAVDI-BID Autumn Meeting

Date and venue to be confirmed. Keep an eye on the website for updates!

Many other meetings and courses are advertised on the website so do have a look to see if anything takes your fancy!

This brings your newsletter to a close. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at forthcoming meetings over the year. I apologise now for my absence at the WSAVA satellite meeting as I will have a very new baby!

Very best wishes to all,
Helen, Abby and Andrew.