

## British and Irish Division

Dear EAVDI-BID Members,

Welcome to the Autumn/ Winter Newsletter 2015, and firstly a thank you to our sponsors for the current year:



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The Association continues to grow in numbers, with 2015 being a bumper year for new members as a total of 14 have signed up. Allow us to welcome: Natasha Hornby, Chiara Bergamino, Ben Sullivan, David Clarke, Robert Brash, Rachel Marwood, Jolanta Pastuszek, James Guillem, Tom Robertson, Naomi Earley, Inma Ferrandis, Lauralea Deacon, Annette Kerins and Daniel Davies. We hope you will all enjoy being members of EAVDI-BID!

We had two meetings in 2015; the pre-BSAVA meeting in Birmingham in April and a 2-day meeting in Chester in November that combined with EAVDI and ECVDI for their AGMs. Further details of these are included in the Chairperson's report. Details for next year's meeting are starting to evolve, so keep an eye on the website for more information on the 2016 pre-BSAVA meeting and our autumn meeting.

Your EAVDI-BID team hope you enjoy this newsletter and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## AUTUMN/WINTER 2015

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## The Chairperson's Report

Dear Members,

I write this report at the end of my first year as chairman, with the autumn meeting in Chester fresh in the memory and thoughts turning towards next year's meetings and inevitably Christmas!

As I reflect on my year as chairman, I would firstly like to thank the out-going Chairman, Andrew Parry, for handing over the reins of the association in great health. I also wish to extend thanks to the incumbent treasurer, Jerry Shimali, and secretary, Thomas Maddox, whose help I am both indebted to.

The pre-BSAVA satellite meeting was held in the ICC, Birmingham on April 8th with the theme of Gastrointestinal imaging. Jane Eastwood kicked off the meeting and led us through the fascinating mind of a medic to inform us imagers what medics are after when they present us with a patient with vomiting and diarrhoea. We were led through the various pros and cons of the imaging modalities used for gastrointestinal imaging by Anna Newitt (radiology and Barium studies), Gawain Hammond (ultrasound), and Randi Drees (CT). Abstracts were presented by: Ella Fitzgerald (Royal Veterinary College), Florence Thierry (University of Bristol), Andy Holdsworth (University of Bristol) and Raquel Salguero (University of Cambridge). Kate Bradley entertained us with excellent cases from the archive at the University of Bristol.

The 2015 autumn meeting was held in Chester and was excellently attended by both British-based radiologists and by our colleagues from the continent. The theme of the meeting was Imaging of Portosystemic Shunts (PSS). Mickey Tivers, Chris Lamb and Andrew Parry set the scene with excellent lectures on the use of fluoroscopy, ultrasound and CT

respectively for imaging of PSS. This triumvirate fronted a panel discussion on shunts which stimulated thoughtful debate on this fascinating subject. Ines Carrera provided further food for thought with her research into MR Spectroscopy of the brains of dogs with confirmed PSS.

The second day was kicked off with an excellent insight into what the diagnosis may be when we cannot find a shunt by Mark Dunning and amongst other differentials walked us through the challenging concept of Ductal plate abnormalities. Mickey Tivers returned to the stage to give further insights into his research on PSS. Fraser McConnell gave the last of the keynote lectures, giving an insightful view on the MR appearance of post-ictal changes in the brain. Images for the film reading were supplied by Olivier Taeymans of Dick White Referrals and kept the residents busy and quiet during the coffee breaks!

The board were delighted to accept so many abstracts for the meeting. The presented abstracts were of the highest quality and further enhanced the excellent scientific content of the meeting. Abstracts were presented by Helen Dirrig (RVC), Christine Sievert (Zurich), Chris Lamb (RVC), Elizabeth Reeve (University of Bristol), Anna Muller (University of Copenhagen), Alison Major (University of Edinburgh) and Tobias Schwarz (University of Edinburgh).

Thoughts now turn to next year's meetings with preparation of the two meetings well underway. The pre-BSAVA satellite meeting will again be held in the ICC, Birmingham on Wednesday April 6th 2016. The theme for this meeting will be orthopaedic imaging; a program for this meeting will be published soon on the events page on the website.

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Our relationship as an affiliate group of BSAVA continues to develop. They provide us with support and finances for our meetings. We have been approached by BSAVA to provide a stream within the main meeting in 2017. The exact details are still being discussed, however agreement was unanimously agreed at the AGM in Chester that this will be in addition to the satellite meeting. We are looking for someone to provide a link between BSAVA and EAVDI-BID and to help organise the meetings. If you would be interested in such a role or wish to discuss this role further, please do not hesitate to contact the board.

Sadly, Mat Hennessey has stepped down from his role as web administrator. Mat has performed an invaluable role for several years as the website has evolved and the board wishes to thank him for his time and expertise.

Finally I would like to thank our sponsors for their support of the meetings this year; VetCT Specialists, Hallmarq and BCF Technology. Without this support, our meetings often run at a small loss, so thank-you again.

I wish you all the best for 2016 and a very happy Christmas and hope to see you all at one or both of the meetings in 2016.

Best wishes,

Tim Trevail

## AGM minutes

**EAVDI-BID Annual General Meeting** 17.30-18.30 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Chester

This AGM was a joint meeting with the main EAVDI organisation. AGM matters for EAVDI were discussed separately (see the dedicated minutes for the EAVDI AGM on the website).

Number of attendees: 28

Present: Tim Trevail, Tom Maddox, Jerry Shimali, Emma Tobin, Seamus Hoey, Naomi Booth, Anna Shimali, Tobias Schwarz, Andrew Parry, Abby Caine, Rachel Marwood, Manuel Pinilla, Helen Renfrew, Nic Hayward, Esther Barrett, Livia Benigni, Pip Johnson, Richard Ewers, Chris Warren-Smith, Vicky Johnson, Virginie De Busscher, Andrew Denning, Virginie Barberet, Abby Caine, Xander Huizing, Bill Hayden, Charlotte Whatmough.

Apologies were received for the absence of Petra Agthe.

The current meeting agenda was approved.

Minutes from previous meeting (Loughborough, November 2014) have been available on the website for several months and were approved unanimously.

There followed the Chairperson's address from Tim Trevail (see later report in this Newsletter). Tim has been in role for 12 months, with no major changes to report. His main work recently has been discussion with BSAVA regarding a dedicated stream at BSAVA Congress (see later agenda item)

My membership secretary's report announced 14 new EAVDI-BID members this year (detailed in the introduction to this newsletter). All were unanimously approved and welcomed. Our current membership stands at 113 members in EAVDI-BID.

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Next followed Jerry Shimali and his treasurer's report. Full details are available from Jerry on request (see also summary report in this Newsletter).

### **Revision of EAVDI-BID membership application**

This was also discussed within the main EAVDI AGM. The plan to remove the proposer/seconded requirement is agreed upon, but this will require a constitutional change. Questions were raised over adopting the use of veterinary registration numbers (RCVS, Veterinary Council of Ireland) as identifying real applicants. Will this be sufficient to prevent fraudulent applications? It was felt it may not prevent all such applications, but would act as some deterrent. Also provision must be allowed for non-veterinary applicants (nurses, radiographers, other technicians) and so veterinary registration/membership numbers cannot be the only screening method.

### **EAVDI-BID at BSAVA (dedicated stream)**

EAVDI-BID is an affiliated group with BSAVA. BSAVA have raised the possibility of including an EAVDI stream within BSAVA congress (this was emphasised this would be for Congress 2017). This could take several forms, including simply an EAVDI organised stream at the main meeting. The main issue is whether our pre-BSAVA (Spring) satellite meeting is incorporated into this (hence no separate satellite meeting). People generally expressed a desire not to lose the satellite meeting and would prefer to have the BSAVA stream on the Thursday to link with a retained Wednesday satellite meeting. Tim will discuss this further at a BSAVA Affiliates Group meeting later this month (November 2015) and report back to the board.

### **Other matters**

No other matters were raised

Tom Maddox

### **The Treasurer's Report**

European Association of Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging (EAVDI) Treasurers report 2014-15

There have been two meetings this year.

The first of these was the Autumn Meeting held on the 14th/15th November at Burleigh Court Hotel. It was a joint meeting with the Cardiology Society. This meeting made a loss of £1320.09. After the addition of the sponsorship money of £1300 the loss was reduced to £20.09.

The second meeting was the Pre-BSAVA Satellite Meeting held in the National Convention Centre on the 8/04/15. It made a small loss of £13.95 before the addition of the sponsorship money; on the addition of the £750 of sponsorship money it made a profit of £736.05.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the year, we are very grateful to them. These were:

- Hallmark Veterinary Imaging Ltd
- MRA Technology Ltd
- VETCT Specialists Ltd
- BCF Technology Ltd

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

Jerry Shimali

## The Alastair Nelson Award

Alastair Nelson was a highly respected equine veterinary surgeon who was highly active in the field of equine diagnostic imaging and who was a pioneer of standing equine computed tomography. Following his sad loss at the age of 46 in 2009, EAVDI-BID have set up a travel award in his honour, to promote the field of equine diagnostic imaging.

### The Award

A sum of up to £150 is available each year to support a veterinary surgeon working at a British or Irish veterinary practice (including Vet School, Referral Hospital, etc) who is attending a scientific congress to present a clinical research abstract in the field of equine diagnostic imaging. The money is to contribute to travel and registration expenses incurred by attending the conference.

### Application Procedure

The abstract (max 400 words), along with an accompanying letter, should be submitted to Tim Trevail ([trevailimagingreferrals@gmail.com](mailto:trevailimagingreferrals@gmail.com)) by 31<sup>st</sup> March of the year of the presentation.

Applications are invited for the 2016 Award

### **Pre-BSAVA EAVDI-BID satellite meeting**

Location: Hall 11b of the ICC, Birmingham

Theme: **Orthopaedic imaging**

Date: 6<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.

### **Autumn EAVDI-BID meeting to include AGM**

Location: Exact venue TBC, Bath

Theme: **Oncological Imaging**

Date: TBC but likely 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November 2016



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## Dates for Your Diary