

10th Joint Webinar ESTP/SFPT/BSTP and ECVP/ESVP*

March 6th, 2024: 16.00 – 17.30 (CET)

The webinar committee would like to invite you all to attend the 10th Joint Webinar of the ESTP/SFPT/BSTP and ECVP/ESVP, Wednesday March 6, 2024. The joint webinars were well attended with over 200 participants. These webinars are free of charge and will qualify for CE certification. The CE registration for participants needs to be requested via the feedback form.

The title of the webinar is

From Toxicologic Pathologist to Project Toxicologist: Navigating Career Transitions

Speakers:

- Kuno Wuersch, Dr. med. vet., DECVP, FVH Pathology (Associate Director, Preclinical Safety, Novartis Pharma AG, Basel, Switzerland)
- Bhanu Singh BVSc, MS, DACVP, DABT, FIATP (Senior Director, Nonclinical Safety and Pathobiology, Gilead Sciences Inc., CA, USA)
- Tim LaBranche DVM, PhD, DACVP (Vice President, Preclinical Safety, Blueprint Medicines Corporation, Boston, MA, USA),
- Enrico Vezzali, DVM, PhD, FIATP, ERT (Senior Director, Drug Discovery, Preclinical Toxicology and Pathology, Idorsia Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Allschwil, Switzerland)

Moderators:

- Dirk Schaudien, PhD, DACVP (Fraunhofer Institute for Toxicology and Experimental Medicine ITEM, Hannover, Germany)
- Josep M. Monné Rodríguez, PhD, DiplECVP (Pharma Research and Early Development (pRED), Pharmaceutical Sciences, F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Basel, Switzerland)

Background/Description

Traditionally, veterinary pathologists in the biopharmaceutical industry are known for their distinctive expertise as subject matter experts in the safety evaluation of emerging products at different stages of the research and development. They engage in practical, detailed examinations of animal organs and tissues (anatomic pathology) or alterations in the composition of body fluids like blood and urine (clinical pathology). The biopharmaceutical industry provides diverse, challenging, and rewarding career opportunities to pathologists. There is a growing trend of opportunities for pathologists to serve in the role of a project toxicologist (or nonclinical safety leader). In this role they are expected to oversee the design and execution of nonclinical safety programs to support the development of drug candidates from discovery to market authorization and author regulatory documents such as investigational new drug (IND) or New Drug Application (NDA) and Marketing Authorization Application (MAA). This webinar will host speakers who are trained as veterinary pathologists and have transitioned into the project toxicologist role. The speakers will represent different stages of experience in the toxicologist role as well as from diverse organizations (large,

medium, and small pharma/biotech). Each speaker will share their experience in this role followed by an open Q&A session.

Discussion will focus on following topics:

- **Career journey.** An overview of career backgrounds and trajectories leading to present toxicology positions.
- **Knowledge gaps.** A discussion about the technical skills that were necessary to learn and the approaches used to acquire them during career transitions.
- **Soft skills.** The importance of project management, communication, and other soft skills crucial for success in toxicology roles.
- **Life in the role.** Personal anecdotes about the rewards and challenges faced in day-to-day professional life.
- **Career Impact.** The contribution of current roles in toxicology to career development.

We look forward to your participation.

Hans Harleman

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