Why present at the WCVP Conference?

It is an excellent environment for students to gain experience and confidence in presenting a case in front of an audience, which is an invaluable skill not only for a pathologist but also for any veterinarian. The organizers and the audience at this Conference are supportive and encouraging to students, and the UC Davis pathology faculty and residents will help students prepare for the case report and presentation. In the process of preparing for the Conference, students learn about how a case progresses from presentation to necropsy, integrating medicine, herd health, pathology (clinical, gross, and histopathological), and many more fields in veterinary medicine.

How to present at the WCVP Conference

Ask your Conference Coordinator for the list of cases. Cases will have contact information of the resident or faculty member associated with them. Once you choose a case you would like to present, email the associated resident or faculty.

The resident or faculty will go over the case history, slides and other pathological findings with you. Figure out what the disease is through looking at the slides and the information provided you. Do additional research looking at articles and books. Write up a report and make a PowerPoint presentation on your case. The residents or a pathology faculty member can help if you get stuck, need editing or input on both your report and PowerPoint presentation. The residents can help you take pictures of your slides for the PowerPoint presentation. You'll get the best learning experience by trying to figure out the case first before asking for help. The presentation should last 12 minutes with 3 minutes for questions.

Coordinate with the resident or faculty to submit two slides, and make sure the lesion of interest is on both of them. You will need to submit the report to Dimitry Danilenko by the deadline, usually in early March.

Dimitry (danilenko.dimitry@gene.com) is our main contact for information on the WCVP Conference. Becky Griffey (rmgriffey@ucdavis.edu) is the Manager of Anatomic Pathology Service at the VMTH.

Report Guidelines

**Contributors and Institute:** Include the contact information of the faculty, residents and all those associated with the case, including the presenter, along with their affiliated institutes. You can get that from the resident.

**Signalment:** Age, gender and species

**History:** Medical history of the patient from onset to death or euthanasia. Include presenting symptoms, diagnostics, findings, treatments, and follow-up.

**Gross Findings:** How the lesion(s) appear on necropsy. Size, color, shape, number, feel, consistency, texture, location in organ, affect on other organs, and anything else significant.

**Histopathologic and ancillary findings:** The histologic description, which the pathology residents can help with. Any additional diagnostic test results like a direct smear, culture, etc.

**Morphologic Diagnosis:** A descriptive diagnose of the affected organs with suggested conditions and any found foreign organisms.

**Discussion:** Background and history of the disease based on what is available in the scientific literature.

**References:** Any research articles or books used for background information, confirming diagnosis, or any other information added to the report.