

8th Meeting of the Young Generation of Veterinary Anatomists in Poznań, Poland

The Young Generation of Veterinary Anatomists (YGVA) is a branch of the [European Association of Veterinary Anatomists](#) (EAVA), with the purpose of facilitating open discussion and exchange of ideas in a friendly, informal environment. All researchers and educators in the field of anatomy, embryology or histology are welcome to the biennial meetings, but they are particularly aimed at students and people in the early stages of their career.

We were lucky enough to attend the 8th meeting of the YGVA in Poznań, Poland as representatives of the Royal Veterinary College and the [Online Veterinary Anatomy Museum](#) (OVAM). Our trip began with an early start and a smooth flight to Poznań Airport. A quick taxi ride took us to the campus of the [Poznań University of Life Sciences](#), shortly after which we realised we were a few hours early for registration and made our way to the dormitory for a nap and change of clothes.

The conference opened with registration and inaugural speeches at the impressively grand Kolegium Rungego. Delegates had travelled from all over the world – Turkey, Italy, America – to be there, and the room was buzzing with conversation. After collecting our registration packs and enjoying some tea and cake, we settled down in the main hall to hear about the history of YGVA, the university and current research in canine and bovine reproduction. We were then invited to tuck in to a



Edible offerings

magnificent buffet and experience some live music. After a long day we decided to turn in early after a nibble and a glass of wine.

Day two began at 9am with a series of short research presentations, held in the modern and spacious University Centre of Veterinary Medicine. We heard about groundbreaking research on a diverse range of topics including an app to help students learn skeletal anatomy, the lymphatic drainage of the cranial thoracic mammary gland of the cat



Experiencing the charming city of Poznań

and stifle angle in various dog breeds. The afternoon consisted of poster presentations, followed by a guided walk around the town and a dinner of soup, bread, pierogi and salads at a traditional Polish restaurant, [Chłopskie Jadło](#).



The grand Kolegium Rungego



Registration in full swing



Admiring posters in the modern lecture hall



Dinner at Chłopskie Jadło

Day three started similarly with presentations including the success of Potcasts at Leipzig University and the anatomy of gilthead seabream. We then gave our presentation about OVAM to inform and update delegates about the progress of the online museum, which was well-received and generated a lot of queries from potential contributors and collaborators. We were delighted to learn shortly after the presentation that OVAM is to receive funding for the coming year from EAVA! Histology workshops took place in the afternoon.



Delivering our OVAM presentation



The famous Rogalin oak trees Lech, Czech and Rus



The awesome pink room in Rogalin Palace

After a quick break, we boarded a bus to the beautiful and newly-renovated [Rogalin Palace and Gardens](#), historic home of the Raczyński family. We took a tour of the grounds and explored the wonderfully opulent palace interior before a short journey to the nearby Warta River, where we ate delicious barbecued food and enjoyed the breathtaking surroundings with a few beers and some Europop on the sound system.



Stunning views at the Warta River



Tucking into barbecue

We experienced a new city, made some new friends and learnt a lot. All in all, we had a fantastic time in Poznań and would encourage any interested students and staff to attend the next YGVA conference in 2017.



The wonderful organisers and delegates of the 8th Meeting of the YGVA

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