

e-Newsletter 7-2016

Editorial: Dr. Ed van Klink new President of the European College of Veterinary Public Health



Dear Colleagues,

During last Annual General Meeting I have been appointed as your President for the coming two years. I consider it a great honour that you have entrusted this position in me and I will do my utmost to make my presidency a success. As not all of you may know me very well, I thought it would be useful to inform you about my career so far. I graduated from Utrecht University in 1983, and after a short stint in swine fever control and one and a half years as research assistant at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Utrecht in the field of meat hygiene, I became District Veterinary Officer, and later Veterinary Research Officer in the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Zambia. During my stay there, I collected the data for my PhD thesis. I came back in 1990 and started working for the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture in the (then) Veterinary Service early 1991. I stayed with the Ministry, meanwhile completing my PhD in 1994, until 2008 in a variety of positions in policy and policy support. In 2008 I moved to the Food and Consumer Products Safety Authority to become Programme Manager Live Animals and Live Animal Products and in 2011 to the University of Bristol, as Senior Lecturer Veterinary Public Health. Early 2017 I joined Wageningen Bioveterinary Research in The Netherlands, while maintaining a 20 % appointment in Bristol.

I have been a De Facto Diplomat of the College since 2003 and have contributed to the Council for the last 8 years, organising exams being one of my tasks. I am looking forward to working with you to further develop the college. As you will have heard, the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation is looking to apply for recognition at the EU level. We will be closely following those developments and cooperate with EBVS to achieve this exciting goal.

Greetings,

Ed van Klink

Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2017: Liège, Belgium – 2-4. October 2017

The Annual Conference was successfully held at the amazing location of the Academic Hall of the **Université de Liège/BE, on 2-4. October 2017. !**

Having attracted **133 participants** being 81 Diplomates, 36 attending residents of the ECVPH and 16 other participants the conference followed once more the earlier adopted format headed focusing on the scope of „**Science at the service of VPH to gain expertise in controlling Emerging risks in Veterinary Public Health**“.

Both the organization as well as the scientific content of the meeting were once again of a very high level creating the perfect atmosphere for fostering scientific knowledge, policy making and networking in the field Veterinary Public Health.

Most of oral presentations as well as presented posters are uploaded on the [College´s new Website](#) for further consideration and information to all those who would like to catch up and recall interesting topics that have been addressed and discussed.

The '**Roberto Chizzolini Memorial Poster Prize**' was awarded to Resident **Ana Carolina Lopes Antunes**, a postdoc of the Technical University of Denmark. Her poster was titled '**Risk factors associated with spatio-temporal clusters of high mortality in Danish swine herds**'. During the Conference, Ana also gave an interesting talk on this topic.



Conference venue: **Academic Hall**

Poster Prize Winner
Ana Carolina Lopes Antunes

The City of Liège

The Council gratefully acknowledge everyone involved in the successful organization and is already looking forward to welcome you all again next year in Perugia, Italy (see below!).

The draft-minutes of the AGM are being posted on the [ECVPH website](#) for consideration by (registered) members and residents of the ECVPH.

Andreas Wunsch
Documenting Secretary

Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2018: Perugia, Italy – 17-19. October 2018



Perugia will host the *ECVPH Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2018*, at the **University of Perugia from 17th to 19th October 2018**.

Located north of Rome, in central Italy, Perugia was founded between the VI and V century BC and offers all the advantages of a large city without share the usual metropolitan problems. There is also an airport that can be reached in less than 20 minutes.

The University of Perugia was founded in 1308 by Pope Clement V and Perugia is also home of the prestigious University for foreigner students.

In October Perugia is also the scenario for the *Eurochocolate Festival*, when the city center is infused by every sort of chocolate fragrances.

The *ECVPH Annual Scientific Conference and AGM 2018*, will be part of a context that has always been an example of the perfect blend of science and culture. The organizing committee hopes that event in this opportunity will enable the participation of qualified speakers to offer ideas and knowledge to the participants.

We like to welcome you with a sentence by Barnabas Suebu, governor of the Indonesian province Papua until 2011 and "Hero of the Environment" for the Times magazine in 2007: "*Think big, start small, act now.*"

Beniamino Cenci-Goga and Maria Francesca Iulietto
Local Organising Committee ECVPH AGM 2018

NEW Diplomates accredited

After successfully finishing their Residency Programmes and having passed the Qualifying Examination (in November 2016 and June 2017) **11 Diplomates** were accredited at the AGM hold on 3. October 2017 as **new Members of the ECVPH**: Amely Campe, Lucie Collineau, Marilena Filippitzi, Gerrit Koop, Merel Postma, Jorge Pinto-Ferreira (all PM) and Lourens Heres, Wiebke Jansen, Derk Oorburg, Eleonora Sarno, Gereon Schulze Althoff (all FS)

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME !



(fltr) D. Oorburg, J. Pinto-Ferreira, A. Campe, E. Sarno, W. Jansen, M. Postma, M. Filippitzi, G. Schulze Althoff, L. Heres, G. Koop

ECVPH - New WEBSITE and LOGO

At the AGM in Liege the ECVPH has lounged it brand [new website](#) and ditto logo.

We are very proud of this new website and logo which reflects our intense interlinkage between animal and human health.

The [new ECVPH website](#) has been made as informative as possible and was created to provide you with easy access to all relevant ECVPH information for diplomates, residents and any interested persons.

All personal information of the diplomates and residents has been moved to the new website and you all should have received an invitation mail to log in into your account on the new website and to

update your personal information. If you have not yet done so we do urge you to do ASAP and do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for any feedback or if you may face difficulties with your personal account.

We do hope you will enjoy the new look and feel of ECVPH and it will help you in finding all relevant ECVPH information even more easy as in the past.

Jeroen Dewulf
ECVPH Senior Vice President



ISI-list of journals

There seem to have been some changes to the ISI-list of journals. Just to recap: Residents need to be able to show a number of publications in journals that are on the ISI-list. Recently the rights of the ISI-list have been taken over by Clarivate Analytics. Clarivate Analytics now have a Master Journal List (MJL) website. Web address is: <http://mjl.clarivate.com/>. This is the list that we will have to use from now on. We will change the bylaws where necessary accordingly.

Ed van Klink
ECVPH President



Resident Workshop, 27-30. September 2017, Liège/BE

An ECVPH Residents workshop on ***"Quantitative risk assessment in food safety including primary production"*** was organized in Liège just before the annual meeting of the ECVPH, from the 27 to 30 September 2017. It was organized by Prof Claude Saegerman (University of Liège) and Dr Marilena Filippitzi (University of Gent). The participants were 16, of which 12 were ECVPH residents.



During the first day, the lectures focused on the understanding of the importance of risk analysis, on the knowledge of the principles and concepts of risk analysis according to international standards, and

on the understanding of qualitative and quantitative risk assessment methodologies. During the next days, practical applications of risk assessment methodologies were presented and discussed, with a

focus on chemical risks (furan in food, pesticides in beeswax and honey), on microbial risks (risk exposure assessment of *Coxiella burnetii* in milk and air, risk assessment of the introduction of Rift Valley Fever in a country by aircraft, economic impact of West Nile fever using scenario analysis) and antimicrobial resistance risk (cross-contamination due to the use of antimicrobial medicated feed). In addition, a visit of the city and a final network diner was organized in order to stimulate future collaborations between all the participants.



The organizers would like to thank all the participants for their active participation in this Workshop and the College for the financial support.

Claude Saegerman and Marilena Filippitzi
Workshop Organisers

EBVS - Award for Outstanding Contributions to the course of Veterinary Specialisation in Europe

On behalf of EBVS please find attached to this Newsletter a call for nominations for the 2017 EBVS Award for Outstanding Contributions to the course of Veterinary Specialisation in Europe.

Nominations may be made by Colleges or individuals. Therefore, all the Diplomates of the Colleges should be appropriately informed.

It is emphasised that the award is not to acknowledge the excellent scientific contribution of a nominee or the recognition of his/her College in his/her own country, but, as stated in the call for nominations, contribution for his/her speciality to gain broad recognition across different European countries, or for different EBVS-approved specialities to be recognised in a single country.

Please note that nominations should be sent to Prof. Zoe Polizopoulou, at poliz@vet.auth.gr by November 27th, 2017.