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EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2019. In this issue you will find some details of our upcoming Annual Meeting in Edinburgh. I would also like to draw your attention to the re-evaluation requirements mentioned in the Newsletter. As you know, the purpose of the College is to promote the specialism of preventive veterinary medicine and food science. And the College is doing really well. We are still among the biggest colleges within the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation. To fulfil our objectives, we need the input of our membership. As you may know, we have several committees in the College, involved in different aspects of the tasks of the College. These committees regularly need new input, and we also need people to help us conduct the exams. The Council therefore has decided that in order to stimulate involvement of the membership with the college, the number of points to be earned for re-evaluation in Category 5 (i.e. for College activities) are set to a minimum of 20 points, out of the 50 that this category can maximally produce. Some of the things that earns you points:

- Supervision of a resident will get you 8 points per year per resident
- Organiser or speaker at our annual conferences will get you 8 points each time as well
- If you take part in exams, as exam supervisor at the written exam, or as examiner at the oral exam, it will earn you 8 points per candidate
- Everyone is already familiar with the points you get for the submission of questions to be used during the exam: 1 point for each.

Earning a minimum of 20 points is fairly easily done.

Both the Education Committee and the Credentials Committee, two central committees in, on the one hand, the organisation of the residencies, and on the other, the (re-)evaluation dossiers for both residents and Diplomates, could do with new members. Some people are currently stepping down, so getting new people in is very important. Most of the work done by these committees is done remotely, so can be done from the comfort of your own home. The examination process also requires regular attendance of new people. The smaller the group, the more of a burden it is to conduct the exams. Setting and running exams is an important element in the running of the College, but also a major effort to get it organised every time. We are the only College to provide two exam periods per year. As it stands, we have every intention to keep it that way for now. It is a service to residents, but at the same time it spreads the burden a little bit (except for the colleagues who have to set the written exam a challenging task indeed!).

If you are interested to get involved, let the [Council](#) know, and we will get you in touch with the right people.

Best greetings,

[Ed van Klink](#)
President

Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2019: Edinburgh, Scotland/UK, 2 - 4. October 2019



Edinburgh will host the ***ECVPH Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2019***, at the [John McIntyre Conference Centre](#) from 2nd to 4th October 2019.

Cristina and I are very excited to welcome you in the beautiful city of Edinburgh for the ECVPH Conference and AGM on 2nd to 4th October 2019 at the [John McIntyre Conference Centre](#). The conference will be on "*Membership of the European Union: Challenges for Veterinary Public Health*" and will revolve around three main themes, Brexit as a case-study, sustainable livestock production and African Swine fever, all very relevant and current topics. Please don't forget to send your workshop proposal (*see below*) for consideration and inclusion in the Conference programme. We also hope you may want to decide to stay for the weekend to explore more of Edinburgh and Scotland. Please find more details on the [ECVPH website](#).

Looking forward to seeing you all in Edinburgh this Autumn!
Alessandro and Cristina

[Alex Seguino](#), and Cristina Soare
On behalf of the Local Organising Committee ECVPH AGM 2019

Call for workshop proposals: Annual Conference 2019

We hereby would like to remind you on the recently sent out **Call for Workshop Proposals** regarding the upcoming and above mentioned [Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting of the ECVPH to be held in Edinburgh from 2-4. October 2019](#). The Conference aims to



feature three parallel workshops (2 hrs) on Thursday 3. October 2019 that are intended to once more provide a forum for researchers, policy makers and practitioners in Veterinary Public Health to discuss and exchange positions on current issues related to the main topic "*Membership of the European Union – implications on Veterinary Public Health*". Workshop attendants will exchange ideas and experience, establish common ground in research areas or practical problems. We would like to invite our Diplomates and the Residents to submit workshop proposals. This would be an opportunity to recognize expertise that we have within our College and hopefully identify new opportunities for collaboration and future activities. The workshop offered by the Diplomates and/or Residents that have been selected will be scheduled in the Conference program.

[Workshop proposal](#) submission **deadline** is the **15. April 2019** !

We thank you very much in advance for your kind co-operation and look forward to receiving your proposals!



Upcoming RESIDENT Workshop on ABN

The [Section of Epidemiology of the VetSuisse-Faculty of the University of Zurich](#) has been granted approval for organising a supported Workshop for ECVPH Residents on "**Additive Bayesian Networks as an alternative for risk factor studies**" to be held in Zürich from **7th to 9th of May 2019**.

ECVPH Residents attending this workshop are subject to **financial support** and partial refund of costs as to the [Bylaws on the procedures regarding the Residents' fund](#). Interested Residents please visit the [ECVPH website](#) for further information!

As in the past years a **CALL for proposals for supported Residents Workshop to be held in the Year 2020** will be sent out early July this year. We herewith already would like Residents and Diplomates to identify areas and topics that likely could be subject for challenging workshops and mainly residents to identify possible topics which could be beneficiary for their Training Programmes. Suggestions may be notified until end of June 2019 to ecvphdocsec@gmail.com.

Thank you all in advance for your kind collaboration and efforts!

[Andreas Wunsch](#)
Documenting Secretary

Re-evaluation of Diplomates in 2019

In 2019 Re-evaluation is compulsory for all Diplomates who received their diploma in 2003, 2009 and 2014. A total of 32 certified Diplomates are affected. Diplomates being in the non-certified membership state need to start their Re-evaluation by initiating the Re-activation of their membership by a separate request to the ECVPH Council (see [ECVPH e-Newsletter 1/2017!](#))

The re-evaluation will be based on the self-declaration of activities during the past 5 years. Activities are classified into six categories and credit points can be collected for specified activities. A total of 100 credit points needs to be reached with a minimum score of 20 points to be met in Category 5 for all College related activities as an additional requirement we have implemented by this year. The status of Diplomates who do not achieve this target, who do not apply for re-evaluation, or who submit incomplete or delayed files will be set to "non-certified". As such, they will still have to pay the annual fees, but will not be allowed to vote, hold office nor use their title of Specialist. The **deadline** for the submission of documents is **April 1, 2019**. Detailed bylaws and all necessary documents on the re-evaluation process are available for download on the [College website!](#)

As additional reminder to all reaccrediting ECVPH Diplomates: as a part of the re-accreditation process, please submit your **exam questions online** via the NEW website. To access the database and use this online-tool for Exam questions at our [ECVPH website](#) you need to **first login** to access your personal profile.

ONLINE Exam question submission:

Please submit **5 multiple choice** and **2 short answer** and **1 problem solving questions** including model answers. In your model answer, please provide systematic guidance for allocation of marks for standardisation purposes. Accompanying figures, tables, maps or other images associated with the question must be uploaded as a jpeg, png, gif or pdf attachment.

Thank you for your kind co-operation!

[Lisa Boden](#)

Ordinary Council Member, Chair of the Credentials Committee

Past Examinations

After successfully completing their Residency Programmes 2 more Residents have passed the Qualifying Examination (on 27. November 2018) and as approved by the Council at it's last meeting on 30. January 2019 are being certified as new Members of the ECVPH: Anja BUSCHULTE (FS) and Arja Helena KAUTTO (PM).

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME !



Anja Buschulte (FS) and Anja Helena Kautto (PM)

Residency Training Institutes

15 Residency Training Institutes have meanwhile been **approved** to offer candidates for a Residency in the ECVPH to apply for a Standard Residency Programme:

- University of Glasgow, School of Veterinary Medicine, Boyd Orr Centre for Population and Ecosystem Health/UK - PM
- Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, The University of Edinburgh,/UK - FS and PM
- Department of Biomedical Sciences and Veterinary Public Health (BVF), Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala (SLU)/Sweden - FS and PM
- Faculty Veterinary Medicine of Utrecht University, The Netherlands - FS and PM
- Department of Food Hygiene and Environmental Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Helsinki, Finland - FS
- Vetsuisse Faculties Bern and Zürich and SAFOSO, ("Swiss Consortium"), Switzerland - FS and PM
- Department of Veterinary and Animal Science (IVH), Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences (SUND), Univ. of Copenhagen (UCPH) - PM
- University of Liverpool, Institute of Veterinary Science (IVS) and Institute of Infection and Global Health (IGH)/UK - FS and PM
- Bristol Veterinary School, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Bristol/UK- PM
- VetAgro Sup - Lyon Vet. School, Dpt. Elevage et Santé Publique Vétérinaire/FR - PM
- ENVT - École Nationale Vétérinaire de Toulouse/FR- FS and PM
- University College Dublin - UCD, School of Veterinary Medicine/IRL - PM
- Residency Platform Berlin Consortium, FU Berlin/DE - PM
- Royal Veterinary College - RVC, Hawkshead campus/UK - PM
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University, Belgium - PM

The Education Committee would like to encourage all Training Institutions to seek for approval and is expecting further applications for approval of Training Institutes, what is mandatory to provide Standard Residency Programmes in the future !

[Eleni Iosifidou](#)

Ordinary Council Member, Chair of the Education Committee

Check your profile at ECVPH.org and EBVS.eu

Please let us again recall and assist us in keeping your contact details and other information up to date and accurate. This needs to be done in two sites:

1.) At ebvs.eu, the details to be checked specifically are: (Diplomates ONLY!)

- Your e-mail
- Type of employment
- Country where you live
- Country where you obtained your vet-degree
- Type of residency (if applicable!)

2.) At ecvph.org, it is specifically: (Diplomates AND Residents!)

- your e-mail
- your employment type
- your subspeciality
- your enrolment type
- your country of vet degree
- if your institution was EAEVE accredited when you graduated
- year you became a diplomate
- type of residency (if applicable!)
- country where you did your residency training (if applicable!)

Furthermore, please update any other information you think is missing or is not up-to-date.

If it does not work – then let us know and we can try to help you out (questions@ecvph.org).

Please also refer to the [Bylaw on the Use of the Internet and electronic mailing](#) in the European College of Veterinary Public Health (ECVPH).

Thank you in advance for your kind co-operation!

[Søren S. Nielsen](#) (Honorary Secretary) & [Andreas Wunsch](#) (Documenting Secretary)

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