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EDITORIAL

Dear ECVPH Diplomates and Residents
Dear Colleagues,

It is with regret that I must let you know that Professor Dr. Kurt Houf has had to step down from the role of President of ECVPH for personal reasons and with immediate effect. As the current Junior Vice President, I will take over the role of the Acting President until our Annual ECVPH Congress AGM in Athens 2020, when I will become President officially.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kurt personally and publicly for his dedication and long-term commitment to the ECVPH Council. It has been a privilege to work with him and his contributions to the Council will be very missed.

The Council also recognises the uncertainty and challenges associated with the heightened impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a rapidly changing situation which is causing worry and concern for many people. We are committed to maintaining the high standards of training and examination of our residents. However, some modifications to our programme of activities this year may need to be made as a result of this global public health emergency. We will keep you up to date with any changes as they occur and hope to see you in Athens in September.

Best wishes,

Lisa Boden

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Acting President

**Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2020:
Athens/Greece, 23-25. September 2020**



As planned and already announced last year Athens is supposed to host the [ECVPH Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2020](#), at the *National School of Public Health* from **23d to 25th September 2020**.

The situation as to the the COVID-19 pandemic is certainly carefully being considered but preparations are currently ongoing and the organisers would very much look forward to welcoming you in Athens for the ECVPH Conference and AGM at the [National School of Public Health](#) in late September 2020.

The conference will be focusing on ***"Transforming food systems: A new era for VPH!"*** and will revolve around three main themes currently being specified. The draft Programme will be published with the opening of the Registration in May. Please don't forget to send your workshop proposal (*see below*) for consideration and inclusion in the Conference programme. The organisers also hope that it would in general be possible and you may want to decide to stay for the weekend to explore more of Athens or even Greece itself. Please find more details on the [ECVPH website](#) .

We will in any case update you regarding the further development (as to COVID-19 and its impact) and would really look forward to seeing you all in Athens this Autumn!

Please keep positive, strong, safe and **healthy!**

[Andreas Wunsch](#)
Documenting Secretary

On behalf of the Council & Local Organising Committee ECVPH AGM 2020



Call for workshop proposals: Annual Conference 2020

With regard to the further finalisation of the Conference Programme we hereby would like to draw your attention on the published [Call for Workshop Proposals](#) regarding the upcoming and above mentioned [Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting of the ECVPH to be held in Athens from 23-25. September 2020](#). The Conference aims to feature three parallel workshops (2 hrs) on Thursday 24. September 2020 that are intended to again 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 ***"Transforming food systems: A new era for VPH!"***.

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. Together with the planned "Diplomate Session" this would be an additional 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 **20. April 2020** !

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



Re-evaluation of Diplomates in 2020

In 2020 Re-evaluation is compulsory for all Diplomates who received their diploma in 2004, 2010 and 2015. A total of 25 certified Diplomates are affected and have yet been invited to submit the according documentation. Please notice that 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.

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, 2020**. 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 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 **AT LEAST 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!

[Elias Papapanagiotou](#)

Ordinary Council Member, Chair of the Credentials Committee



REMINDER: CALL for FS members in the various Committees

To secure the necessary balance between both sub-specialities in VPH, the Council of the ECVPH is still seeking for new **members with the sub-speciality Food Science in mainly the Credentials Committee** but also in the Education Committee - please contact us/the current [Chairs of those Committees](#) if you are willing to be closer involved and contribute to College internal activities getting you reward at your re-evaluation being due every five years!

Thanking in advance for your kind consideration and looking forward to your further co-operation!

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RESIDENT Workshop on advanced "One Health"

The [Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute](#) has been granted approval for organising a supported Workshop for ECVPH Residents on **Advanced "One Health"** initially planned to be held in Basel from **24th to 26th of June 2020** - due to the pandemic situation as to COVID-19 the Organisers are currently reviewing the Workshop most likely to be held (at the same time but) **online on an interactive WEBINAR basis** - more information for interested Residents to be provided on the [ECVPH website](#) soon!

As in the past years a **CALL for proposals for supported Residents Workshop to be held in the Year 2021** will be sent out in 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 2020 to ecvphdocsec@gmail.com.

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

[Andreas Wunsch](#)

Documenting Secretary



Please check and update 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!

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!

[Bojan Blagojevic](#) (*Honorary Secretary*) & [Andreas Wunsch](#) (*Documenting Secretary*)

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