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EDITORIAL
Invitation to Annual Conference and AGM 2019

Dear Colleagues,

The preparations for our next Annual General Meeting are well underway. As you read this newsletter, the registration for the meeting is open. This year we will be in Edinburgh, Scotland. The local organisers, together with your Council, have put together a great programme, both scientific and social. Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, is an interesting city, steeped in history, and a good starting point for a tour of Scotland. The dates of our meeting are Wednesday 2nd till Friday 4th of October. The venue will be close to the centre of Edinburgh, close to the historic sites. I sincerely hope that I can meet many of you at the annual meeting. The programme looks promising, it is a good opportunity to meet colleagues and friends and it is your chance to play a role in the management of our College.

Those of you who have residents: do encourage them to come as well. There are opportunities for residents to meet, to present their work and to discuss topics with the top of veterinary public health in Europe. Who wouldn't want to be there?

See you all in Edinburgh!

Yours,

[Ed van Klink](#)

President



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

As already announced earlier [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**.

We are delighted to welcome you to the ECVPH Scientific Conference and AGM 2019 in Edinburgh that is the perfect occasion to meet colleagues from all around Europe and stay in touch with the College activities. Participants can also enjoy the beautiful [City of Edinburgh \(link is external\)](#) during their stay especially if extended to the weekend. It is possible to take part to organised Whisky Tours and/or take part to trips to nearby beautiful Scottish cities or to the Highlands.

In the scope of "**Membership of the European Union – challenges for Veterinary Public Health**" , the organizing committee invites you to visit the [ECVPH website](#) for further information as to the Conference Programme and important general information (travel, accommodation etc.).



As in the past years Workshops will form an integral interactive part to to complete the [Programme](#) and according to the launched Call for proposals 3 workshops were accordingly included - we thank all who contributed so well!

The [draft Programme](#), further [general information and arrangements](#) as well as a as well as a [Call for abstracts](#) and direct **ONLINE-Registration** is now available and opened on the [College website!](#)

CALL for Poster Abstracts: submission Deadline: 1st. July 2019!



The XIX. Annual General Meeting of the ECVPH will be held in the afternoon of **Thursday 3. of October 2019**. The Minutes of the XVIII. AGM and the draft Agenda for this years meeting will be uploaded at the [College´s restricted part of the Website for registered users](#) timely beforehand and announced with the upcoming e-Newsletter. Diplomates are once more reminded that attendance of the AGM at least once in 3 consecutive years is compulsory, and that the status of Diplomates not complying with this requirement will be set to "non-certified".

[Andreas Wunsch](#)

ECVPH Documenting Secretary &

[Alex Sequino](#) and Cristina Soare

Local Organising Committee ECVPH AGM 2019



CALL for Nominations to the Council Elections 2019

For this years elections the ECVPH Council is seeking for nominations for the election to the Council to be held at the Annual General Meeting of the College on Thursday 3d October 2019 in Edinburgh.

This Year we are seeking nominations for the posts of:

- **Junior Vice President**
- **2 Ordinary members**
- **1 Auditor**
- **Resident Liaison person**

The ECVPH Council encourages candidates who completed the entire ECVPH education path of the ECVPH to consider putting themselves forward for nomination. In addition, in order to better balance the current composition of the Council, new female diplomates are especially encouraged to stand for nomination. The 2 open posts for ordinary members should be represented by one Diplomate being from PM and one from FS sub-speciality.

The according [form is attached herewith and available](#) for download [on the ECVPH 'website \(LOGIN required!\)](#). We are happy to take scanned forms (by e-mail ONLY) bearing the signatures – they do not necessarily need to be on the one form - please notice the **deadline** for nominations being the **2nd of September 2019!**

With all best wishes,

Riikka Laukkanen-Ninios and Matthias Greiner
ECVPH Nominations Committee



RESIDENT Workshop on ABN

The [Section of Epidemiology of the VetSuisse-Faculty of the University of Zurich](#) has successfully organised a supported Workshop for ECVPH Residents on "**Additive Bayesian Networks as an alternative for risk factor studies**" held in Zürich from **7th to 9th of May 2019**. Chaired by Sonja Hartnack (Dip. ECVPH, Section of epidemiology, University of Zurich) and Gilles Kratzer (Institute of Mathematics, University of Zurich) 5 ECVPH Residents, a PhD Student and another Diplomate of the ECVPH attended this well received workshop.

The Additive Bayesian Networks approach to perform a risk analysis study is an efficient alternative to commonly used regression methods. A DAG - showing the associations between variables - provides a very useful visualization tool of the best fitting model of the data.



This workshop was a great opportunity to get insight into the theoretical and practical approach of a new modelling concept, as well as to meet other ECVPH residents with different backgrounds in both subspecialties.

We really appreciated the open, benevolent, constructive and educational workshop atmosphere, as well as the big effort, know-how and commitment of Sonja and Gilles. It was just a great time!

[Marina Morach](#) and [Julie Pont](#)

ECVPH Residents

on behalf of the Workshops participants



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!

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