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EDITORIAL

Dear ECVPH Diplomates and Residents,

As new president of the ECVPH, it is my pleasure to take some time to reflect, and to thank some colleagues for their work in the College and the Council. The College is a collective effort of all its members, and I like to thank in particular all of you that actively participate in one or more of the many committees, exam boards, acting as local organizers of the Annual Conference & AGMs and yearly workshops, and of course in the daily training of our residents.

During the time I spent as a member of the Council, I had already the pleasure to work with many enthusiastic and charming colleagues, and I would like to thank especially our outgoing president Ed van Klink. I hope that as vice-president and representative of our College in the EBVS, he will continue to share his good advices with the Council and College for the next 2 years. A special word of thankfulness to those Diplomates who left the Council: the vice-president Jeroen Dewulf, our ordinary member Eleni Iosifidou, who did a tremendous job for the Education Committee, Soren Saxmose Nielsen, our ever efficient past-Secretary, and Gerty Vanantwerpen as past resident liaison person. Also two new Diplomates joined the Council as ordinary members: Ana Mateus as chair of the new Exam Review Committee, and Elias Papapanagiotou as new chair of the Credentials Committee. We also welcome Sophia Johler as our new resident liaison person.

I also would like to take the opportunity to retrospectively thank once more Alessandro Seguino and Cristina Soare, the local organisers of the past AGM in Edinburgh. Both content and organization were excellent, and it was once again a pleasure to meet so many Residents and Diplomates from all over Europe.

You can find an update on the members of the different committees at our website, and we keep inviting you to join one or more of them.

In the more than 13 years as Diplomate of the College, I experienced lot of changes, with a professionalization of the exams as one of the major but everlasting challenge. Our new Exam Review Committee, with already a participation of more than 24 diplomates, will certainly support the necessary ongoing adaptation process.

Furthermore, within the past decade, one of the positive evolutions within the College is the growing number of residents, but also the gradual sublimation of an initial demarcation line between both subspecialties, Population Medicine and Food Science. The more balanced number between diplomates and residents of both subspecialties, joined initiatives and projects are a remarkable result of this internal entanglement.

However within VPH, we face compelling changes at scientific, governmental but even more at a social level. These challenges require not only a different approach and expertise and subsequently efforts from all of us, but start already with the training of our new colleagues. Veterinarians active in VPH will have to deal with evidence based meat inspection, antimicrobial resistance, precise livestock farming, higher demands on quality and animal welfare, climate change, migration and emerging pathogens, just to mention some of them. It is my strong believe that we owe it to ourselves as a profession not only

to stay on top, but even to take the lead in a different approach of the food chain. The European College of Veterinary Public Health is and can be an excellent platform to form a strong and solid basis.

We will continue to communicate on a regular basis all of our activities and procedures in the coming months through our newsletters. I would also like to point out again our website which contains a huge amount of very relevant and useful information <https://ecvph.org/> at the same time kindly asking you to keep your contact info updated. This will enable all of us to stay informed about meetings, workshops, initiatives and procedures of the College. Finally, all suggestions and feed-back from you are most welcome, and will be taken into account.

Looking forward to meet you all at one of our next events,

[Kurt Houf](#)

President ECVPH 2019-2021



Another successful Annual Scientific Conference and AGM in 2019: Edinburgh, Scotland/UK, 2 - 4. October 2019



Attended by 138 participants **Edinburgh** has successfully hosted the ***ECVPH Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2019***, at the [John McIntyre Conference Centre](#) from **2nd to 4th October 2019**. In the frame of "*Membership of the European Union: Challenges for Veterinary Public Health*" the Conference has focused on three main themes as possible VPH challenges to "Brexit", sustainable livestock production and African Swine fever, all very much appreciated by a positive feedback of mainly ECVPH Diplomates and Residents forming the scientific audience.

A part of the content and outcome of the Conference has been uploaded to [ECVPH's Website](#), where you may find the Conference proceedings as well as oral presentations of Keynotes, the Challenge session, selected presentations by ECVPH Residents and posters to follow (upon authorization by the authors).

As a scientific highlight and honor the **'Roberto Chizzolini Memorial Poster Prize 2019'**, was awarded to **John Tulloch** for his poster on ["An audit of animal related injuries at UK veterinary schools"](#) - (the oral presentation being available for download on the Website) - thanks John and congratulations!

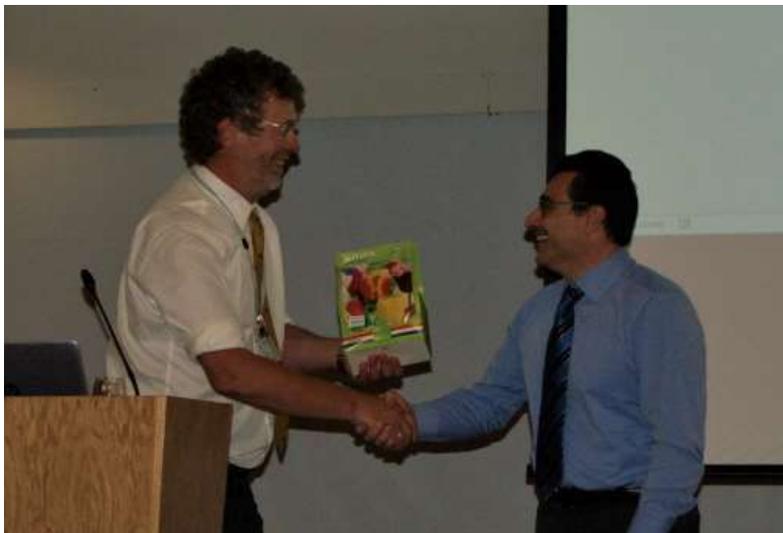


Audience – Keynote Robert J. Huey

John Tulloch – Poster Prize 2019

Workshops

The Council of the ECVPH would like to once more gratefully acknowledge the local Organizers Cristina Soare and Alessandro Seguíno and everyone involved in the successful organization and is already looking forward to welcome you all again next year in Athens/Greece (see below!).



Outgoing President Ed van Klink and Local Organiser Alex Seguíno

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

[Andreas Wunsch](#)
Documenting Secretary



DIPLOMATE SESSION at the Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2020: Athens/Greece, 23 - 25. September 2020

Athens will host the **ECVPH Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2020**, at the *National School of Public Health* **from 23d to 25th September 2020** - please save the date!

Every year, local organizers of the AGM meeting, and the Council of the ECVPH try to compile an exciting and challenging Conference program, in which the different aspects and developments in the broad field of Veterinary Public Health are addressed. Under one leading topic, this is done by poster presentations, inviting local and international speakers, the organization of parallel workshops, a discussion theme, and through short oral presentations of a selection of poster presentations from our residents.

However, we sometimes forget about the huge expertise being a treasure within the College itself, and that we, the Diplomates, harbour specific expertise and knowledge being fully worth to share and discuss.

That is why at the Annual Scientific Conference & AGM 2020 in Athens, there will be room in the program for 2 oral presentations delivered by Diplomats (preferably 1 PM and FS oriented topic) and a two times 30-minute slot (20 minutes of presentation and 10 minutes of discussion) is being foreseen.

According to our [Bylaws on reimbursement](#), presenting diplomates will not have to pay registration fee for the Conference.

If you would like to contribute as described, **please send a title of a your presentation and a short abstract** (max 500 words) to the Documentary Secretary, [Andreas Wunsch](#), **before Monday, 20th of January 2020**. Acceptance of your proposal will be notified by mid-February.

Further information on next Years event will be provided on the the [College´s website](#) by the start of 2020!

We look forward to welcome many of you in Athens next year!

[Kurt Houf](#)
President ECVPH 2019-2021



New members of the ECVPH Council

Out of the elections of nominated candidates 3 Diplomates were appointed as new members of the ECVPH Council at the AGM 2019 in Edinburgh:

- [Ana MATEUS](#) (PM), Ordinary Member, appointed as Chair of the new Examination Review Committee

- [Elias PAPAPANAGIOTOU](#) (FS), Ordinary Member, appointed as new Chair of the Credentials Committee and
- [Sophia JOHLER](#) (FS), Resident Liaison Person, permanently co-opted Council member and link to the Residents

Herunder a brief presentation:

[Ana L.P. Mateus](#) is a lecturer in Veterinary Public Health at the Royal Veterinary College, University of London, where she is strand leader of the Population Medicine and Veterinary Public Health modules of the undergraduate veterinary medicine course and deputy leader of the rotation in Pathology and Veterinary Public Health. Ana is also works part-time as an external consultant in animal health for Public Health England (UK). She is an associate editor for the BMC Veterinary Research journal and contributes as a reviewer to several journals. She is presently involved in several projects on governance of antibiotics in LMICs and monitoring of AMR in food-producing animals.



[Elias Papapanagiotou](#) is an Associate Professor in the Laboratory of Animal Food Products Hygiene-Veterinary Public Health, in the School of Veterinary Medicine of Thessaloniki, Greece. He is a de facto Diplomat of the ECVPH since 2005. His teaching duties encompass meat inspection, meat hygiene and safety, residues of pesticides and veterinary medicinal products in foods of animal origin, food legislation, etc. His research interests include residues of veterinary medicinal products, shellfish biotoxins, biodegradation and antimicrobial resistance.



[Sophia Johler](#) is ECVPH Resident Liaison and Member of the Education Committee. She is the President of the Swiss Society for Food Hygiene and leads a research group at the Institute for Food Safety and Hygiene, University of Zurich. She acts as an expert for the Swiss Innovation Agency Innosuisse, as an Editor for FEMS Microbiology Letters and Frontiers in Microbiology and as reviewer for over 40 peer-reviewed scientific journals and the Research Executive Agency of the European Commission.



Past Examinations and new Diplomates

After successfully completing their Residency Programmes 6 Residents have passed the Qualifying Examination (on 4. and 5. June 2019) and have been awarded their Diplomas at the AGM 2019 in Edinburgh (together with the two Diplomates from the previous Exam round) as new members and certified Diplomates of the ECVPH: Sophia JOHLER and Madalena VIEIRA-PINTO (both FS) as well as Susanne KÜKER, Anaïs LÉGER, Alexandra MÜLLER and Marco De NARDI (all PM).

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME !



*President Ed van Klink and new Diplomates present at the AGM in Edinburgh:
Arja Kautto, Madalena Vieira-Pinto, Anaïs Léger, Alexandra Müller and Anja Buschulte*

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 seeking for new members with the sub-speciality Food Science in mainly the Credentials Committee but also in the Education Committee and the Examination Review 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!

the [ECVPH Council](#)

Dates of the Qualifying Examination in 2020

The dates of the Qualifying Examination in 2020 have been fixed as follows

- **1st. TERM:** application deadline >> December 1st. 2019!
WRITTEN: 1. April 2020 - ORAL: 2. or/and 3. June 2020*
- **2nd. TERM:** application deadline >> June 1st. 2020!
WRITTEN: 7. October 2020 - ORAL: 1. or/and 2. December 2020*

**depending on number of candidates!*

[Lisa Boden](#)

Junior Vice President, Chair of the Standing Examination Committee



RE M I N D E R

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!



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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