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

Dear Colleagues,

It was a great pleasure to meet many of you at this year's annual meeting in Perugia. We have enjoyed an interesting scientific programme with contributions from a wide variety of backgrounds. The theme, "***Fading of the HACCP after four decades: new trends in VPH for food safety***" was already highlighted in the first keynote presentation on HACCP. This was followed by a presentation on food safety in military operations, clearly having its logistical challenges. These keynotes were followed by four resident poster presentations, with interesting subjects on antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic surveillance and risk factors for *Toxoplasma* infections. Another keynote was presented on EFSA's approach to risk assessment of vector-borne diseases.

In the afternoon of the first day, three workshops were conducted, on the following subjects:

- The quantitative outcomes of a «one health» approach to study global health challenges: a joint residency project
- Science and policy: some examples
- Big data analysis in veterinary public health: from sequence analysis to risk assessment

The workshops were highly appreciated by the participants and continue to be an effective and interesting mode of transferring information and knowledge while keeping the minds busy.

In the morning of the second day, an interesting challenge session was presented on the controversial subject of raw milk. Obviously, the safety of the consumption of raw milk was given attention, but also the role raw milk might play in reducing allergies. Not surprisingly, the challenge session provoked quite a lot of debate, as a challenge session should!

Another residents session followed, with poster presentations on *Anisakis* larvae in herring, livestock-related microbial air pollution and challenges in organizing practical meat inspection training of veterinary students in Finland.

A final keynote presentation followed, on the control of brucellosis in less developed countries.

The closure of the conference saw the presentation of the '**Roberto Chizzolini Memorial Poster Prize**', which was won by **Dorien Eppink** for her poster on '[Association between within-herd seroprevalence and risk factors for *Toxoplasma gondii* in fattening pigs in The Netherlands](#)', and the presentation of the venue for the next meeting, Edinburgh.

I think we can look back at a very successful annual meeting, for which I would like to thank Beniamino Cenci Goga and Maria-Francesca Iulietto and their team. The conference was well organised, the catering was excellent as well. Leave that to the Italians!

I hope to see many of you again next year in Edinburgh!

[Ed van Klink](#)

President of the European College of Veterinary Public Health



Hotel Giò **Conference venue**



Poster Prize Winner
Dorien Eppink



The City of Perugia

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

Most of oral presentations as well as presented posters are uploaded on the [College's 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 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 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.

The *ECVPH Annual Scientific Conference and AGM 2019*, will continue the long tradition of combining cutting-edge and applied scientific research and culture in a high quality scientific programme. Further information on next Years event will be provided on the the [College 's website](#) by the start of 2019!

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

[Alex Sequino](#), [Lisa Boden](#) and Cristina Soare

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee ECVPH AGM 2019



NEW Diplomates accredited

After successfully finishing their Residency Programmes and having passed the Qualifying Examination (in November 2017 and June 2018) **11 Diplomates** were accredited at the AGM hold on 18. October 2018 as **new Members of the ECVPH**: Luís Pedro Carmo, Tineke Kramer, Sue Tongue, Simon C. Archer, Ilias Chantziaras, Sarah McFarland, Roswitha Merle, Laura Pieper, Céline Simoneit and Aurélie Tschopp (all PM) as well as Riikka Laukkanen-Ninios (FS).

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME !



New Diplomates present at the AGM: (fltr) Simon Archer, Sue Tongue, Tineke Kramer and Luis Pedro Gomes do Carmo

Financial issues - Treasurers report summary

At the AGM in Perugia the Junior Vice-President Kurt Houf (former ECVPH Treasurer) presented the financial overview of the period August 2016 till 1. January 2018. The College is in good standing. Payments were done e.g. for the AGM in Liege, for taking the examinations and EBVS obligations. The auditors checked the accounts and had minor comments on how the accounts were handled.

Then the acting treasurer Len Lipman presented the present financial status of the College. This status is still good but some costs are exploding. Especially the website costs and the exam costs have risen a lot. On both subjects the ECVPH Council will start actions. For the website the Council will contact the website provider to discuss the risen costs. For the exam costs, the Council will ask other Colleges how they perform the exams to come up with a cheaper system, if possible, without diminishing the quality of the exams. If costs cannot be reduced the Council will propose a rise in fee costs at the AGM in Edinburgh. The also proposed possible rise in exam fee's was discussed by diplomates at the AGM. The assembly advised the Council to seek the solution, if necessary, in a rise in annual fees instead of a rise in exam costs since for some residents these costs are already extensive.

[Len Lipman](#)

ECVPH Treasurer

Residency Training Institutes

With 4 new Institutions having recently been confirmed so far **14 Residency Training Institutes** have been approved to offer candidates for a Residency in the ECVPH the possibility 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

- Dept. 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 - **newly approved!**
- University College Dublin - UCD, School of Veterinary Medicine/IRL - PM - **newly approved!**
- Residency Platform Berlin Consortium, FU Berlin/DE - PM - **newly approved!**
- Royal Veterinary College - RVC, Hawkshead campus/UK- PM - **newly approved!**

The Education Committee is currently evaluating one more application so far received by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Gent (PM) and would like to once more encourage all Training Institutions to seek for approval and is expecting further applications for approval of Training Institutes being mandatory to provide Standard Residency Programmes in the future !

[Eleni Iosifidou](#)

Chair Education Committee ECVPH



BREXIT update

The United Kingdom will formally leave the European Union in March 2019, but it is not leaving Europe. ECVPH's current position is to maintain a strong commitment to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for its diverse scientific network of European residents and Diplomates. This includes our EU and UK residents and Diplomates who are working or studying in the UK. Indeed, the EBVS remit extends to veterinary surgeons who **are licensed to practice in Europe**. So that also includes colleagues who work in European countries outside the EU and those graduating from schools that give them access to a European license to practice even if they do not work in Europe.

Given the highly dynamic nature of the UK's EU Exit negotiations, we will alert you if there are any significant changes to the EBVS or ECVPH position. The EBVS statement on Brexit, which was first published in 2016, is located here for your information: <https://ebvs.eu/news/ebvs-executive-board-statement-on-european-specialists-and-brexit>

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