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Dear Diplomates of the ECVPH,

The Annual meeting of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) met in Brussels 15-16 April 2011. One of the 16 points at the agenda dealt with the full recognition applications of European Colleges, and ECVPH was one of them.

**Yes we achieved the full recognition status!** We were praised about the considerable improvements in the documents as compared to the last year. If you remember well, last year we were told that only a few amendments were to be added and/or adapted according to the "Policies and Procedures" of EBVS. Amazing was to learn that one of the items (4 years training period including a one year internship to start with) we accepted in our Constitution had to be voted on at this years meeting to be included in EBVS' own "Policies and Procedures". So we were actually ahead of the umbrella organisation itself. As a consequence of this adaptation in the EBVS rules some recognised Colleges became nervous because they do not fulfil the requirements any longer!

The second positive remark that should be made is that EBVS slowly grows out of its own adolescence period of existence including the feeling of "an old-boys (read clinicians) network". The organisation will reorganise its bureau and attract a veterinary CEO whose task it will be to be a permanent contact between EBVS and the various Colleges, and a permanent secretariat to support all the paperwork and information on the website. This of course will cost more and consequently the individual Colleges will be rated more than before. However it is expected that the visibility of EBVS and its related Colleges will much improve with permanent professionals in the bureau. It is of utmost importance that European specialists will be recognised not only by their own professional organisations but all the more by European and national politics. In public relations, and public discussions about ethical questions such as animal welfare and environmental hygiene, emerging zoonoses, European Specialists should be the primary partners to talk to.

Since veterinary public health is deeply rooted into the society we should consider a role for ECVPH in helping EBVS to get such better relationships with not only the veterinary world but also Society as a whole. Suggestions from your side are very much welcomed.

Best regards,

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