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REVIEW OF THE ECVPH CURRICULUM

Dear Diplomates of the ECVPH,
dear colleagues,

more than ten years ago, the Curriculum of the ECVPH was established by our founding Diplomats Frans J.M. Smulders, Dan Collins, Bernard Toma, Preben Willeberg and Roberto Chizzolini. Since then, the Curriculum has been the reference for assessing credentials, designing and assessing residency programmes and examinations. College members and stakeholders of our College have obviously been satisfied with the Curriculum as a framework for an up-to-date training of all relevant aspects of VPH in the two speciality areas of Food Science and Population Medicine. Nevertheless, ensuring that the Curriculum remains current, the Council has decided to initiate a review process.

In this Special Issue we present the goals of the review process, the intended process and describe what Residents and Diplomats (especially residency supervisors and programme directors) should know about the Curriculum Update.

All diplomats – not only residency supervisors and programme directors – are cordially invited to contribute to the review process. This Issue explains how this may happen.

On behalf of the Council I thank in advance all colleagues that are willing to take stock!

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President ECVPH

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The ECVPH Curriculum: Reference for assessing credentials, residency programmes and examinations

The Curriculum is described in the Information Brochure (linked at

http://www.ecvph.org/members-area/downloads/doc_download/42-ecvph-info-brochure).

Changes of the curriculum (If any) will be found in an updated version of this document. Only parts I and II will be subject of the Curriculum review.

What are our goals in the Curriculum Review?

- The Council proposes the review and (if necessary) an update of the Curriculum as part of quality assurance practices.
- As a reference document, the Curriculum ensures that the training certified by ECVPH meets the requirements and expectations of the veterinary public health profession, adjacent disciplines and stakeholders in the light of scientific and technical advances, changes of production and marketing systems, legislations and so on.
- The intellectual ownership of the Curriculum by all active Diplomats is promoted using a participatory approach in the Curriculum review.

What will be the process of the review?

Active involvement of Diplomats

- **Stage 1:** all Diplomats are invited to complete an **ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE** (linked at <http://www.ecvph.org/edit-and-add-news-items/101-online-questionnaire-review-of-the-ecvph-curriculum>) and provide their assessment of the relevance of each Curriculum topic (see instructions at start of questionnaire) and provide

free text for comments on modified description, etc). A completed questionnaire will count with 5 credit points towards re-evaluation of the respondent. **Deadline for submission is 31 July 2013.**

- **Stage 2:** All Diplomats are invited to enrol in a **CURRICULUM REVIEW WORKING GROUP**. Their task will be to develop a proposal for a Curriculum update by taking into account the feedback from the membership (Stage 1). Preliminary results are to be presented during the AGM 2013 and a report will be due eight weeks later. Participation will be rewarded with 5 credit points towards re-evaluation of each participant. The **working group meeting** will be adjacent to the Annual Conference 2013 in Torino on **Wednesday, 18 September 2013, 9:00-16:00**. Subsistence costs for one extra day and one additional night of accommodation will be covered by the College. Furthermore, the participants may reduce their registration fees by 50 EUR. **Deadline for application as member of the working group is 31 May 2013.**

- Stages 1 and 2 are not mutually exclusive.

Role of the Council

- The Council shall facilitate the work of the Curriculum review working group by delegating two members of the Education Committee. If necessary, the Council shall select the total number of 10 working group members among all applicants on a first-come-first served basis and in respect of balance between FS and PM.
- The Council shall mandate the Education Committee to provide comments on the Curriculum.
- The Council shall adopt the report of the Curriculum review working group and the Education Committee and implement and

communicate any changes. The Council will also decide in case of any conflicting conclusions put forward by the Education Committee and the Curriculum review Working group.

- The Council also stresses that all Curriculum topics shall be eligible for exam questions (see below for transition period).

What changes should be anticipated by Residents and members?

- The membership shall be informed about the outcome of the Review process by 15 March 2014. If any changes of the Curriculum are to be implemented, the Information Brochure shall be updated accordingly by that date.
- Residents shall be assessed for credentials and examined with reference to the Curriculum as it applied at the date of their enrolment into the residency programme.
- However, exam candidates should use the update Curriculum as soon as available to obtain a better understanding of the relevant FS and PM areas for their examinations.
- During a transition period, the updated Curriculum already serves as a guide for examinations for Residents enrolled under the previous Curriculum. The examination committees shall account for discrepancies between a candidate's residency programme and the updated curriculum on a case-by-case basis.
- June 2014 will be the date for submission of the first residency training programmes designed according to an updated Curriculum

! U P C O M I N G !

Annual Meeting and Conference 2013: Turin, Italy, 19-20 September 2013

As already announced this years annual meeting will be held in **Turin Italy, September 19-20, 2013**. The Meeting is being jointly organised by the diplomates of University of Turin/Dept. Veterinary Sciences (DVS) and Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Piemonte, Liguria e Valle d'Aosta (IZS), Turin.

The Museo Regionale di Storia Naturale /
Regional Museum of Natural Sciences

(<http://www.regione.piemonte.it/museoscienzeaturali/>) has been selected as excellent venue for this years meeting. Conference facilities of the Museum (1 large room: 160 seats, 3 small rooms: 20-30 seats) are hosted in an historical building (17th century), centrally located, close to major hotels, shops and sites of interest downtown.

Before the Annual Meeting, ECVPH residents will again have the opportunity to participate in a **3-days resident course/workshop** (16-18. September 2013) to be held at the laboratories of the DVS-University Campus (in Grugliasco <http://veterinaria.campusnet.unito.it/>) and at IZS (<http://www.izsto.it/>). Further information will be made available and uploaded on the ECVPH website by 15. April 2013!

The format of the conference has been adjusted according to the detailed feedback received from members the past year. The **draft Programme** is already available from now on! **ONLINE Registration** will start and a **Call for abstracts** including abstract submission details will be launched both by **15th April 2013!** **ALL** details to be posted on the College website <http://www.ecvph.org/meeting/ecvphmeetings/details/29-ecvph-agm-a-annual-scientificconference-2013>

Diplomates are again reminded and should note that – according to the approved constitutional change in October 2010- **attendance of the AGM at least once in 3 (!) consecutive years is compulsory**. The status of Diplomates not complying with this requirement will be set to **“non-practicing”/inactive**.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Torino!

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