



EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear colleagues,

Uppsala the ancient university town welcomes you to discuss challenges for the world and the opportunities for VPH to contribute. How can we as ECVPH respond to the challenge of creating a sustainable world? The meeting will be from Monday September 26 to Wednesday Sept 28 2016 with residents workshops on Thursday and Friday. The Organisers are looking forward to welcome you in Uppsala.

Ivar Vågsholm
on behalf of the Organising Committee

REMINDER: Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2016: Uppsala, Sweden – 26-28. September 2016

As earlier announced ECVPH's Annual Conference will be held at the **Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden, on 26-28 September 2016** under the scope of "**Challenges for the world – opportunities for VPH**" !

The conference will cover topics ranging from advances in detection and control of foodborne outbreak within the EU, to the future role of VPH in an ever-changing and dynamic food- and animal health policy landscape. There will be ample opportunity to interact informally with experts in the field, from within and outside of the College, and also to enjoy the interesting and beautiful city of Uppsala.

The [draft Programme](#) which has been made available by the end of April on the College's Website was completed according to received and selected workshop proposals by in June 2016.

Following the conference (29-30. September 2016) the Organisers will offer **3 Short Courses for Residents** which will take place each for 1,5 days at the [National Veterinary Institute](#) being located on the campus of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. The minimum number of participants who need to (separately!) [register for a course](#) will be 6. A fee of EUR 50,-- per course will be charged to cover meals, coffee/tea and training material. Topics of these Workshops are "*Syndromic surveillance using free tools*", "*Introduction to R*" and "*Outbreak investigations*".

[Further updated and detailed information](#) (Programme, Travel, venue, accomodation: due to an overlap of events taking place at the same time it is highly recommended to secure accomodation as soon as possible!) is provided on our [website](#)!

Diplomates are kindly again 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-practicing"/inactive.

On behalf of the Organisers we are very much looking forward to welcoming and seeing many of you in Uppsala in September!





CALL for Nominations to the Council Elections 2016

The ECVPH Council is seeking for nominations for the 2016 elections to the Council to be held at the Annual General Meeting of the College on Tuesday 27. September 2016 in Uppsala.

We are seeking nominations for the posts of:

- **Treasurer Elect,**
- **Ordinary Member (1),**
- **2 Auditors** and
- **Resident Liaison person (1)**

The ECVPH Council encourages candidates who completed the entire ECVPH education path of the ECVPH to consider putting themselves forward for nomination, what would especially apply for the post of "*Resident Liaison person*". In addition, in order to better balance the current composition of the council, new female diplomates are especially encouraged to stand for nomination.

The according forms are available on the ECVPH´website (LOGIN required!) for [download](#). 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.

With all best wishes,

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Chair ECVPH Nominations Committee

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CALL for RESIDENT Workshop proposals 2017

As in the past year a **CALL for proposals for supported Residents Workshop to be held in the Year 2017** has already been sent out by 12. of July 2016, we

herewith would like to remind about and kindly ask you to submit your proposals by the [form uploaded](#) on ECVPH 's website **by 20. September 2016 at the latest!**

Below you find some feedback on the recent very successful workshops.

Thanking in advance for all your kind efforts!



FEEDBACK ON ECVPH 's Website

For specific technical reasons and in order to improve its "web-performance" the ECVPH Council has decided to renew the website. Before concretely starting this process we would like to ask YOU, Diplomates and Residents of the College for your **opinion and feedback** and would thus be happy receiving **your input on improvements and suggestions** at questions@ecvph.org (*subject: new ECVPH website*) - We will do our best to take your suggestions into account!



Thank you for your co-operation and feedback!



PAST RESIDENT 's WORKSHOPS

- **Workshop on meat hygiene and public health, Boxtel 13-15 June 2016**

A workshop on meat hygiene and public health was organized by the Dutch residents, aiming to improve our understanding of meat hygiene and control measures in the slaughterhouse and the food chain in a broad context and relating this to public health. A total of 14 residents participated. A combination of lectures by diplomates and residents, a visit to the slaughterhouse, and interactive group assignments made for a great learning opportunity. Topics covered included a historic overview of meat inspection, contamination during slaughter, general control measures, specific control measures, antibiotic resistance related to meat, EU legislation and animal by-products and international trade. In order to create an overview of the situation in Europe, residents from each country prepared a presentation on the most important meat related health hazards and control measures in their country, showing variation within Europe and leading to interesting discussions. Altogether, a nice opportunity to meet with residents and diplomates active in this field and at the same time get practically relevant training in this subject.



We would like to thank all contributing diplomats for their input and thank Vion Boxtel for their generous hospitality.

Gerrit Koop
ECVPH Resident, for the Organisers

- **Workshop on Applied Animal Health Economics , FU-Berlin/Düppel, 8-11 June 2016**

The Institute for Veterinary Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Free University of Berlin, recently organized and hosted a 3-day workshop on Applied Animal Health

Economics at the campus in Düppel. Almost 30 participants from 9 European countries followed the invitation to the workshop. With the support of the faculty as well as the European College for Veterinary Public Health (ECVPH), the institute was able to attract the two excellent speakers Dr. Barbara Haesler from the Royal Veterinary College (RVC, UK) and Dr. Jörn Gethmann from the Friedrich-Loeffler Institute (FLI, Germany). The workshop was specifically designed for residents of the European College for Veterinary Public Health (ECVPH). Six participating residents were members of the ECVPH platform, a support network between the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine FU Berlin for the education of residents of the College. In addition, some veterinarians from other specializations followed the invitation. Between the lectures, in discussions, practical exercises, group work, and social activities such as a boat dinner tour on the Berlin waterways, participants had numerous networking opportunities.



Laura Pieper and Céline Simoneit
ECVPH Residents, for the Organisers



Check and update your profile at ECVPH.org and EBVS.eu !!!

PLEASE assist us in keeping your contact details and other information up to date. This needs to be done in two sites:

- 1) At EBVS.eu, where you go to the bottom of the page, and login using your e-mail as username. Forgotten your password? – you can retrieve it from the site.
- 2) At www.ECVPH.org where you also login with your e-mail as username. And there is an option to retrieve a lost password.

The passwords are only identical if you set them to be – and the two databases do not communicate. So please help us by keeping both updated. 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 [Bylaws on the Use of the Internet and electronic mailing](#) in the European College of Veterinary Public Health (ECVPH) !

Thank you for your kind co-operation!

Søren S. Nielsen (Honorary Secretary) & Andreas Wunsch (Documenting Secretary)

