



EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

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

The Annual Conference was successfully held at the [Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden, on 26-28 September 2016](#) !

Attracting **almost 130 participants** being 77 Diplomates and 36 attending residents of the ECVPH the conference followed once more the earlier adopted format headed under the scope of **„Challenges for the world – opportunities for VPH“**.

Both the organization as well as the scientific content of the meeting were once again of a very high level creating the perfect atmosphere for learning and networking. During the AGM the council proposed some important changes regarding the organization of ECVPH (move of the official seat from Ireland to the Netherland, adaptation of an amended constitution,...). As a council we are very grateful to the membership of the college for the unanimous support in all of these changes which help to ensure a healthy future for our college. We already look forward to welcome you all again next year in Liege, Belgium.

The “Roberto Chizzolini Memorial Poster Prize” was awarded to the Resident **Gerrit Koop**, Univ. of Utrecht, for his poster on **“Discovery of a novel phage-encoded leukocidin shows adaptation of *Staphylococcus aureus* to equids”**



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Poster Prize Winner Gerrit Koop



Resident's Meeting

Also for the attending ECVPH Residents the AGM was a very good opportunity to meet, participate in interesting workshops and enjoy their visit in beautiful autumn Sweden together! During their meeting on the 26th of September 2016, the residents discussed various issues of interest or concern, including financial matters, the final exam and new representatives. They also enjoyed the Swedish hospitality thanks to their Swedish colleagues - who kindly offered them delicious cinnamon buns! The participants of the Joint Research Project exploring the "Economic benefit of a One Health approach" also met and discussed their views on the current version of their manuscript, to be submitted within the next months.

The Council gratefully acknowledge everyone involved in the successful organization!

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

Jeroen Dewulf, *President*
Marilena Filippitzi, *Resident Representative*
Andreas Wunsch, *Documenting Secretary*



Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2017: Liège, Belgium – 2-4. October 2017



The next Annual Conference will be held in **Liège, Belgium, October 2nd – 4th October 2017.**

Though the format and main contents of the Scientific Programme should be similar to the 2016 Programme topics as Outbreaks detection, education and teaching in different veterinary schools and the question on how VPH can be made more attractive to undergraduate students have so far been

pre-identified. Further input from Diplomates and Residents of the ECVPH will be highly appreciated - thank you in advance for your contributions!

A draft Programme and Registration will be made available from April 2017 on, details to be posted on the College website.

Diplomates are herewith again reminded that 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.

Already now looking forward to seeing many of you in Liège next year!



NEW Diplomates accredited

After successfully finishing their Residency Programmes and having passed the Qualifying Examination (in November 2015 and July 2016) **9 Diplomates** were accredited at the AGM held on 27. September 2016 as **new Members of the ECVPH**: Harriet Auty (PM), Karsten Giffey (FS), Aurélie Courcoul (PM), Laura Falzon (PM), Isabel Lechner (PM), Alessandro Seguino (FS), Gerty Vanantwerpen (FS), Timothée Vergne (PM), Susanna Sternberg-Lewerin (PM).

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME !



(fltr) L. Falzon, A. Courcoul, I. Lechner, K. Giffey, G. Vanantwerpen, President J. Dewulf, H. Auty



Resident Workshops 2017

Subsequent to the **CALL for proposals for supported Residents Workshop to be held in the Year 2017** the following workshops have been approved by the Council of the ECVPH:

- Resident WS on "***(Mathematical) infectious disease models and social network analysis***", **18-19. May 2017, Berne/CH** (dates might be adjusted!)
Organisers Objectives: The workshop will primarily address the curriculum's module A4 of the PM subspecialty on mathematical models. This module is assigned with a [P], thus practical experiences are highly recommended for its completion. We will combine theory and practice. We will also encourage residents to present their own work related to infectious disease mathematical and simulation models, so that they can profit from inputs on their research projects. Other modules partly covered are C3 from the core part I, where we will introduce and practice burden estimators (DALY, YLL and QALY), and C4 of the PM subspecialty where the part on network analysis based on tracking data will be introduced.
- Resident WS on "***Quantitative risk assessment in food safety including primary production***", **25-29. September 2017, Liège/BE** (dates might be adjusted!)
Organisers Objectives:
 - The understanding of the importance of the risk analysis, and in particular the risk assessment
 - Knowledge of the principles and concepts of risk analysis according to international regulations
 - Understanding and use of risk assessment methodology
 - Resolve several case studies from different areas in VPH
 - Take into account the weight of evidence and the uncertainty in risk assessment

Further details will timely be announced and provided on the [College's Website!](#)

The Council of the ECVPH is herewith in advance thanking the Organisers for their contribution and further efforts!



EBVS - "Double-Diplomacy and membership"

Along the years, and based on a rich expertise, several diplomates have acquired a double diplomate status. However according to the [EBVS](#) rules it is **not possible to**

be an active Diplomate in more than one college at a time. In the past EBVS has not put a lot of attention on this issue but recently it has reemphasized this issue and is now actively requesting all those Diplomates that have a multiple diplomate status to chose in which College they want to be active. Obviously this does not mean you would lose your second Diplomate accreditation and Diploma, it only means that you should **become 'in-active' or 'retired' diplomate in the second college.** Therefore we also request all "double Diplomates" of our College to make a choice. We sincerely hope all of you will select for ECVPH as your primary College!

Jeroen Dewulf, *President*



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 remind 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 to be received preferably before 31. October 2016.

