



EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

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Editorial - Approval by EBVS

We are pleased to announce that, after going through our 5 yearly EBVS evaluation, our college is now again fully approved by EBVS. This means that we are back on track for the next 5 years of good working and intensive resident training. As you may have already understood, one of the aspects we had to change based upon the EBVS comments, is the shift from individual residency programs to more generic residency programs in approved residency training institutes. In the next newsletter we will explain this once more in detail.

Jeroen Dewulf, *President*



ECVPH Membership:

- **Re-activation of membership to the "active" membership status**

The reason for an ECVPH Diplomate becoming "non-practising" (see (A) below) may influence subsequent procedures and the sequence of mandatory next steps regarding re-activation of membership to a full "active status".

In both cases the following steps must be followed in the indicated order:

1. Verification of the **financial status** (proper payment of all membership fees - good standing!), payment of outstanding fees (if applicable) and payment of the according **re-activation fee**.
2. A specific **written request** has to be submitted **to the Council** (via. the Documenting Secretary) applying for re-activation, indicating the reason/s for having been set to "non-practising" and mentioning when the Diplomat expects to meet all necessary requirements to be re-activated (i.e. by attending the upcoming AGM).
3. The Diplomat has to **fulfil the requirement/s** by:
 - o **Attending** the upcoming **AGM**,

AND/OR

- o Submitting the necessary documentation for **re-evaluation** of the membership.

These requirements will be verified and reconfirmed by the Council at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. Subsequently, the Council decision will be communicated to the member concerned.

Note that if a Diplomat is deleted from the membership, full reinstatement may only be possible in exceptional cases.

A "Standard operating procedures for the re-activation of ECVPH Diplomates from "non-practising" to "active" membership status" is currently being drafted and will be published on [ECVPH's Website](#).

- **Diplomates becoming "non-practising" or being deleted from Membership**

Following the submitted Annual Report to EBVS the ECVPH Council has developed and adopted ["Standard operating procedures \(SOP's\) for setting ECVPH Diplomates "non-practising" and deleting members"](#). In order to standardise the necessary procedures to be taken regarding individual changes to Membership status. These SOP's have been approved by the Council and are published on the [College's website](#) .

In summary:

A. Non-practicing status

This can occur for 2 reasons:

1. Failure to re-accredit every 5 years or
2. Failure to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at least once in 3 consecutive years

If Diplomates fail to meet the aforementioned criteria, they will be informed (in early November each Year) of a change to their status from “active” to “non-practising”. If there are justifiable reasons, Diplomates may appeal against this decision following the rules laid down in the [Bylaw on appeal](#), by making a request to the Council and fulfilling all necessary requirements be fully re-activated to the active membership status (see above!).

B. Deletion from the ECVPH membership

Diplomates will be **deleted from the ECVPH membership** if they fail to pay membership dues for two or more years. Diplomates will be provided information about payment and will receive routine reminders to pay membership dues. However, if members fail to respond to these messages (after verification that messages have been delivered), members will receive a final warning notification of impending deletion together with final deadlines for payment before they are finally removed from the membership list and this action is notified to EBVS. In this case full reinstatement to the membership may only be possible in exceptional cases.

Søren S. Nielsen, *Secretary*

Lisa Boden, *Chair of the Credentials Committee*,

Andreas Wunsch, *Documenting Secretary*



Moving ECVPH as a registered Association to the Netherlands

As you all know, for quite some time now, we have been working on moving the College from Ireland to The Netherlands. As has been discussed at several Annual General Meetings, this move was necessary because of the stringent, and therefore expensive, legal restrictions on not-for-profit organisations under Irish law. Getting an organisation started, although legislation is somewhat less complicated in The Netherlands, is still a complex exercise. We can now report that the Memorandum of Association of our College under Dutch law has been signed on 27 December 2016. The legal – Dutch – version of our constitution can be found alongside the English translation on our website.

The association under Dutch law has particular consequences for the way our accounts are validated; previously we needed an official annual accountant’s report which took time to organise and which was expensive to obtain. Under Dutch law we are allowed to validate and report our accounts in-house ; we will be allowed to appoint an audit committee from within the membership.

Ed van Klink, *Junior Vice President*



Setting up ECVPH 's new website

As announced before we are currently rebuilding our website and will be able to present it at the latest at the next AGM in Liège. We have also made use of the opportunity to design a new ECVPH logo which very nicely illustrates the core of our work and at the same time shows the dynamics of our college. More news in the near future.

Jeroen Dewulf, *President*



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



As already announced the next Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held in

Liège, Belgium, October 2nd – 4th October 2017.

The Organising Committee and the Council have already set up a draft-Programme that will be completed over the coming weeks. As in the past year a Call for Workshop proposals will be sent out to Members and Residents shortly.

The concrete [draft and registration](#) will be available from May 2017 on!

On behalf of the Organisers and the ECVPH Council



Obituary for Professor Dr. Günter Klein, Dipl ECVPH Food Science

It is with great sadness that we have to report that our colleague and friend Günter Klein, ECVPH Diplomat in Food Science, passed away in December 2016 after a long and courageous battle with terminal illness. Günter Klein has been Professor at the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Foundation, and Director of the Institute for Food Quality and Food Safety. He served as a member of the Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ, 2009-2012) of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) besides many other international and national expert committees. It is our great honour to pay tribute to his many contributions and achievements as researcher, teacher, mentor and scientific advisor in the area of food quality and food safety. In his scientific capacity he promoted the advancement of ECVPH residency programmes in Food Science at the University of Veterinary Medicine in Hannover and beyond.

Residents, students and colleagues experienced him as a highly competent, dedicated tutor and committed project leader with a truly honoured, outstanding integrity. Günter Klein will remain in the memories of all who knew him personally for his deep friendliness, modesty and unselfishness.

Our thoughts are with his family.

On behalf of all Colleagues and the Council of ECVPH

Matthias Greiner, Anja Buschulte, Katharina Wadepohl, Amely Campe, Wiebke Jansen, Peter Kunzmann, Thomas Blaha

