



## EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

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### Residency - Training issues

Dear Diplomates and Residents,

as you probably know there are some changes to the organization of the residency programs in the ECVPH (due to EBVS guidelines). For your convenience we are happy to recall main issues and summarize some important aspects of the residency training programs. Important to know is that for all currently running and approved residency program nothing is changing. **For all new residency programs** the rules as described below are applying.

There are two types of Residency Programs:

- A **Standard Residency Program** shall consist of a period of at least three (3) years (but not more than six (6) years) of supervised training, postgraduate education and practical experience in the science of Veterinary Public Health and including in-depth experience in one of its subspecialties. A Standard Residency Program shall be conducted under the direct supervision of at least one (1) Diplomate who participates actively in that training program and is **conducted in an approved Residency Training Institute**. A Residency Training Institute must be approved by the Education Committee. Each institution will be allowed a specified maximum number of Standard Residency Programs which will be evaluated and accepted by the Education Committee. **Applications have to be made according to Annex 1 of the [Bylaw on Residency training](#) at least three months in advance of the first residency commencing**. For the evaluation of a Residency Training Institute the Education Committee will assess the 1) supervision, 2) facilities, service and equipment and 3) courses. The requirements are not so difficult to achieve and relate to what was required in the past for the individual residency training programs. To set up an approved residency training institute collaboration between different organizations / locations is allowed and even stimulated.

So far the following three Residency Training Institutes have been approved to offer Standard Residency Programmes (SRP):

- University of Glasgow, School of Veterinary Medicine, Residency in PM subspeciality
  - Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences both in PM and FS subspecialities and
  - The University of Edinburgh, Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies both in FS and PM subspecialities
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- An **Alternative Residency Program** shall consist of a period of at least four (4) years. During this time the amount of the applicant's time spent in the selected subspeciality is at least 60 %, subject to the discretion of the Credentials Committee. As for the Standard Residency Program, the maximum duration of the training period shall be no longer than six (6) years with the same rules for exceptions. The structure of such an Alternative Residency Programs will be modular, in order to create as much flexibility as possible and to facilitate rotation. Alternative Residency Programs must be conducted under the supervision of a Diplomate and one (1) of the four years must be spent under full-time supervision of a Diplomate or in a program that trains Veterinary Public Health specialists as one of its primary functions.

Further detailed information on all this may be found in the [Bylaw on residency training](#) (previously called the info brochure).

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**Annual Conference & AGM 2017: Liège, Belgium – 2-4. October 2017**



This year's Annual Scientific Conference has as its theme „***Science at the service of VPH to gain expertise in controlling Emerging risks in Veterinary Public Health*** "and will be held at the **Université de Liège, Liège/BE, on 2-4. October 2017.**

The conference will cover topics focusing on new and re-emerging risks and diseases, their control and the connected future role and responsibility 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 Liège.

As in the past years Workshops will form an integral interactive part to to complete the Programme - a [Call for proposals](#) has recently been sent out (see below). Prior to the Conference a Workshop for Residents will be offered (see below).

The draft Programme, further information and arrangements as well as a Call for abstracts and Registration will be made available from May 2017 on the College website.

The XVIIth Annual General Meeting of the ECVPH will be held in the afternoon of Tuesday 3. October 2017 .

Diplomates are once more 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-practising".

**[Call for workshop proposals: Annual Conference 2017](#)**

We hereby would like to remind you on the recently sent out [Call for Workshop Proposals](#) regarding the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the ECVPH (see above!). The Conference will feature two parallel workshops (2 hrs) on Tuesday 3. October 2017 that are intended to once more provide a forum for researchers and practitioners in Veterinary Public Health to discuss and exchange positions on current and emerging issues related to the main topic. Workshop attendants will exchange ideas and experience, establish common ground in research areas or practical problems. We would like to invite our Diplomates and the Residents to submit workshop proposals. This would be an opportunity to recognize expertise that we have within our College and hopefully identify new opportunities for collaboration and future activities. The workshop offered by the Diplomates and/or Residents that have been selected will be scheduled in the Conference program.

[Workshop proposal](#) submission **deadline** is the **15. April 2017** !

We thank you very much in advance for your kind co-operation and look forward to receiving your proposals!

### **REMINDER: Re-evaluation of Diplomates in 2017**

In 2017 Re-evaluation is compulsory for all Diplomates who received their diploma in 2001 and 2012 or before. A total of 15 Diplomates are affected. Diplomates being in the "non-practising" membership state need to start their Re-evaluation by initiating the Re-activation of their membership by a separate request to the ECVPH Council (see ECVPH e-Newsletter 1/2017!)

The re-evaluation will be based on the self-declaration of activities during the past 5 years. Activities are classified into six categories and credit points can be collected for specified activities. A total of 100 credit points needs to be reached. The status of Diplomates who do not achieve this target, who do not apply for re-evaluation, or who submit incomplete or delayed files will be set to "non-practising". As such, they will still have to pay the annual fees, but will not be allowed to vote, hold office nor use their title of Specialist. They will no longer be allowed to use their specialist title. The **deadline** for the submission of documents is **April 1, 2017**. Detailed bylaws and all necessary documents on the re-evaluation process are available for download on the [College website!](#)



## Resident Workshops 2017

The below approved **Residents Workshop** are to be held in the Year 2017:

- [Resident WS on "\*\(Mathematical\) infectious disease models and socialnetwork analysis\*", 17-19. May 2017, Berne/CH](#)

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. Detailed [Programme](#) available, Registration deadline: 24. April 2017!

- [Resident WS on "\*Quantitative risk assessment in food safety including primary production\*", 26-29. September 2017, Liège/BE](#)

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 information will be provided soon!

Further details are timely 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!

