



## EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

### e-Newsletter 5-2017

#### **! Approval of ECVPH Training Institutes !**

Dear Diplomates,

As indicated in previous newsletters, EBVS has requested that we transform our "individual" residency program into "standard" residency programs. In order to further proceed the institutions where these training programmes are currently taking place should become approved. **To do so we have created a very simple procedure.** We only ask all institutions that are currently training residents of the ECVPH to provide us with the information requested for below. This is very little more than the info you also have provided to get the residency program accepted. We estimate that providing us with the info below will cost you **around 30 min** to one hour max!

It will be of great help to us if all of you would do this!

Thanks in advance for your kind co-operation,

Eleni Iosifidou, *Chair of the Education committee*

Jeroen Dewulf, *President*

**Application for Approval of an Institution to be allowed to offer a  
Standard Residency Programme in Population Medicine or Food Science in the**

## European College of Veterinary Public Health (ECVPH)

1. Date of application (approval is granted for maximum of 5 years from the date of approval)
2. Name and address of institute
3. Name and address of Programme Director
4. Position held by Programme Director (e.g. Head of Department, Institute Director etc)
5. What is the principal function of the institute (e.g. veterinary school, research institute, industry R&D etc)?
6. Names and qualifications of Resident Supervisors
7. Sub-speciality of the offered Residency Programme
8. Description of the institute (one page brief description of library facilities, appropriate labs available, courses and training available, access to industries and governmental institutions, residency history - how many Residents of Population Medicine or Food Science sub-speciality has the institute trained the last five years, EAEVE approval).
9. Description of partner/collaborating institutions: please indicate contact (responsible person), and describe the complementary role of the institution in the Residents' training.
10. Please outline the Residency Programme that a Resident would undergo in your institute. Make sure to indicate how all aspects of the Curriculum will be covered.



## Examinations 1/2017 - New Diplomates

The last rounds of exams for the European College of veterinary Public Health Diploma have been conducted in April and June 2017. The written part of the exam took place on 5. April and the oral exam on 6. and 7. June 2017 in Brussels. All five candidates passed the exam. We are happy to welcome the following new Diplomates to be accredited and receive their Diploma at the upcoming AGM in Liège (see below from l-r):

Dr. Merel Postma, Dr. Jorge Pinto-Ferreira, Dr. Marilena Filippitzi, Dr. Gerrit Koop (all PM) and Dr. Eleonora Sarno (FS).

Dr. Ed van Klink, *Junior Vice President*



*Congratulations !!!*



## **CALL for RESIDENT Workshop proposals 2018**

As in the past year a **CALL for proposals for supported Residents Workshop to be held in the Year 2018** has already been sent out by 5. of July 2017, we herewith would like to remind about and kindly ask you to submit your proposals by the [form uploaded](#) on ECVPH's website by **15. September 2017 at the latest!**

Thanking in advance for all your kind efforts!



## **Resident Workshop, 17-19. May 2017, Berne/CH**

Seventeen participants (12 amongst them ECVPH residents) attended the residents' workshop on **"(Math.) infectious disease models & social network analysis"** that took place in Berne from May 17-19 2017. The workshop was designed to provide insights into the basics of infectious disease models, both in theory and by applying exercises using the software R. More specifically, lecturer Salome Dürr touched aspects such as the development and application of different types of models (ordinary differential equation models, Monte Carlo Simulation models, network based models, to give some examples); parameterization of models and its challenges; sensitivity analysis; model verification and validation. Also, the theory and practice of "social network analysis" was introduced by Beatriz Vidondo, a topic that could easily be expanded to fill a workshop by itself. Finally, Gertraud Schüpbach lectured on the link between epidemiological and economic models, and an application on to the economic evaluation of rabies control strategies was discussed.



The workshop was organized by the Veterinary Public Health Institute of the University of Bern. Also, we could recruit two exciting and interesting guest speakers: Tariq Halasa (Technical University Copenhagen) guided the participants through the exercises in R, which was not an easy task! And Christian Althaus from the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine of the University of Bern gave an interesting talk about how models can be used to gain new knowledge on emerging diseases such as Ebola, MERS or Zika.

The participants were a very active group from different European countries, so that an exchange between the audience and the lecturers was always ensured – an important feature for a lively workshop. Previous knowledge on infectious disease models was unevenly distributed within the group, but the lectures were designed to make sure that everybody could profit at his/her own level from the workshop. The warm and sunny early summer weather allowed us having a dinner all together in a restaurant outdoors with view of the Bear Park located along the river Aare, from which we could observe the emblematic Bernese brown bears while enjoying a cool drink.

We thank the participants for their active involvement, the guest-speakers for their great contribution and the College for co-financing the workshop.

*On behalf of the organizers,*

Salome Dürr, VPHI, University of Bern



## **REMINDER: CALL for Nominations to the Council Elections 2017**

As already announced in our last e-Newsletter, the ECVPH Council is seeking for nominations for the 2017 election to the Council to be held at the Annual General Meeting of the College on Tuesday 3d October 2017 in Liège.

This Year we are seeking nominations for the post of:

- **Junior Vice President** only

The ECVPH Council encourages candidates who completed the entire ECVPH education path of the ECVPH to consider putting themselves forward for nomination. 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 form is 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,

Matthias Greiner and Alessandro Seguino

*ECVPH Nominations Committee*

