

**Bylaw<sup>1</sup> on Non-certified and Retired Diplomates  
and Associate and Honorary Members**  
of the European College of Veterinary Public Health (ECVPH)

**Article 1 Definitions**

1. An Associate member is a non-veterinary scientist who has contributed significantly to research in the field of Veterinary Public Health and fulfils similar criteria as “de facto” members. Associate Members are elected by the Council.
2. A Non-certified Diplomat is a Diplomat who did not practice in his/her specialty for an extended time period.
3. An Honorary Member is a person who has made exceptional contributions to one of the specialties of the College.
4. A Retired Diplomat is a person who is permanently and irrevocably of non-certifying status.

**Article 2 Status of Associate Members**

1. Associate Members are encouraged to participate in the training of Residents together with Diplomates of the College.
2. Associate Members are encouraged to participate in scientific meetings and workshops of the College.
3. Associate Members are not conferred any diplomas and are not entitled to use the designation of Diplomat. They can refer to themselves as “Associate Members of the ECVPH”. The use of the title ‘Associate Diplomat’ or other misleading title is not allowed, under penalty of withdrawing the associate membership status.
4. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote nor to hold office.
5. Associate Members can be co-opted to College Committees.
6. The number of Associate Members shall not be more than 10% of the total number of the college diplomates

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<sup>1</sup>Bylaw in accordance with Article 3, 9 and 18 of the Constitution. This bylaw was passed by the ECVPH Council in 2005 and was edited on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2018

7. The title of Associate Member can be granted for a maximal period for 5 years. After this time, the contribution of the Associate Member should be evaluated by the Credentials Committee. The criteria for re-evaluation are determined by the Colleges based on the needs of the College and reason for affiliate membership.

### **Article 3 Status of Non-certified and Retired Diplomates**

1. Diplomates shall inform the College in writing when they are not practising their specialty at least 60 per cent of working time.
2. If the specialty has not been practiced for more than two (2) continuous years or the equivalent of two (2) years during a period of five (5) years the status of the Diplomate is set to “non-certified”. The time point of re-evaluation of a Diplomate by the Credentials Committee is postponed in the case of non-certified status.
3. The status of a Diplomate who did not attend the AGM for three years or did not pass re-evaluation will be set to “non-certified”.
4. Non-certified Diplomates may revert to certified Diplomate status after fulfilling the requirements set by the Council.
5. Non-certified or Retired Diplomates may not vote or hold office.
6. Non-certified Diplomates shall pay full fees. Retired Diplomates do not pay fees.
7. Non-certified and Retired Diplomates shall not be allowed to use the designation, “Specialist of Population Medicine/Food Science”.
8. Non-certified Diplomates shall be allowed to use the title “Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Public Health”.
9. Retired Diplomates shall be allowed to use the title “Diplomate (retired) of the European College of Veterinary Public Health”.
10. Non-certified Diplomates may attend the Annual General Meeting.
11. Non-certified Diplomates may act as a co-supervisor in Residency training programmes.

### **Article 4 Status of Honorary Members**

1. The nomination for Honorary Member status requires the proposal by two certified Diplomates in good standing followed by an election with a two-thirds majority at an Annual General Meeting.
2. Honorary Members may not vote or hold office.
3. Honorary Members shall not pay fees.
4. Honorary Members shall not be allowed to use the designation, “Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Public Health”.
5. Diplomates who the College wishes to recognise as Honorary Members are still required to meet the obligations and commitments required for their Diplomate status.

## **Article 5 Veterinarians**

Veterinarians should not in any way imply they are ECVPH-recognised Specialists unless they are listed as such by the EBVS. Non-certified or Retired Diplomates, Associate Members, and Honorary Members are not allowed to use the title or trade mark of European Veterinary Specialist.