



European College of Veterinary Public Health

Bylaw* on Associate, Non-practising, Retired 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-practising Member is a Diplomate 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 Diplomate is a person who is permanently and irrevocably of non-practicing 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 Diplomate. They can refer to themselves as “Associate Members of the ECVPH”.
4. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote nor to hold office.
5. Associate Members can be co-opted to College Committees.

Article 3 Status of Non-practising and Retired Members

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-practising”. The time point of re-evaluation of a Diplomate by the Credentials Committee is postponed in the case of non-practising status.

*Bylaw in accordance with Article 9 of the Constitution. This bylaw was passed by the ECVPH Council in 2005 and was edited on the 30th of January 2017

3. The status of a Diplomat who did not attend the AGM for three years or did not pass re-evaluation will be set to “non-practising”.
4. Non-practising members may revert to active Diplomat status after fulfilling the requirements set by the Council.
5. Non-practising or Retired Members may not vote or hold office.
6. Non-practising Members shall pay full fees. Retired Members do not pay fees.
7. Non-practising and Retired Members shall not be allowed to use the designation, “Specialist of Population Medicine/Food Science”.
8. Non-practising Members shall not be allowed to use the title “Diplomat of the European College of Veterinary Public Health”.
9. Retired Members shall be allowed to use the title “Diplomat (retired) of the European College of Veterinary Public Health”.

Article 4 Status of Honorary Members

1. The nomination for Honorary Member status requires the proposal by two 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, “Diplomat 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 Diplomat status.