

European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology
AGM
Toulouse France 8 September 2010
Minutes

Present : 35 members

Apologies : Natalie B, Anne LP, Kathy F, Josep P. Ilse S, Ernst L.

Board members : Joy A, Saverio P, Peter OB present

Members were welcomed by Joy A, and Peter OB was congratulated on becoming the new Vice President of EBVS.

1. Agenda: overview : the agenda was curtailed and readjusted due to the transportation strike.

2. The minutes of the 2009 AGM were approved.

3. **Elections:** the election of new board members was postponed and will occur by electronic voting via the website and members who are eligible to vote will be informed of these dates.

4. Committee reports:

Credentials : presented by **Zoe P** (chair)

6 candidates were credentialed to sit the 2010 examination.

Candidates and supervisors are reminded that the deadline for receipt of completed credential information, forms, and all documentation by the secretariat is **March 1** of the year in which request to sit the exam is made.

These should include

1. evidence of acceptance for publication of 2 manuscripts in peer reviewed journals
2. annual reports of the trainees performance by the supervisor to the credentials committee
3. case reports (from 2011)
4. cases log
5. detailed signed training log

Recertification; (required every 5 years). From 2011 submit completed application to the secretariat.

2008: 31 required 4 excluded, 20 completed 5 in completion process

2009: 6 required 4 completed 1 in completion process due to questions requirement

2010: 7 required 6 in process. 1 lost due to incorrect email now in process.

Noted: 20 approved questions in 5 years can be submitted at any time during this period.

Reminder to save certificates from meeting attendances submit scanned certificates.

Keep notes of presentations given etc.

Publications list of titles and journal information should be provide then the com can obtain them from the web sites.

Education: Ilse S (chair) apologies. No presentation given

Noted the new **Brochure** was prepared by the education committee and the executive board and chairs edited and approved it at the meeting in Vienna June 2010 and it will appear on the website in October along with all the required forms.

A power point overview of the brochure and the new deadlines was **presented by Peter OB** followed by brief comments and questions from the members. (Appendix)

Laboratory Standards: presented by **Stein Istre T** (chair)

The committee has been expanded due to the increased number of new applications for certification along with the 5 year recertification requirement.

2008 10 laboratories were approved

2010 5 laboratories were approved with 3 applications under consideration.

Examination: presented by **David L** (chair)

The examination committee met along with the executive board and chairs in Vienna in June 2010 with a following day pre exam meeting to prepare the examination.

This is a large committee with an overall chair (David)and 4 sections each with a chair A continuity plan has been developed.

2010 examination : was held in Toulouse on 6 and 7 September with 6 candidates (5 first time and 1 repeat) and 4 examiners and an observer in attendance.

The 2009 examination (in Wetherby U.K.) resulted in 2 new member diplomates by examination.

The examination pass rate mean is 60%

Examination has 4 sections: the poorest pass rate continues to be for the general clinical pathology section.

The objectives of the committee for 2011 are to update their SOP

Respond to candidate and examiner feed back

Appoint a new external exam evaluator to replace Prof Steve Stockham who has served in this capacity since the first exam in 2004 and now wishes to step down.

Question /comment to/ from **Peter OB** (As representative of **EBVS**)

Noted that for 23 colleges the average pass rate was 50% the target set by EBVS is 60 %

Examination questions preparation and submission by members as part of the recertification process.

Questions should be prepared following the guide lines on the website (pp on MCQ by Steve Stockham , and on others by Joy A presented at this meeting)

Forms available on the website should be used. The questions should be sent to the secretariat. It should be clearly indicated as to which section of the examination they are intended (general, biochemistry, haematology, cytology)

Questions are then sent to the chair who will distribute them to the chairs of the indicated sections Questions will be evaluated and if changes are needed these will be reported directly to the member with suggestions for improvement from the chair.

A report on all approved questions will be prepared by the chair of this committee and sent to the chair of the credentials com. as a record of submitted questions towards recertification for all members. This will be done once a year in December.

So far 5% of member submit questions on average for a total of 355 questions

2008 32 were received

2009 147

2010 15 diplomates have submitted questions.

Please note ALL questions must be APPROVED to count as part of the 20 required for recertification.

Science: Jose C (chair) see ESVCP AGM report

Communications: and Web master **Ernst L (chair)** apologies no report

Sponsorship fund raising committee still not active

Nomination: Kostos P. Peter V currently preparing the election in conjunction with the web master

Treasurer's report : was received from **Natalie B** and the PP was presented by JA

Highlights

The accounts have been audited by 2 independent auditors (non board members)

Andreas Moritz and Gad Baneth according to a set SOP.

Expenditures (to date) include

Website, EBVS annual dues, board and exam com. Expense =Euro 5,492.57

Income =

+ Euro 4,000 from Novartis for speakers in ESVCP congress 2010

Dues for 2009 from ALL members for 2010 from 6 so far

Current balance = + £ 29, 118.88

No decision was made on whether the college should buy the CLSI documents

It was noted that EBVS dues for 2011 have increased.

Proposed increase of dues by Euro 50 per year to Euro 150

JA noted that this is needed because:

1. cost of interim board meetings and examination are increasing (despite many members paying all or most of their own expenses)
2. EBVS dues are increasing
3. website costs are paid in total by the ECVCP and are increasing
4. The appointment of a secretariat is a new expense charged @37.75Euro per hour +VAT
5. There will be an annual fee to maintain registration of the college in the UK and to the accountant for preparing annual tax returns to the IRS (U.K.) form 2011.

A proposal was presented by JA and seconded by POB

Votes were 31 for and 4 against

The motion was carried. **Dues will increase to Euro 150 from 1 January 2011.**

President's; report

Joy A thanked all members of all committees for their hard work over the past year

She also thanked Cathy Tremel and JP Braun for their hard work in preparing and administering the examination and the Continuing Education Day at the Veterinary school in Toulouse and for raising sponsorship in excess of Euro 4,000 for this event.

She also noted that Sharon Green would start work as the new secretariat on 1 October 2010 email secretariat@ECVCP.com. All enquiries, completed forms, applications etc should be directed to her from this date. She will forward these to the chairs of committees, secretary to the board, and treasurer as indicated. She will maintain records of all such transactions.

EBVS AGM : see appendix

New Diplomates : Abigaile Guija de Arespachaga, and Alexandra Briend-Marchal (in absentia) were welcomed as new member of the college and presented with their diplomas.

ECVCP-ESVCP meeting 2011

Peter OB presented an overview of the meeting to be held in **Dublin Ireland**

Meeting was closed at 18.15 . Members adjourned to the opening reception of the joint ECVIM- ESVCP meeting in the Town Hall Toulouse

Recorder and reported by j Archer. For Anne LP secretary .

APPENDIX:

2010 revision of brochure: highlights presented by Peter OB

Brochure was first produced and placed on the website in 2001

It was revised in 2010 by the ECVCP board and committees so that information it contains is in line with EBVS requirements for accredited colleges and with the constitution and byelaws of the college. and it will be put on the website in October.

The purpose of the brochure is to provide information and guidance on the ECVCP policies and procedures for diplomats, trainees, potential trainees, and other interested persons.

WHAT IS REALLY NEW!!

From 1 October 2010 Official communications, applications, requests, to be through the secretariat Sharon Green
secretariat@ECVCP.org

Changes in requirements :

Additions

Case reports: 1 from each area (cytology, haematology, chemistry, plus a short report from an area of general clinical pathology)

Detailed forms (on the website) must ALL be completed and signed by the supervisor and candidate.

External training of a minimum of 20 days per year for ALL programmes must be completed documented and signed by the supervisor and external supervisor. .

Alternative programmes need an additional 2 months per year of external approved broader academic training over the 4 years training programme.

from 1 November 2010

Formalization of training programme approval and registration of residents and approval of training programme in advance of commencing training as required by the EBVS

Implementation deadlines

Between 1 November 2010 – 1 January 2011 all outstanding documents relating to training programmes must be submitted to the secretariat for transmission to the education and laboratory standards committees

1 January 2011 all applications for residency (training programme) must be approved BEFORE starting the programme.

All residents /trainees should be registered with the registrar (Ilse Schwendenwein). A list of registered trainees will be kept by the credentials committee and Secretariat as well.

Candidates for examination in 2011 submit credentials to credentials committee before March 1 2011. These candidates when essential will be given individual careful evaluation of their credentials .

Candidates for future year examinations starting with 2012 MUST be in compliance with all requirements.

High lights EBVS AGM April 2010 Brussels, Belgium

The outgoing president Prof Romagnoli has been very active in extending boundaries of recognition for all European colleges within individual countries within Europe. He has also been involved with out reach to the ABVS (specialist colleges board in USA and Canada) Prof Harvey representing the ABVS attended and spoke at this meeting.

The aim is reciprocity between the boards and individual colleges.

Currently there is reciprocity between some colleges on training programmes and examinations but NOT Full recognition of diplomates.

Clear statement that examinations can be attempted 3 further times after the first attempt. Examinations must be completed within 8 years of completing the training programme.

All colleges are encouraged to have an independent (non college) observer at all examinations.

All colleges are required to maintain a 60 % examination passing rate

The EBVS requested that the EBVS logo be placed on all college websites, and that the college websites be linked to the EBVS web site.