



Minutes AGM, Ljubljana, Slovenia 4 July 2012

In attendance 34 diplomates two invited guests Dr Lesley Sharkey president ASVCP and Francesco Cian residents' rep.

Board and committees chairs Saverio Paltrinieri (SP) Cathy Tremel (CT) Natalie Bauer (NB), Joy Archer (JA) Ilse Schwendenwein (IS) Zoe Polizopolou (ZP), Barbara von Beust (BvB), Alessia Giordano (AG), Kathy Freeman (KF) Stein Thoresen (ST) Stefano Comazzi(SC) Ernst Leidinger(EL)

Recording secretary JA

Meeting opened 19.00

Welcome of diplomates and presentation of meeting agenda SP

Minutes from previous AGM (Dublin 2011) approved (SP seconded JA)

Proposal by SP to invite a residents' group representative to the AGM. This person would attend and report to and from the resident group and receive a copy of the minutes but have no voting rights at the AGM. There was no discussion of this Proposed by SP seconded by KF
Voted by show of hands, unanimous approval

Reports of committees

Credentials ZP

Candidate eligibility for the certifying examination information and all forms and a check list are on the ECVCP website.

This year for the first time there was a requirement for 3 case summaries and an essay on laboratory management in addition to the 2 first author publications. by the deadline of March 1 2012. 10 candidates certified to take the examination in 2012. Seven first time candidates and 3 re sits.

Five year recertification. All active diplomates need to recertify every 5 years In 2011 11 members should recertify.

Noted that 20 examination questions based on the examination preparation reading list (on ECVCP Website) should be sent to David Ledieu Extra points can be earned by participation in college activities e.g. active member of committees. Attendance at the AGM once every THREE years is MANDATORY. Payment of ECVCP and ECVCP annual dues is MANDATORY.

Education BvB

There was a review of training programmes and an update of SOPS

Many new forms and information should be placed on the ESVCP website as soon as it is redesigned

New residents to register with the **credentials** committee at the start of their programmes with proof of completion of either a 1 year internship or 2 years in practice.

Residents should keep a case log which should be monitored by their supervisor. The education comm. can request to view this if desired.

If residents have to transfer between programmes for whatever reason there should be communication with the **education** committee by the resident the current supervisor and the new supervisor for approval of this change.

Currently there are **11 approved training programmes** 9 in academic institution and 3 in diagnostic laboratories.

There are problems with funding and recognition of clinical pathologists and the need for training programmes in academic institutions.

Suggestion that programmes should be fostered by e.g. finding partners in other areas and /or in other specialties.

Training programmes need to be **reapproved every 5 years** (including programme and laboratory)

Examination AG

In 2011 there were 10 candidates 5 first time, 4 second time and 1 third time 6 passed

In 2012 there are 10 candidates 7 first time 2 second time and 1 third time

The pass rate is on average 60% (conforms with EBVS rules for average over 5 years of 60%)

Historically the general clinical pathology section passing rate has been weak but was improved in 2011.

The examination is sent to ACVP examiners for external review. These are Anne Barger, Dorothy Biezel and Mike Fry. It was proposed to show our thanks to these individuals for their hard work by giving them free registration at the next meeting and/or an invitation to present an invited talk at that meeting.

Reminder that 20 examination questions should be submitted every 5 years. These should be sent to David Ledieu, david.ledieu@Novartis.com. It is requested that these be sent over the 5 years and not all at the end of December in the year of recertification please

Laboratory Standards KF

Application forms for laboratory approval have been simplified by this committee and will be placed on the updated website

Currently they can be obtained from the committee chairs.

Form 2015 all 5 year reapproval applications will have to include information on QC validation for haematology and chemistry testing.

Revised forms for renewal will be drafted by October 2012 and placed on the website by January 2013.

It is proposed to give talks on QC QA at the AGM's and pre/post congress workshops. There is also available a 2 part VIN QC course which is highly recommended to all laboratory directors who will be requesting reapproval in 2015 and beyond.

It should be noted that laboratory approval is required **before** a training programme can be approved

Science SC

It was noted that an SOP and guidelines on the role of local organizers in scientific programmes are required.

There is also a need for guidelines on reimbursement of invited speakers and on prizes for best case, oral, and poster presentations.

It is proposed to send out a questionnaire to all ECVCP/ESVCP members attendees and non attendees at this congress for feedback to be used in a guideline for future meetings. The 2013 congress will be held in Berlin Germany with the German small animal society in early November. Stephan Neuman will be the local organizer

Website and Communications EL

This has been a very difficult year with transfer of the website and server and secretariat from Sharon and Matt Green to Anne and Dietrich Lanevski- Pietesma. Recently Anne and Dieterick relocated to Spain and Anne wishes to relinquish hosting the secretariat. Anne has also resigned as news letter editor.

There is an active search for a new secretariat administrator. This is only a part time position.

It is propose to have the website refurbished and updated as soon as possible

Therefore there will be some delay in making changes and adding information to this site. It is proposed to make it more user friendly for all in ECVCP and ESVCP.

In 2011 the website received 5,000 hits.

A prospective new website updating/refurbishing person is in contact with Ernst.

Kate English (new secretary ESVCP) has agreed to coordinate the news letter.

Proposal to make direct links to sponsors own web sites

Proposal to charge fees for advertising on the new website.

Treasurer's report NB

Current balance of account is + £ 43,400

Income from membership dues and fees for examinations ect

NO sponsorship income in 2011/2012

Expenses. From August 22 2011 Euro 6,134.53

EBVS 2012 dues pending these are increased to Euro 1,250 levy and Euro 25. per member we have currently 75 members for whom fees must be paid (estimated Euro 3,125.)

There are no increased dues for 2013 (as agreed at EBVS AGM 04 2012) But a large increase is anticipated for 2014.

Reimbursements to com reps ect Euro 3,508.35

Website Euro 799.44 (February 2012)

ECVCP Secretariat (Nov 2011 & February 2012) Euro 1,549

Paypal account admin 2011 Euro 277.41

Internal audit in July 2021 by Andreas Moritz and Gad Baneth accounts approved.

SEVENTEEN members have still not paid their 2012 membership dues.

President's Report SP

The information brochure was revised in 2011 and placed on the web site. Minor changes are anticipated in 2012.

The credentials committee is going to set an earlier date than March 1 for the submission of the case reports and essay to give members more time to evaluate them before the March 1 deadline.

The secretary to the board position is filled on a temporary basis by JA

Anne LP is continuing to respond to the secretariat emails but a search for a new secretariat administrator is underway.

There was no summer school in 2012 as the education committee were unable to organize it also because of the AGM and meeting here in early July this year

In 2013 it is proposed to run one in the summer in an academic institution. Preferably July. A request was made for volunteers to serve on this organizing committee.

The EVCP received a 5 year re -approval at the EBVS in April 2012 The college was evaluated by a representative of ECVIM –SA and of ECVP. SP and JA attended this EBVS AGM ECVCP has been asked to become involved in an international pathology coalition organized by Kirsten Barnard (past president ASVCP) Lesley Sharkey (Current president ASVCP) Barbara von Beust represented ECVCP at the ASVCP/ACVP meeting in Nashville in 2011. SP will represent ECVCP at the ASVCP>ACVP meeting and AGM in Seattle USA in 2012

There is a plan to refurbish the website (as noted by EL)

EBVS AGM report JA

Peter OBrien was elected president for 2012-14

Their main goals are to seek recognition of European specialist diplomates by Brussels so the board will work with other veterinary associations to achieve this

Another high priority is to continue towards international inter recognition This involves the ABVS. Australian Royal College. South African Royal College and the South East Asian veterinary specialists boards.

The middle tier “approved practitioner” is a strong lobby in Europe and many countries approve this (including RCVS UK, France, Germany). EBVS wishes to be involved in the regulation of this qualification. to prevent misrepresentation as a specialist

EBVS has ruled that specialist training must be a minimum of 48 months (to include the 1 year internship) .

Goals to standardize training programmes across disciplines.

To standardize examination procedures across disciplines

From 2013 it will be compulsory for all colleges to send 2 examiners to the examiners training programme held in conjunction with the AGM

Institution of country representatives for EBVS who will interact with local official bodies and legislators within their own country They will also have a day meeting in conjunction with the AGM

EBVS strongly encourages inter action with colleagues in Eastern European countries where there are no diplomates currently

EBVS has a new secretariat and website

EBVS aims to appoint a veterinarian full time CEO (hence anticipated increased dues to colleges)

Welcome and presentation of diplomates SP

Six new diplomates were welcomed:

- Iona Maher (Australia)
- Stephanie Klenner (Germany)
- Nazare Pinto da Cunha (Portugal)
- Anna Hilstrom (Sweden) (absent)
- Nicola Skeldon (U.K.) (absent)
- Marrit Prins (Netherlands) (absent)

AOB

A Question from Jose Ceron on new lab standards requirements and forms

The meeting was closed at 20.30 pm.