

## **AGM ECVCP – Belgrade – Friday 7 October 2022 – 17:30-1830 CEST**

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- **Approval of AGM 2021 minutes** all in favour
- **Welcome message of ECVCP president (Ernst Leindiger):** thanking all the participants of the congress which has been running smoothly. Reminder we are living a new normal and the College successfully managed to face at best Covid challenges (e.g. online externships, online summer school, online examination etc..). There are new big changes ahead starting from the restructuring of some committees, new college website coming and changes to residency and recertification requirements. Brief reminder of the executive meeting happened on Monday before the congress started, where those decisions were taken. A minute remembrance for the passing away of Barbara Von Beust and Marco Caldin.
- **Message from the EBVS President (Zoe Polizopoulou):** new team members, including a new director of education, and other professional assistance in progress (e.g. insurance, accounting service). EBVS awarded funding for I-RESTART proposal. EBVS will have well over 100,000 euros for 4 years to work on critical skill gaps in the veterinary profession. EBVS agreed on increase in college fees: per college (up to 2000euro) and per diplomate (up to 25 euro – back to 2015 fees).
- **Treasurer report (Tim Williams):** deliberate decision to transfer money from pound to euro account due to weakness of pound. Income 2021 (£21K), outgoings 2021 (£14K). Income 2022 YTD (£19K), outgoings 2022 YTD (21K). Expenditure higher as income is part of a strategy to reduce the reserve of money as ECVCP is a charity and should not retain large amounts of cash. Some money has been ringfenced for website purposes. Currently there are 90 active diplomates and all but 2 have paid fees. Proposed budget for 2023 is expected to generate a small deficit of ~22K mainly due to research grants, exam officer, and website development for the same reasons listed above.
- **ECVCP Summer School (Alessia Giordano)** Brief summary of Summer School held online in 2021. Call for any potential group willing to organise next Summer School in Summer 23. List of the criteria needed in order to host it. Topics selected by the residents have been listed.
- **Exam report (Cathy Trumel):** brief summary of 2022 ECVCP exam. Highlighted the importance of having a new member, Emi Ludemann, as exam officer which helps in the exam organisation. Explanation of examination preparation and running. Importance of having external reviewers (possibly not ECVCP dip) which will receive 300 euro compensation for their work from 2023.

2022 examination went smoothly. There were 12 candidates with overall passing rate of 50%. Results were communicated to candidates within one week.

- **Educational committee (Maria Elena Gelain):** currently there are 24 approved training programs, 2 are expiring in 2022 and needs to recertify in 22, 4 in 23.
- **Laboratory standard committee (Stephanie Klenner):** in 2022, they examined 4 recertification applications. Currently, there are 23 approved laboratories. Attempt to work with European committee CEN/TC 469 "Animal health diagnostic analyses"; this was not successful and has been currently abandoned as not beneficial for the college.
- **Credential committee (Emma Hooijberg):** currently to access a residency EBVS requires 1 year rotating internship/ 2 years clinical practice. This rule may be subject to change in the near future depending on EBVS decisions.
  - a. Residents: externships which could be done online during the pandemic, but residents are starting to take part in on-site externships again.
  - b. Externships from now are generally not compulsory anymore for the resident assuming the residency program covers all training aspects. Attendance at one ESVCP congress and one Summer School during the residency are compulsory. In terms of other externships, the Education committee will decide which externships the candidate must pursue, based on the Training Program documents and reports from previous residents in that program.
  - c. Currently, no publications are needed to sit the exam, but they are to obtain diploma status. In 2022, there have been 6 exam applicants: 1 has not completed externships, 1 does not have publications.
  - d. Based on most recent committee decisions, case logs are not necessary anymore. Activity log is still needed but will be simplified.
  - e. Training programs must be completed by 31/8 in order to be eligible to sit the exam on the same year.
  - f. The duration of the exam is under scrutiny and will likely be reduced from 2023.
  - g. Exam fee of 500 euro will not change. Training application fees, lab accreditation fee and resident registration fees are waived for the next few years and then will be reviewed.
  - h. Diplomates: changes to the reaccreditation process. Letter of support has now been scrapped. The prove of payment of the ESVCP fees does not have to be submitted anymore with recertification documents. In the section "ECVCP-related activities/ Service", it is compulsory to obtain a minimum of 30 points and max of 80; however, these points don't have to come necessarily from questions as before, and can be achieved in other ways (e.g. taking part to college committees – which participation must be active!). Despite recent EBVS charges increase, ECVCP fees will not increase for 2023. For recertification, it is compulsory that Diplomates attend at least 2 of the last 5 ECVCP AGMs.
  - i. ACVP diplomates may obtain ECVCP diploma by equivalency but need to fulfill certain criteria (e.g. proof of active work in Europe, fulfil recertification criteria). This year, two candidates met these requirements.

- **Nomination committee (Kostas Papasouliotis):** announcement of recent election results. 2023-2025 ECVCP board will be composed by Kostas Papasouliotis (president), Ernst Leidinger (past president), Alessia Giordano (vice president), Francesco Cian (secretary), Tim Williams (treasurer), Erika Furman (councillor), Marta Costa (councillor).
- Diploma awarded to 2021 and 2022 new ECVCP diplomates.
- Special thanks to Zoe Polizopoulou that will now leave the board after many years of honorable service.