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EDITORIAL

An eventful and successful year has passed. The College has obtained the Full Recognition by EVBS, our "Umbrella organisation" (see Special Edition eNewsletter 13/2011-2), the number of Residents shows a promising upwards trend and our business, be it related to organising Annual Conferences or dealing with Residencies and Membership matters has been further consolidated. I take the opportunity of this eNewsletter to introduce myself as ECVPH President for the next 2-year term.

As a Veterinary College, we are fully dedicated to form the process by which our professionalism is sustained in new generations of area specialists and adapted to reflect the needs of a changing environment. The nature of our working fields determines that this can only be achieved in cooperation with specialists from areas beyond the "veterinary world". This trend can be observed by studying the list of keynote lecturers on past Annual Meetings. An integrative effort is also needed within the world of our specialty areas. There is quite a number of pertinent specialists in the area of Food Science and Population Medicine who are not registered as Diplomates. As EVBS regulations do not permit the de-facto path to membership any more, other ways of constructive cooperation should be sought. The same applies to Diplomates who do not meet formal requirement of active membership despite their valuable contribution to Food Science or Population medicine. As a starting point, I propose the notion that all Diplomates are specialists of their respective areas but not all area specialists out there are or need to be Diplomates. I am curious to explore ways of constructive cooperation with non-Diplomates to the benefit of the College.

Finally, I would like to share a very personal thought. During these times of Eurozone crisis and euroscepticism our European College is just the right thing to have and to foster despite all difficulties.

*On behalf of the Council and all of us that serve the administration of the College, I wish you and your family **a happy Holiday Season and a healthy, happy and successful New Year 2012!***



Matthias Greiner
President ECVPH

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Annual General Meeting and Conference 2011: Brno, CZ - October 5-7, 2011

The annual meeting of the ECVPH was successfully held from October 5-7, 2011 in Brno, Czech Republic. The conference followed again the format adopted in 2007 and was organized by the, and attracted almost 100 participants.



Iva Steinhauserova and her highly motivated local organising team have mainly contributed to secure excellent Conference arrangements complemented by the friendly but professional atmosphere of the Hotel Continental in Brno. Although the beautiful venue provided reasons for distractions, the meeting was intensive and full of interaction among Diplomates, Residents and guests. The speed-networking event organised during the welcome dinner has once again been both entertaining and fruitful.



Keynote lectures were given by Prof. Peter Kunzmann, Univ. Jena ("The dignity of animals focussed on ethical and welfare considerations") and by Dr. Jiri Ruprich, National Institute of Public Health/CZ, ("Food Safety challenges for Central and Eastern Europe"). The challenge sessions focused on animal production without antimicrobial use.

The "Roberto Chizzolini Memorial Poster Prize" was awarded to the Resident **Dragan Antic** from Novi Sad

in Serbia for his poster on "Three-dimensional visualization of on-hair E. coli O157:H7-immobilizing effect of Shellac solutions using scanning electron microscopy"



For our Senior Vice-President **Katharina Stärk** the AGM in Brno was unfortunately the last Meeting as a member of the Council of the College. After 8 highly engaged and committed years as Secretary, Junior-Vice President and further President of the ECVPH Katharina Stärk remains an ordinary member and for the next two years Chair of the Nominations Committee of the ECVPH – **THANK YOU Katharina for all your work and help!**

Marcello Trevisani who served as an excellent treasurer over the past years has been elected as the new Junior Vice President of the College.

The draft-minutes of the AGM will be posted on the ECVPH website for consideration by members and residents of the ECVPH.

Matthias Greiner, *President &*
Andreas Wunsch, *Documenting Secretary*

Annual Meeting 2012: Maastricht, The Netherlands August 23-24, 2012

In the frame of ISVEE 2012 the next annual meeting will be held at **Maastricht, The Netherlands August 23-24, 2012.**



The Annual Meeting of the College held in conjunction with the International Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE) will provide an excellent opportunity for both Residents and Diplomates to meet their peer colleagues from all over



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the world. Although PM specialists is particular might feel attracted by ISVEE, the conference will definitely also cover plenty of FS topics.

Please mark this date in your calendar!

The format of the conference will be adjusted according to the detailed feedback received from members the past year. The draft Programme will be available in April 2012, details to be posted on the College web site at

<http://www.ecvph.org/meeting/details/7-ecvph-agm-a-annual-scientific-conference-2012>

Diplomates are also reminded and should note that – according to the approved constitutional change in October 2010- attendance of the AGM at least once in 3 (!) consecutive years is compulsory. The status of Diplomates not complying with this requirement will be set to “non-practicing”/inactive.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Maastricht!

Matthias Greiner, *President*

Educational issues: Residencies and Exam

The education committee has had another busy year:

- Between September 2010 and September 2011 we approved 7 new individual residency programs (1FS and 6 PM) of which one is an alternative residency program (FS).
- At this stage we have a total of 46 approved residency programs and we anticipate to have no less than 5 residents that will take the exam either in June or October 2012.
- The exam dates for 2012 are the 3th of July (Brussels) and the 9th of October (Brussels). Candidates for the October date have to apply/submit their credentials until 1st of June 2012 latest!
- The education committee also want to thank Marcello Trevisani who has served on the education committee for many years and now

leaves the committee due to his new task as vice president of the college. We are very happy to welcome Peter Paulsen as a new FS member in the education committee.

- 3 residents, Silvia Alonso, Emily Courcier and Myriam Harisberger have successfully passed their Qualifying Examination this year: welcome as new members of the ECVPH!

Jeroen Dewulf, *Council member & Chair of the Education Committee*

Diplomates due for re-evaluation in 2012 & compulsory submission of Exam questions

Re-evaluation is compulsory for all Diplomats who received their diploma in 2001 and 2006. A total of 20 Diplomates are affected. The re-evaluation will be based on the self-declaration of activities during the past 5 years. Activities are classified into six categories and credit points can be collected for specified activities. A total of 100 credit points needs to be reached. The status of Diplomates who do not achieve this target, who do not apply for re-evaluation, or who submit incomplete or delayed files will be set to “non-practising”. As such, they will still have to pay the annual fees, but will not be allowed to vote, hold office nor use their title as Diplomate. The college reserves the right to intervene against unwarranted use of the specialist Diplomate title.

The **deadline for the submission** of documents will be **April 1, 2012**. Detailed bylaws on the re-evaluation process are available for download on the College website.

In addition concerned members might get reminded, that during the Annual General Meeting, held in Notwill in Switzerland on October 7th 2010, it was decided that as of this year, Diplomates are **required to submit exam questions before being eligible for re-evaluation**. Each Diplomate is required to submit five multiple choice questions, one short answer question and one problem solving question. Without these, the Diplomate will NOT be considered for re-evaluation.

Since it is compulsory to submit the re-evaluation form before the first of April 2011, Diplomates must make sure that the questions that are required to be



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submitted, are in well before that date. Members concerned are therefore urged to submit exam questions before the 1st of March 2012.

Tim Parkin, *Secretary*

Ed van Klink, *Chair of the Credentials Committee*

ECVPH residents' activities

Residents workshop in Brno

Eleven residents attended the really well organised workshop that was held before the ECVPH Annual Meeting and Conference in Brno.



Several topics related to food sciences including HACCP, hazards like mercury, biogenic amines or bacteria and milk production were addressed during lectures and practical seminars. Meat inspection and issues related to meat production were addressed through the visit of a slaughterhouse where we also had the chance to do some hands-on training. In addition to the knowledge gained, this workshop has been a good opportunity to discover the way these subjects are taught at the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences of Brno. Most residents are involved in the teaching at their universities and could take some new ideas back home.

Last, but not least, these intense 2.5 days have been a great chance to meet other residents from both specialities – seven of the eleven participants were PM residents and four FS residents - and to get to better know each other.

We hope this little article will make you feel like attending such a workshop or meeting in future to learn and discuss interesting topics with experts and to meet your resident colleagues. So, go to the next section and pay attention to the forthcoming activities!

In the name of all participants we want to thank the organizers for their great efforts. We all really enjoyed this workshop.

Future workshops, residents meeting and training activities

Joint Residency Workshop of the European College for Bovine Health Management (ECBHM) & European College for Veterinary Public Health, February 13th – 15th 2012 in Berne, Switzerland:

Title: Interpretation of herd health data from dairy farms – clinical, epidemiological and economical aspects. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.ecvph.org/meeting/details/18-joint-ecvph-ecbhm-residency-workshop>

The deadline for registration is 15th of January.

For further information contact Anna Fahrion (anna.fahrion@vetsuisse.unibe.ch) or Salome Dürr (salome.duerr@vetsuisse.unibe.ch)

Preliminary information on a Residents Workshop on Meat Inspection and the next joint Residency Project (jRP)

Danish Residents and Diplomates have offered to organize a Workshop on meat inspection and the Europe-wide current debate on its modernisation. During this workshop a jRP will be developed which will give residents the opportunity to work together on a project which counts towards the FS elements of our Curriculum. The workshop is planned to take place in spring.

We have in the meantime contacted all residents with more information and a first proposal how this workshop and the jPR could look like. The final programme will be chosen together with the residents – please feel most welcome to contribute with your ideas!

Annette Nigsch & Carole Peroz, *Residents speakers*

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