

ECVP Newsletter, June 2016

Dear Colleagues,

The Council is keen to keep you informed about new developments and opportunities and to provide you with relevant news. The annual examinations were held in February, the President and Vice-President attended the EBVS AGM in Brussels in April and the President has met with the ESVP Board in March. We are now fast approaching our Annual Conference in Bologna in September.



Welcome to our new members

In February, a total of 13 candidates completed our annual certifying exam successfully. Congratulations! This year, our new diplomates will be welcomed and will receive their diplomas during our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place during the Annual Conference in Bologna, on 08.09.2016, between 17:00 and 18.30. We warmly invite you to join us in welcoming our new members at this important milestone in their careers.

Summer School 2016 in Berlin

The ECVP/ESVP Summer School 2016 will take place in Berlin, Germany, from Monday, 18th to Friday, 29th July. It is being organised by a team of pathologists from the Institute of Veterinary Pathology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Berlin. We thank the local organisers, Stefanie Binder, Nancy A. Erickson and Achim D. Gruber, and the Education committee, led by Chiara Brachelente, for their excellent and enthusiastic preparation for this meeting.



The venue of the Summer School at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Berlin.

The Summer School programme is organized on a 4-year-cycle. Each event represents a combination of modules that provide specific training towards exam preparation (this year, this includes a Mock Examination) in addition to more broad topics as well as species- and organ-specific modules. The 2016 event will have 62 participants from 18 European countries and Canada. For more information on the annual programmes and location of the Summer Schools, please refer to our website at <http://www.ecvpath.org/summerschool/>.

ECVP recognised residency training centres: regular reviewing and specific training opportunities for trainers during the Annual Conference in Bologna

In 2006, the ECVP introduced a defined system for the registration of residency training centres. The most recently approved centre is at the **University of Zagreb** in Croatia, with **Dr. Andrea Gudan**, the 2013 ECVP Ambassador, as programme director. At present, 42 institutions in academia, in state and private diagnostic laboratories and in industry are ECVP recognised training centres. It is now time to establish a regular **reviewing process for training centres**. We will therefore begin a first review of all centres during the coming year. A system will be introduced to identify best practice in training residents, and facilitate knowledge transfer to new centres and those centres with less experience in training residents. The aim is to ensure that the College has an appropriate number of established, active training centres across Europe sufficient to support a steady flow of suitably trained veterinary pathologists. More information on the review process will be provided during the AGM in Bologna.

We are well aware that training residents is a big commitment and often a challenge for active diplomates both in academia and in the private and/or commercial sector. Therefore, during the Annual Conference in Helsinki in 2015, we ran a first well-attended **“Train the trainer” session**, which comprised a presentation (available as PDF on the member section of the ECVP website) by Andrea Gröne, an extremely experienced long-term member of the ECVP Examination Committee, and a discussion session. Similar sessions are planned for future meetings and will be credited with **CPD points** towards the re-registration of active members.

Engagement with the ECVP as your professional body

The sustainability and visibility of our College relies on as many members as possible taking an active part in the College, by training residents towards our certifying examination, as a member in one of our various committees, by regularly attending our annual conferences and the Annual General Meeting, or by making use of our CPD opportunities.

As already mentioned during the 2015 AGM, the EBVS Policies and Procedures require Colleges to ensure the **regular attendance of practising members at the College AGM** in order to maintain their active diplomate status. Accordingly, attendance at a minimum of one AGM in three years will be a requirement for all our practising diplomates; this change is set to be implemented after the AGM in September this year.

We also invite members to join the Examination Committee. If you are interested, please apply for a proctorship by sending a short letter of intent along with your brief CV to the ECVP Office (ecvpjf@liverpool.ac.uk). After one year of proctorship, you will be eligible to become full member of the Examination Committee, which is a 5-year commitment. It is a lot of work but at the same time a great opportunity to meet people and extend your personal network. Furthermore, it is a source of CPD. If you have further questions regarding the role of a proctor or in general about the work of the Examination Committee, please have a look at the ECVP website (About us – The Council) or contact Koen Chiers, the current chair of the Examination Committee (Koen.Chiers@ugent.be).

ESVP and ECVP: joint forces for the future of our profession

During the past few months, we have started to work closely with the ESVP Board, with the aims of improving the scientific quality of our annual congresses to make it more attractive for both established members of both organisations and for trainees, covering all facets of our profession. As part of this, we will strengthen the role of the joint Scientific Committee and try to make each annual congress a unique event by emphasising local and national excellence and specific areas of expertise. Each congress will have its unique “selling point”, which you will note in the preliminary programme of the congress 2016, in Bologna (<http://www.esvp.eu/annual-meeting>). Please note that the deadline for early registration is at the end of June.



The ECVP President was invited to attend the ESVP Board Meeting in Berlin in March 2016.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Bologna,
The ECVP Council