



Examination Committee

Role description

The contribution to the work of the Examination Committee is really appreciated and encouraged.

The Examination Committee is composed of 9 or 10 full members, including the Chair, and each member is usually committed to sit on the Examination Committee for a continuous period of 5 years. Each Examination Committee full member takes the responsibility for individual examination section and/or other duties (e.g. statistics, digitalization).

Moreover, each year the Examination Committee includes 1 to 3 associates (formerly known as proctors) who spend 1 year working with the Examination Committee and are fully involved in the examination process (i.e. submission and review of the potential questions of the examination and administration of the annual examination).

Both full members and associates are required to submit for each examination session 3 histologic cases (all), 7 gross images (full members) or 15 gross images (associates and first year full members), 9 general pathology questions (all) and 10 or 20 veterinary pathology questions and/or 1 comprehensive exercise, the last 2 in a rota system.

Both full members and associates have to attend online meetings on a regular basis and have to be present during the preparatory meeting (6 days, including the weekend, around mid October, in a location to be defined each year) and during the yearly examination session (at least 4 days around mid February).

Becoming an associate gives the chance to gain excellent experience of all the examination procedure, which can be beneficial in training future candidates. In addition, associates become also aware of the commitment required to be a full member and the activity is recognized for the re-registration process.

The selection of new associates is based on the need to meet specific requirements and on the basis of various criteria which include, but could not be limited to, gender, scientific background, specific expertise (e.g. academia, diagnostic, toxicologic pathology) and nationality, in order to be representative and comprehensive of the overall European context of pathology.

Diplomates of the ECVP may apply to become an associate after a period of 3 years of membership by submitting a letter of intent and a brief CV to the ECVP Office (admin@ecvpath.org). CVs will be held in the pool of candidates by the Examination Committee for a period of 5 years.

ACVP Diplomates are also welcome to apply to become an associate of the Examination Committee.

Please note that the selection of both Examination Committee full members and associates by the Examination Committee occurs every year in February after the examination and is approved by the ECVP Council.