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## Welcome to our latest diplomates!

After the last diplomate examinations which took place in Vienna, Austria in November 2016 we can welcome a total of ten new diplomates to the college. Our congratulations go out to Dragos Scarlet, Monica Probo, Cathinca Pisu, Riccardo Orlandi, Primoz Klinc, Anya Geyer, Nadine Schrammel, Lena Daub, Cyrillus Ververs and Regina Erber for achieving this milestone in their career. We also like to welcome Prof. Pat Lonergan as our latest associate member. The associate membership is an honorary membership of the college for scientists who are not veterinarians but who have contributed significantly to field of animal reproduction.

## EBVS News

EBVS specialist title ('Diplomate') may be granted an official position by the EU

Before the Christmas 2016, the EBVS submitted an official application regarding recognition of the EBVS specialist (diplomate) as a title protected by the Common Training Framework (CTF) within the EU. If the application will be accepted, the title is granted at the EQF (European Qualifications Framework) level 8 – equivalent to that of the PhD ('most advanced frontier of a field'). If granted CTF recognition, specialists can move freely within the EU and can use the title without restrictions. The title is benchmarking standard for veterinary specialist education. Moreover, the title is given a distinctive recognition within the EU legislation. Recognition is estimated also to increase the credibility of the EBVS towards the profession and the public.

The EBVS is currently discussing the position of a double diplomate (those colleagues registered in two EBVS colleges) – in order to clear out what a diplomate is entitled to do in the college of secondary activity. This discussion is still going on and is likely to be decided in conjunction with the upcoming AGM of the EBVS in April 2017.

The EBVS is also aiming to be an active player in the Brexit – issue. The intention is to protect the interest of both British and European veterinarians, and especially the chances for EBVS specialization in the UK. Further details can be read at the news section of the EBVS homepages at <http://ebvs.eu/>

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Invoices for the annual membership fee are being delayed whilst ECAR changes bank accounts: we will notify diplomats as soon as this process has been completed.



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## ECAR?

*European College of Animal Reproduction*

*The ECAR is an organization of veterinarians who have gone through a specific training to become specialists in animal reproduction*

*Any veterinarian can become a specialist in animal reproduction provided that s/he*

*- has a strong interest in the discipline,*

*- has more than 12 months of post-graduation working experience as veterinarian working in a clinical field or in a biotechnology laboratory*

*rotating internship*

*- has been accepted as a Resident and has successfully*

*completed a Residency Program approved by the ECAR*

*- has passed the ECAR exam*

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## Changes in the Constitution and Bylaws that (can) affect diplomates directly.

As you know changes had to be made to the ECAR constitution and bylaws in order to comply with those of the EBVS. In a recent board meeting we discovered an aberration in our newly adapted C&B in relation to the number of times the ECAR board examination can be taken. The EBVS has set a limit to three retakes – meaning that the maximum number of times the candidate is allowed to sit in the examination after the initial admission is four. In order to make sure we are fully compliant we have corrected this error as well as reworded two other paragraphs to avoid confusion. We will circulate a corrected C&B for approval to all diplomates soon. Meanwhile, below is a summary of the changes that either apply to you or can directly affect you.

- A European veterinarian can be awarded the title of European Veterinary Specialist in Animal Reproduction by the EBVS in one college only – so retired and non-practising diplomates cannot use the titles of EBVS specialist.
- Diplomates are asked to attend the General Assembly at least once in three years
- Term of people on the main Board – see board election piece below
- In relation to resident training and examination
  - ◇ Resident publications need to be accepted by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October of the year they intend to take the exam
  - ◇ The resident supervisor is required to submit a progress report of the resident (together with the residents case log)
  - ◇ Late submission will have consequences for the resident in the form of a fee or suspension of their training programme
  - ◇ Applications for the exam have to be submitted before the 15<sup>th</sup> of June with fees and exam questions submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> of August

### Board elections

The current board is coming to the end of its term which means that we will be running board elections again this Spring of 2017. As you know the updated Constitution and Bylaws now enforces rotating principle of the officers within the board to avoid a situation where a board member sits 'life long'. For the upcoming board elections this means that we are in a transition period as in order to ensure that there is some form of consistency and stability within the board some members may end up doing an extra term when elected. A unique situation is that of treasurer – while this is a position that is appointed by the ECAR AGM from the elected board members it is also such a crucial position which warrants consistence. We are currently in the process of changing over the accounts from the previous treasurer, Prof. Lazslo Solti to our new one and hope that the new treasurer, Dr. Madeleine Campbell, will be allowed by our diplomates to do a full new term.

Two members of the current board have indicated that they will not stand for election which means that we are looking for a minimum of two nominees and as such are now ask you to start thinking of appropriate people that you want to nominate. Self-nomination is allowed also and the board is intending to come up with a nomination for the composition of the next board. A call for nominations will go out later this Spring which will then be followed by the actual election. All nominees will have to provide a short biography.

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