

# ECEIM Newsletter 3

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## **Introduction**

This is the third ECEIM newsletter. The goal of our newsletter is to provide Diplomates with current information about the activities of the College and its future plans. If you have any subjects for future newsletters please let us know.

## **Finances**

- The financial situation of the college is balanced currently but webinar online-education and the yearly examination leads to rising costs. The ECEIM annual fee 2014 is still unchanged at 250 Euro (retired Diplomates: 100 Euro). All information for payment is available on <http://www.eceim.info/payment/>
- As mentioned on the ECEIM website, PayPal doesn't offer payment using credit card any more because of legal guidelines against money laundry. We are trying to find an alternative way for making credit card payment, but using SEPA transfer should be safe, quick and without additional transfer expenses. We are conscious that members making payments from outside the Eurozone are likely to incur additional bank charges but in the absence of PayPal there are no options currently available.

## **Consensus statement**

ECEIM is happy to launch the first ECEIM Consensus Statement on EGUS.

The working group consists of:

- Ben Sykes -Australia as Chair.
- Michael Hewetson – Finland
- Youssef Tamzali – France
- Richard Hepburn – UK
- Nanna Luthersson – Denmark

The results will be presented at the Congress in November in Prague.

## **ECEIM's relation with ACVIM-(news)**

ECEIM is strengthening the relation with ACVIM, because we have many mutual goals. In 2013, ECEIM has applied for the Associate Status with ACVIM and here is the answer from Allen Roussel, ACVIM President of the Specialty of Large Animal Internal Medicine, from February 2014:

“ It is my great pleasure to inform you that the Specialty of Large Animal Internal Medicine of ACVIM has voted overwhelmingly to grant college-wide Associate Status to the European College of Equine Internal Medicine. We are excited to have you as our first and only college-wide Associate organization. We have thoroughly enjoyed the relationship with ECEIM thus far, and we look for great things in the future.”

The purpose of ACVIM Associate Status is to provide international colleagues “an avenue to participate in the activities of the ACVIM and to share in many of the benefits afforded to our diplomates”.

- Benefits for ECEIM to be associated with ACVIM as an institution are:
  - Right to state that we have been reviewed by ACVIM and been considered comparable
  - Right to use the ACVIM logo

- Simplified application process for members of ECEIM to become ACVIM Associates
- Benefits for ECEIM Diplomates of being associated with ACVIM are:
  - Qualification to apply for ACVIM Foundation grant opportunities
  - Reduced fees for ACVIM educational programmes
  - Reduced fees for ACVIM forum attendance
  - Priority registration for ACVIM events with limited attendance
  - Full details of the benefits can be found at:
    - <http://www.acvim.org/BoardCertification/AssociateStatus.aspx>
- ECEIM will be represented at the next ACVIM Forum by Cornélie Westermann. One of the presentations is “News from European Equine Internal Medicine Congresses”. Normally this is about our own ECEIM Congress, but since we have moved this to November this option is not available. ECEIM does want to keep the timeslot at ACVIM Forum and therefore **kindly asks all her Diplomates that have presented Equine Internal Medicine Research at other conferences like EVECCS or BEVA or national conferences in 2013-2014 to send a few powerpointslides** with a short summary so we can present a compilation of European Research in Nashville. Please send to the [Vice President](#)

### **Congress**

- 7<sup>th</sup> ECEIM congress 2014 will be organised in Clarion Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic. Congress date is established **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November 2014** (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). It will be accompanied by an interesting social program.
- The Specialist day will provide an excellent opportunity to participate in advanced Equine Neurology under the leadership of major equine neurologists.
- Residents will be able to participate in Resident Workshops.
- Abstract news – abstract submission will be open soon.
- Please remember that every Diplomate has to attend at least 2 out of 5 Annual General Meetings for reaccreditation (this is an absolute rule from EBVS)!!
- Please email the [President](#) of the College if you want to organise the congress in the future!!

### **Advanced Training Advisory Committee (ATAC)**

- Journal Clubs have been established under the leadership of Cathy McGowan and are operating very successfully. These are intended for both residents and diplomates. If you are interested in joining a Journal Club, contact Cathy [C.M.Mcgowan@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:C.M.Mcgowan@liverpool.ac.uk)
- Three specialists and three “medicine-in-practice” webinars have been screened in collaboration with BI Academy. These have been archived and are available for viewing at <http://www.bi-academy.co.uk>.
- Webinars for 2014 will begin on 4 March, with Shaun McKane “Practical treatment options for sarcoids”. This will be followed by Medicine-in-practice webinars on late gestation, equine metabolic syndrome and Specialists’ focus sessions on R equi, Electromyography and associations between genetics and performance. Details can be found at [http://www.eceim.info/online\\_education/webinar/](http://www.eceim.info/online_education/webinar/)
- The 2014 Diplomates Training Day will be on Neurology and will feature Dr Richard Piercy, Prof Tom Divers, Prof Lutz Goehring and Dr Monica Aleman. This promises to be a fantastic opportunity for Diplomates to expand their knowledge.

The emphasis will be on small group interactive discussions with a strong clinical emphasis. More detail will be available shortly.

**Ombudsman:** <mailto:John.Pringle@slu.se>

The ECEIM board is very happy to announce, that Professor John Pringle from Sweden has accepted the proposal to become the first ECEIM Ombudsman!

**The main aim of appointing an ombudsman is to provide an opportunity of strictly confidential help and counseling - hopefully in very early stages of arising difficulties in the professional relation between residents and their supervisors. Please let your residents know about our new ombudsman.**

The Board submits the following terms of reference to all ECEIM Diplomates for advice and comments. Please submit any suggestion to the [President](#) or the [Secretary](#).

### **Appointment and tenure**

The Ombudsman is appointed by the Board of ECEIM for a fixed term of 3 years. The ombudsman is a senior member of the ECEIM with extensive experience of resident supervision and should have knowledge of, or experience of, the workings of the committees of the ECEIM and the board.

### **Terms of reference**

1. To act as an advocate for residents
2. To provide guidance regarding expectations and responsibilities in the resident - supervisors professional relations and act as a mediator between both parties
3. To provide guidance to the Board and Committees of the ECEIM about issues, problems and conflicts in relation to residents and their supervisors
4. To assist diplomates and residents to resolve disputes at the earliest stage possible and work to avoid disputes escalating into irreconcilable differences
5. To provide early warning to the Committees and Board when disputes between residents and supervisors occur or when problems with residency programmes are identified by residents and/or their supervisors
6. To communicate frequently and effectively to the Board and Committees of the ECEIM
7. To advise the Board and Committees of the ECEIM when disputes between residents and diplomates occur
8. To provide an annual report to the Board and attend the Board meeting held in conjunction with the annual congress to present the report, provide a progress report, make suggestions for future developments
9. To assist the Board and Committees of the ECEIM to develop policies and guidance on best practice in relation to resident programme management, resident supervision and progression
10. In the event of an appeal by a resident or supervisor against a decision made by the Board or Committees of the ECEIM in relation to a resident's progression or a residency programme to provide support, guidance and information about the case to the Board and Appeals Committee

### **Reaccreditation**

- Please be aware that we all need to be re-accredited every 5 years! It's not just publications and presentations - have an early look at our Diplomate reaccreditation form: <http://www.eceim.info/diplomates/reaccreditations/>
- In short, many activities in the college will earn you credit points, e.g.  
- **joining a committee:** if interested, please contact our current chair of the nomination committee: [Josh Slater](#)

- **supervision** of interns and/or residents
- **congress attendance** (certificates need to be provided).

The most important congress "naturally" is our own: the next ECEIM congress will be in **Praha, 6th - 8th November 2014** - save the date! Personal exchange and communication are key features of a lively college - take the opportunity to renew friendships, talk to colleagues and committee members and give your input on how ECEIM should evolve further. It is vital for the college that you join the meeting and the social activities. Of course this needs effort and planning in advance - certainly everyone is needed at home too - but hopefully you are enjoying and profiting from our own congress - and would like to participate even more often!

### **Visibility**

- ECEIM and EBVS need your **PICTURES!** It would be great if you could provide pictures, which show you as a Diplomat doing "relevant specialist work"! They are intended to be published on our website, in the EBVS newsletter or on ECEIM relevant posters - if you wish of course with a subtext you like! Please make our work more visible and send your pictures to the [Secretary](#).

### **Nomination Committee**

- The chair of the Nomination Committee is Josh Slater
- Their main task in 2014 will be to arrange the nomination of the Board and also the work with the chairs of the ECEIM committees to identify new members. Some members of the Board will leave next November and the search for new Board members will be starting soon. We would be delighted to hear from any diplomats who are interested in joining the Board. Ideally you will have experience of one of the ECEIM committees because this is a great help when engaging with the overall work and mission of the college. The key functions of the Board are to be responsible for overview of the workings of the college and its committees as well as managing delivery of the ECEIM strategic plan. Most of the Board's work is conducted by email and video conference which are supplemented by two face-to-face Board meetings each year, one of which occurs at the annual congress. Working on the Board is very rewarding and we would strongly encourage anyone who is interested to come forwards or to contact [Josh Slater](#) for information about opportunities on the Board and its work.

### **Please:**

Have your contact details changed? Use the Excel form from the '[Diplomates page](#)' or '[Residency page](#)' and forward to the [ECEIM treasurer](#). These data are being used for JVIM and for the ACVIM listserv.

- Problems with JVIM access or delivery or the ACVIM listserv? Email the [ECEIM treasurer](#).
- Email the [ECEIM treasurer](#) with your areas of interest (or an update) in case you have not done this yet to add to the website