



NEW EBVS WEBSITE

PLEASE check your personal data on <http://ebvs.eu/> **ASAP**

At the bottom of the ebvs page, you need to “sign in” with a password, ebvs should have send you this summer. There **may be errors especially concerning your date of entry in ECEIM and therefore with the year(s) you need to be re-accredited.** From now on, this is strictly supervised by EBVS and mistakes may lead wrongly to a “non-practising”-status. EBVS by itself sends reminders. If you find a mistake, you need to inform the current ECEIM secretary: annemalblanc@wanadoo.fr

However, only EBVS is able to change such data, so your complaint needs to be forwarded to EBVS. Since it is very important, that **such errors are corrected within this year**, please check this as soon as possible.

The website offers to download your specialist certificate and certainly has some nice features you are free to use. However, please note that the dates on the certificate do not refer to your original date of examination. According to EBVS, “they refer to the ‘period’ of certification which is 5 years. When a diplomate re-certifies the date will become from when they re-certified for a 5 year period. So if a diplomate was to re-certify this year -2015 - the certificate would state ‘for the period 2015 - 2020’.”

Congress 2015

We hope you have enjoyed the scientific as well as the social programme in The Netherlands!

Click <http://www.eceim.info> for the **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting in Utrecht.

Two new Board members were elected, so the actual Board consists of:

- **Cornélie Westermann (past President)**
- **René van den Hoven (President)**
- **Anne Couroucé (Secretary)**
- **Bernhard Ohnesorge (Treasurer)**
- **Lisa Katz**
- **Andy Durham**

ECEIM Special Achievements Award (SAA)

For the first time in 2015, the ECEIM special award was given in order to thank persons who have done and/or are doing extraordinarily efforts to improve ECEIM. As a symbol, a glass block with the hologram of the ECEIM logo was received by:

- **Stiftung Tierärztliche Hochschule Hannover represented by Karsten Feige**, who provides the facilities and help with the exam every year and encourages his team to become/stay active in time as well as energy consuming college positions

- **Josh Slater**, who is the driving force in ECEIM strategic planning and spends a lot of energy and time especially in quality assurance and enhancement, e.g. in exam procedures
- **Gunther van Loon**, who not just „invented“ the finances of the College but has done for years and years and is still doing a lot more for the College
- **Ben Sykes**, who was the never tiring force in pursuing and publishing the first ECEIM consensus statement

THANK YOU AGAIN!

Any Diplomat may propose to the Board suitable candidates for receiving this special award in the future. Please submit your proposal with a short explanation to the secretary.

Awards for young researchers

In 2015, the Lluís Monreal Memorial Award for the best presentation was given to

- **Astrid J. van den Brom-Spienburg**: A placebo controlled clinical trial on cetirizine in seasonal headshakers

and - for the first time, instead of posters, ECEIM gave young researchers the opportunity to present their work within “flash”-presentations (max. 90 s) to the auditorium, which were followed by individual discussions in the following break. All participants were asked to vote for the best flash presentation and decided, that this was achieved by

- **Tobias Warnken** et al.: Individual variations of dynamic metabolic responses to oral glucose test and combined glucose/insulin test in horses

CONGRATULATIONS!

CALL FOR / please be active in the College, e.g. submit to the ECEIM secretary

- Ideas of how to improve College procedures (apply for support from the **ECEIM improvement fund**).
- An offer to **organise an ECEIM congress** (please ask for the ECEIM organisation guidelines and forms).
- Offers of **summer school subjects** especially in **neurology, neonatology and sport medicine/exercise physiology**.
- Subjects for the next **ECEIM consensus statement**.
- Proposals of whom to award the new ECEIM **Special Achievement Award (SAA)**.
- Your interest in **joining a committee** (to the [chair of the nomination committee](#)).
- Your interest in giving a **webinar** (to lisa.katz@ucd.ie).

New Diplomates

Congratulations and welcome to ECEIM!

- ✓ **Lucy Anne Cudmore**
- ✓ **Marianne Depecker**
- ✓ **Charlotte Hopster-Iversen**
- ✓ **Sarah Mack**
- ✓ **Eva Maischberger**
- ✓ **Maria Martin Cuervo**
- ✓ **Emma McConnell and**
- ✓ **Stephan Recknagel**

They have passed all parts of the ECEIM exam and are happily welcomed as new Diplomates of ECEIM!

- ✓ **Claudia Cruz Villagrán**
- ✓ **Jamie Prutton**

Both have been Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and fulfill all requirements to become European Diplomates. ECEIM happily welcomes them as new DipECEIMs too!

WELCOME!

Consensus Statement

- The consensus statement on **EGUS** is published in JVIM
- Please send ideas on subjects for the next consensus statement to the secretary.

Summer School

- A summer School was offered for the first time to ECEIM Residents from 3rd to 8th August 2015 at the campus of the veterinary university of **Vienna**. For details, please see the Minutes of the AGM (www.eceim.info)

ACVIM Forum

- Marco Duz has represented ECEIM on the ACVIM Forum. He presented his research on “Big Data in equine medicine” and has given an overview of some topics from the ECEIM congress. The ECEIM President (Cornélie Westermann) was invited by ACVIM and attended ACVIM meetings during the Forum.

Nomination Committee

- The succession planning of Board and Committees is an ongoing process. **We need volunteers!** Diplomates willing to serve either as Board members or Committee members are kindly asked to contact Cornélie Westermann (Past President and Chair of the Nomination Committee for expressing interest.

Payments

- Due to an increasing number of Diplomates who don't pay their annual fees before 31st March and an increasing number of Diplomates who don't pay this fee despite numerous (personal) pleas from the treasurer, the ECEIM Board has decided to **increase this fee by 25%**, if the payment is not done within the deadline. This means, that a fee of 280 Euro needs to be payed from next year on, if the money did not show up at an ECEIM account before 31st March.
- Please follow the instructions at <http://www.eceim.info/about/payment> and make the life of the treasurer a bit easier
- Due to an increasing number of Diplomates who are not following instructions for re-evaluation or don't fulfill the requirements of re-accreditation - which increases the working time for the Credentials and Educational Committee dramatically - the Board agreed, that the committee is allowed to raise additional fees. Details will be published soon

Please

- Please use exclusively the ecc.eceim@gmail.com for all questions / documents which need to be send to the Credentials and Educational Committe. Please do not use personal email-adresses, e.g. to the chair, any longer.
- Have your **contact details** changed? Use the **Excel form** from the '[Diplomates page](#)' or '[Residency page](#)' and forward it to treasurer@eceim.info