

Introduction

This is the first ECEIM newsletter. The goal of our newsletter is to provide Diplomates with current information about the activities of the College and its future plans.

ECEIM's relation with ACVIM

ECEIM is strengthening the relation with ACVIM, because we have many mutual goals. Recent steps we have taken are:

-We have established a liaison committee. Members are: Alain Roussel, Pamela Wilkins and Ben Sykes (ACVIM) and Youssef Tamzali, Josh Slater and Cornélie Westermann (ECEIM).

-ACVIM has initiated the 'ACVIM associate status'. Individuals as well as organisations can apply, and ECEIM has started the application procedure.

-ECEIM and ACVIM have agreed upon a speaker exchange at the ECEIM Congress and ACVIM Forum. The first exchanges will happen in 2013 and 2014.

-ACVIM already has a well-established procedure for production of 'consensus statements'. ECEIM Diplomates have been involved in some of these already and a new initiative between the two Colleges will be the production of joint ACVIM/ECEIM consensus statements in the future on diseases which are of concern on both sides of the Atlantic. This initiative will increase collaboration between the two colleges. ECEIM also plans to organise a parallel consensus statement procedure for subjects that have a more European character. Please check the [ECEIM consensus guidelines](#): comments are very welcome!

-ACVIM and ECEIM have agreed to have Diplomate specialist training accessible for each other's Diplomates

Updates of constitution and bylaws

Some parts of the ECEIM constitution and bylaws do not comply with the latest EBVS guideline and we have been asked to change them by EBVS. This can be done by electronic voting. Below you can read the proposed changes. You will receive an email for electronic voting a month after this newsletter.

CONSTITUTION:

MEMBERSHIP, Article 4, Section 2:

Current version:

(e) The status of non-practising Diplomate shall be conferred on a Diplomate who:

1. has not practised the specialty for two continuous years or the equivalent of two years during the previous five years
2. or has not fulfilled the requirements for the re-evaluation procedure
3. or has not attended a General Meeting for three years without previous dispensation from the College.

Proposed updated version:

(e) The status of non-practising Diplomate shall be conferred on a Diplomate who:

1. has not practised the specialty for two continuous years or the equivalent of two years during the previous five years
2. or has not fulfilled the requirements for the re-evaluation procedure

3. or has not attended **at least 2 out of 5 Annual General Meetings (AGMs)** without previous dispensation from the College.

MEMBERSHIP, Article 4, Section 8:

Current version:

- The College may confer Honorary Member status on persons who have made exceptional contributions to equine internal medicine. Honorary Members do not have the right to vote or hold office in the College.

Proposed updated version:

- The College may confer Honorary Member status on persons who have made exceptional contributions to equine internal medicine. Honorary Members who are ECEIM Diplomates retain their rights to vote and hold office in the College. Non-ECEIM diplomate Honorary Members are not entitled to hold office or to vote but can be co-opted to College committees as advisors.,

Current version:

- Election of an Honorary Member shall be accomplished by a two-thirds vote of the Board and by a two-thirds vote of the Diplomates at the Annual General Meeting of the College. They shall not be required to pay dues.

Proposed updated version

Election of an Honorary Member shall be accomplished by a two-thirds vote of the Board and by a two-thirds vote of the Diplomates at the Annual General Meeting of the College. They shall not be required to pay dues **and shall not be required to be re-evaluated.**

BYLAWS: DIPLOMA, Article 5; 5.2. Examination:

Current version:

A person who has not previously had his/her training programme approved by the Education and Credentials Committee may not be allowed to take the General Examination, pending approval of the training programme. A registered candidate, after having received confirmation that his/her training programme is approved, will be allowed to take the General Examination by submitting a non-refundable examination fee and a statement signed by the Supervisor that the candidate is making satisfactory progress in the training programme.

Change:

This passage has historical reasons and needs to be **deleted** because now all training programmes must be approved before starting and therefore before an exam application is possible.

Current version:

Failure to pass all parts of the examinations within eight examination rounds of first being accepted to sit the General Examination will prevent the candidate from being certified. The number of re-applications to sit either examination is limited to three.

Proposed updated version

Candidates may apply to re-take all parts of the examination or part(s) of the exam **not more than three times**. All parts of the examination **must be passed within 8 years** of completion of the residency programme.

Congress

- This year the [Congress](#) will be held in Le Touquet. Please check the website for details. The [registration process](#) is open. DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD IS 15 DECEMBER!
- There will be an extra Specialist Day for Diplomates the day before the Congress ! Only a limited number of places is available. Also limited places for workshop so act now.
- Remember that every Diplomate has to attend at least 2 out of 5 Annual General Meetings for reaccreditation!!
- Email the President of the College if you want to organise the congress in the future!!

Conference, congress and continuing education attendance

Due to the new Specialist Day on our Congress and the intensified relation to ACVIM there are more opportunities for you to get points for re-evaluation:

Type	Score
ECEIM or ACVIM annual meeting or congress	10
Other ECEIM approved meeting / congress (>1day), ECEIM Specialist day or ACVIM CPDs	8
Other ECEIM approved meeting / congress (< or just 1 day),	6
Non approved meeting / congress / continuing education	4

Advanced Training Advisory Committee (ATAC)

An advanced Training Advisory Committee has been set-up. The Chair is currently Celia Marr. Other members are: Derek Knottenbelt, Vincent Gerber, Bernhard Ohnesorge and Youssef Tamzali (Ex officio). The overall purpose of this Committee is to provide oversight and strategic advice to the Board of ECEIM to ensure the development and maintenance of an ongoing and well-co-ordinated programme of high quality training and professional development for Diplomates of the College.

Did you know?

- As Diplomate you should use the abbreviation “ Dip ECEIM” (abbreviation officially recommended by the EBVS) behind your name. The exact name of your title is: “European Specialist in Equine Internal Medicine”
- ECEIM Diplomates can use the EBVS logo. On the EBVS website is an [application form](#) to request permission.
- The minutes from the Edinburgh Congress AGM are on the website

Please

- Email our [treasurer](#) if you have changed contact details by using the [excel sheet](#) from the website. Updating your contact info is important to receive information from the college, to receive JVIM and to remain on the ACVIM listserv.
- Email out [treasurer](#) with your areas of interest in case you didn't do that yet to add to the website
- Email our [secretary](#) if you want to volunteer for a committee