

*Minutes of the Resident Meeting of the ECEIM held in  
Hannover Germany  
5th February 2011*

**1. Welcome**

Josh Slater welcomed all Residents who were present at the meeting.

**2. Education & Credentials Committee report**

Kerstin Fey introduced the Education & Credentials Committee: Charlotte Sanderson, Tamarinde Laan, Nicola Menzies-Gow, René van den Hoven and herself (chair). She explained the tasks of the Committee:

- Institute and Programme registration and re-evaluation
- Residents enrolment, including internship confirmation, resident documentation pack control, exam applications
- Diplomate Re-evaluation
- Evaluation of Journals and Conferences

The ECEIM currently has 92 Diplomates of which 38 are Diplomate by exam. The ECEIM Board and Committees are very pleased with the numbers of ECEIM-approved training institutions (31) and residents in standard (41) and alternative track (9) programmes.

Training institutes need to be re-evaluated every 6 years.

From now on, there is no deadline for enrolment. The programme can start after enrolment (providing the training institute is accepted).

The first resident documentation pack (RDP) needs to be sent in after one year of supervised training in the Standard programme.

The second before or with the exam application (< June 30<sup>th</sup>).

Sending in a third RDP is optional, but can for instance be done in an alternative track, to evaluate if the Resident is on the right track.

RDP's need to be accompanied by signed case logs (a hard copy is necessary too with the supervisors' signature).

Case logs are supposed to contain a variety of cases, advice if a case log seems too simple or seems to contain much the same cases can be obtained from the E&C committee.

In the "urinary" category urogenital cases can be included provided the case has a strong link to internal medicine.

If a patient returns to a clinic it can be used as another case provided the problem is a different one than before.

If a patient has multiple problems the resident can choose one case category.

Cases have to be registered well so that they can be reproduced if asked by the E&C committee.

Please use the newest forms from the website.

Alternative track residents are advised to email Kerstin Fey before starting the residency, in order to get a good advice.

After a discussion it was agreed that the grading of the case log is no longer necessary.

The amount of externship-weeks is considered high. Unfortunately this is due to EBVS rules. The E&C committee will work up the idea of reducing the diagnosing imaging weeks by collecting medical imaging cases and discussing them with an official radiologic specialist.

### 3. Exam committee report

The format that was used until now, General paper (2 x 50 MCQs), Certifying MCQ (x 50), Certifying Essay (2 out of 3) and Certifying OCM (x 3) has been changed for the OCM. Due to the large numbers of candidates the -amount of cases has been reduced from 3 to 2, being held in a parallel track. Objectivity was ensured and agreement checked. Thirty candidates were approved for exam entry. Two sat the General Paper only. There were 12 resits, and 16 new candidates (including one that already passed General Paper). The amount of new candidates has been similar every year until now. The success rate of 2005 was 40%, 2007 was 50% and 2009 was 58%. The results for 2011 are not yet available. Scott Pirie will rotate of the committee. The date of the exam will be on the website asap.

### 4. Boards' report

Josh Slater showed the mission statement of ECEIM: The mission of the ECEIM is to have an **international leadership role** in Equine Internal Medicine, advancing the discipline through post graduate **education, training and research** to create a **collaborative global community of specialists**. The College will promote the **highest clinical and research standards**, ensure the **visibility** of equine internal medicine specialists and **engage** effectively with the wider veterinary and horse-owning communities.

In order to obtain the mission statement a strategic plan 2011-2015 has been made and will be developed further in the next years. Headlines are as follows:

Aim1: Outreach and widening participation

- extending standard and alternative track training opportunities in Europe and beyond

Aim 2: Development of the ECEIM family

- resident training and support
- resident assessment
- specialist development for diplomates

Aim 3: Visibility of the ECEIM

- working with ACVIM and JVIM
- visibility to veterinary community and public

### 5. List Serv

List Serv is an email contact list for residents only. Philip Ivens has been the organiser of it so far, Victoria Copas volunteers to take over this service.

### 6. Next Congress and Exam

The next Congress and exam will be held in Edinburgh, in the oldest medical institute of Europe. The exact dates will be put on the website as soon as possible.