



## **ECEIM Newsletter 8**

**September 2018**

### ***Introduction***

This is the eight 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.

### ***Message from the President***

Writing this letter, I realize that this is the last letter of me in the function as president. The current Executive Committee (“the board”) will step down at the AGM in Ghent this year. We are happy to have found new candidates to make up a new board.

In order to facilitate the organisation of congresses and other educational or scientific activities, the Executive Committee has set-up a Charity or ‘Stichting’. The legal conditions in the Netherlands were most favourable in the European Community and therefore Marianne Sloet and Cornélie have helped me to establish this charity.

### ***Congress 2018 Ghent***

Gunther van Loon and his committees have created an attractive scientific and social program for this autumn. This year a professional organisation (Pauwels Congress Organisers) assists in the organisation of the congress. For best oral and poster presentations by ECEIM residents we have developed a new awarding system (see also: SPEAKERS EXCHANGE).

### ***Summer School Edinburgh***

The 4<sup>th</sup> Summer School was held this year in Edinburgh. The attendance over the years is growing and 33 residents participated. Further information will be given on the AGM 2018.

### ***New Board Election***

At the AGM in November, the entire executive committee (“the Board”) has reached their terms and cannot be elected anymore in their current functions. The Nomination Committee has searched for candidates for the next Executive Committee and the proposed lists of candidates and their functions are as follows:



President: *Dr. Anne Couroucé*

Vice President: *Lisa Katz*

Secretary: *Jessika Cavalleri*

Treasurer: *Ruth Morgan*

Member: *Fernando Malalana*

Past-President: *René van der Hoven*

Until now no other diplomates have expressed their interest in a function as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Member. If any person who served in a committee of the ECEIM before, is still interested in a function, time is running out, so please send an email to Cornélie Westermann at [C.M.Westermann@uu.nl](mailto:C.M.Westermann@uu.nl) before October 1st 2018. Please add a short curriculum vitae and a statement for your nomination. If you are interested to join a committee, please send an email to the same address.

### ***Nomination for awards***

There is an annual award from the ECEIM for outstanding involvement for the benefit of ECEIM. Last year Cornélie Westermann was chosen to be rewarded. This autumn “the Board” needs new names proposed by the ECEIM community to be considered. Please send your suggestions and a short explanation to the secretary of the ECEIM board, Dr. Anne Couroucé ([anne.courouce@oniris-nantes.fr](mailto:anne.courouce@oniris-nantes.fr)).

### ***SPEAKERS EXCHANGE***

ECEIM and ACVIM-Ia have agreed to exchange resident speakers for their annual meetings. The two best presenting residents (oral and/or poster) at this year’s Annual ECEIM Congress in Ghent will be eligible for support to join the 2019 ACVIM forum to present their work.

**For those residents who have sent in an abstract and who desire to compete for this exchange, please provide a short statement from your supervisor stating that the presented work comprises a substantial part of the resident’s research.** This statement should be mailed to the secretary of the ECEIM, Dr. Anne Couroucé ([anne.courouce@oniris-nantes.fr](mailto:anne.courouce@oniris-nantes.fr)).

Initially, the oral presentations will be reviewed, but authors of exceptionally strong posters may also be considered if the material warrants transformation into a good presentation. The ranking of the oral and poster presentations will be made by experienced senior ECEIM Diplomates. After attending the abstract presentation, a complete scoring rubric will be filled



in. The results will be averaged and the two top scores will be the winners. The final decision will be made by the ECEIM board.

Scientific content of the written abstract as well as the oral presentation will be judged. Abstracts should be clearly written and should emphasize pertinent objectives, methods, results, and conclusions. The abstract's degree of scientific significance is graded and the value of the information to the field of equine internal medicine will be weighted. Furthermore, the experimental design, the methodology, the analysis of results and the consistency of interpretation of the data all will be judged. The degree to which the data substantiates the conclusion will be scored. Innovative aspects and the role of resident in the work will also be scored. The Oral Presentation will be judged on its delivery. Audible and clear speech, pace, enthusiasm and delivery style will all be scored. Regarding the organization of the talk, important issues contributing to scores are the logical flow and sequence of the presentation and the use of time. Visual Aids should be well-composed, clear, concise and informative. Finally, the clarity of the text and the presentation and the response to questions will make up the final rating. For posters an abbreviated protocol will be used which mainly scores the text.

The recently established ECEIM Foundation plans to contribute to the cost of travel and accommodation of the 2 ECEIM residents when they present their work at the 2019 ACVIM Forum in Phoenix Arizona, USA. The award consists of a waived ACVIM congress registration fee and a lump sum of 1300 Euros per selected resident, to be used exclusively for the 2019 ACVIM Forum. Postponement of attendance and presentation to a later date is not allowed.

### ***AWARD FOR THE BEST POSTER OF THE CONGRESS IN GHENT 2018.***

The resident who presented the best poster this year will be awarded with free registration of next years congress. In the exceptional case that this poster has been chosen for presentation at the 2019 ACVIM forum, the presenting resident will not be allowed free registration of the 2019 ECEIM congress.