



Short minutes of the Executive Committee (EC) meeting on the 15th of April 2019 in Amsterdam

1) Review of committee activities

a) *Marketing Committee (Chair: Emmanuelle van Erck)*

1. A new member is entering the committee: Sophie WILFORD.
2. The Marketing Committee will soon send a **survey** to all Diplomates in order to better understand the different activities of the Diplomates as well as the financial side. The idea is to have answers in order to give value to our specialist work.
3. Dr Oliver Gehrig gave a presentation at the EC meeting on a platform he created called **Diplovets.com**. This is a telemedicine service connecting referring veterinarians with different specialists for online consultations. Referring veterinarians submit cases via the diplovet platform along with a fee. All diplomates who are members of this platform then receive a list of cases appropriate for their area of expertise. A Diplomate can then elect to take on consultation duties for a specific case from this list and in return receive payment for this service. If ECEIM Diplomates join this platform, it may result in greater recognition by referring veterinarians of what an ECEIM-boarded internal medicine specialist can offer.

b) *ATAC committee (Chair: Fernando Malalana)*

1. A new member is entering the committee: Sophie MOSSERI, who will be in charge of the Journal Clubs.
2. There will now be 4 journal club groups. It is planned to switch over to the GOTO Meeting platform for these online meetings as soon as the software has been finalised. If anyone is interested in participating in the Clubs please contact Fernando Malalana (fernmala@liverpool.ac.uk)
3. The subject for the ECEIM congress **Diplomate day** in Valencia will be intensive care.
4. The webinar developed by the ECEIM ATAC committee and Boehringer Academy on equine influenza was hugely successful and involved a group of experts from ECEIM, AHT, OIE, BHA and FEI who gathered in Newmarket for a roundtable discussion.
5. Topics for the 2019-2020 webinars include epidemiology of colic, foal medicine and EHV-1.
6. For future webinars, if any diplomates are interested in presenting their research for a specialist webinar, please contact-Mathijs Theelen (M.J.P.Theelen@uu.nl).



c) Nomination committee (Chair: Fernando Malalana)

1. We are always looking for Diplomats interested in joining the different committees. Please contact the nomination committee with expressions of interest.

d) Examination committee (Chair 2018: Vivienne Duggan ; Chair 2019: Gaby van Galen)

1. In January 2019 there were 27 candidates: 6 taking the entire examination, 7 taking just the general part and 14 undertaking re-sits.
2. The pass rate was:
 - General (G1 and G2) MCQ: 50%
 - Certifying MCQ: 60%
 - Essay: 72%
 - OCM: 64.3%
3. We will repeat a Resident Supervisor session during next ECEIM congress in Valencia in order to assist supervisors with preparing candidates for the exam.

e. Exam review group meeting (Chair: Jessika Cavalleri)

1. A subcommittee has been developed to review the entire examination process as a quality control process.
2. A meeting with an educational expert is being organized to help with this process. This will be presented during the next AGM.

f. Education & Credentials Committee (Chair: Dominique de Clerq)

1. Peer-review activity will now be allocated points for re-certification: 3 points per peer-review. The Education & Credentials Committee (ECC) will accept 4 peer-reviews per year for a maximal number of 12 points allocated per year.
2. All Diplomates can find their AGM attendance history in their account on the ECEIM website. If errors are identified, please contact ecc@eceim.info.
3. **In order to keep the list of Diplomates and residents updated, please contact the ECC with any changes of resident institution or supervisor and any changes of Diplomat job and location.** Diplomates can access and edit their personal data on the ECEIM website as well as send updated information via email to ecc@eceim.info.
4. EBVS has confirmed that two letters of recommendation will be required as part of the re-certification process for all EBVS colleges by 2020. ECEIM is in the process of developing a simple template for Diplomates to use for this requirement.

2) ECEIM website (report from Tamarinde Laan)

1. All data for residents and Diplomates are now on the ECEIM website. As per EBVS recommendations, a lawyer will be consulted to ensure adequate data protection.



3) Discussion with ECEIM resident representatives

1. The resident representatives are Francesca Worsman (fworsman@exseed.ed.ac.uk) and Abbe Kirtland (abbe_travel@yahoo.com). Residents should contact them if there are any issues for the executive committee to address.
2. A skype meeting was organized with Abbe Kirtland during the EC meeting. One issue raised was a lack of assistance for alternate-track residents in obtaining adequate CR1 cases when visiting private practices/Universities. The need of supervisor assistance for residents to obtain adequate CR1 cases was highlighted.

4) EBVS matters (report from Lisa Katz)

1. Lisa Katz represented ECEIM at the EBVS meeting, April 11th-12th in Brussels. EBVS will now have two meetings per year (April and November). The November 2019 meeting will be 6th-7th in Brussels. The April 2020 meeting will be 23rd-24th, likely in Hannover.
2. The 5-year report for ECEIM is due to EBVS by November 15th 2019. EBVS is considering making all college 5-year reports public.
3. The EBVS 60% work requirement for re-certification purposes is to be interpreted by each college separately. A clear description for ECEIM requirements will focus on quality (i.e., 60% of professional time) rather than quantity, with a document being developed and included by 2020 for re-certification.
4. Two letters of support for re-certification will be required for all colleges by 2020.
5. EBVS is developing a new website; the general cost will be €5-7000/year for all colleges with the costs to ECEIM to be clarified at the 2020 November meeting. The new website aims to host a multitude of examination/elearning support freely available to EBVS-approved colleges potentially making this cost-effective for ECEIM.
6. The EBVS examination board plans to assess each college's examination procedure in the near future so as to standardise assessment strategies. EBVS is evaluating whether to provide an exam platform/software with a common data base freely available for all colleges. Each EBVS-approved college examination chair is to meet as a group to discuss common issues. An EBVS working group is to be developed to discuss common initiatives for residency training/support.
7. Each college should have a statement that they are GDPR compliant. Each college should get a lawyer to review their data flow & storage with weaknesses (like hacking) identified and addressed with a written contingency plan. Consent for data to be stored for each Diplomate and resident needs to be built into the normal administration procedures.
8. ECEIM needs to add an ethics statement to the constitution & bylaws and website.
9. EBVS wants to have guidelines for internships, similar to the RCVS.



10. At the 2019 November EBVS meeting there will be voting on numerous issues impacting ECEIM:

- Definition of 'internationally-recognised', important for defacto membership criteria;
- Definition of Europe vs. non-Europe, proposal to strike out 'Europe' from EBVS P&Ps to be inclusive of residency training programmes located in non-EU countries;
- Dissolution of the EBVS EC and whether each EC member should have a vote (addresses bias since college members are on the EC);
- Who will make up the EC advisory board;
- Publication requirements for credentials.

5) Consensus statement

If you have any ideas for the future, please contact the ECEIM secretary (secretary@eceim.info).