

ECVCP AGM 14/10/21, online, 1730-1830 CET

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Approval 2020 minutes

Welcome and retrospective look to years 2020/21 (Ernst Leidinger – ECVCP President)

- The President provided a retrospective look to years 2020/21 which have been characterised by Covid 19 pandemic. Fortunately, there has been no death amongst college members. Pandemic has influenced college activities. With the exception of the exam which did not take place in 2020 (but will take place in 2021), all other activities took place in an online format, including the annual congress, Summer School and externships. Expectation for the coming years is to slowly go back to normality, return to on site meetings, establish new ECVCP website (priority to separate ECVCP and ESVCP organisations), and to continue the growth of the college. College Growth looks promising. In 2021, there are 28 residents, and 11 more are preparing for the exam despite some ECVCP residents deciding to take the American board. The board has agreed to establish a working group to assess why some ECVCP residents are taking the American board instead and trying to contain this haemorrhage.

Retrospective look to years 2020/21 (Mark Ackermann -ACVP President)

- List ACVP 2020-2021 activities including phase II exam given virtually in 2021-2022, virtual annual meeting in 2020-2021.

EBVS report of activities (Zoe Polizopoulou – EBVS President)

- Election of the new Executive Committee (2021-2023) with Zoe Polizopoulou (President) and Mark Bowen (Director of Education).
- Approval of the new policies and procedures document. Colleges have two years to accept and internalise this. a) ABVS specialists may be program directors or supervisors of a European Residency programme, prior college approval. b) there are two new routes of specialisation (internationally recognised specialist, modular pathway – each college to define list of activities/criteria that must be done within 8y for these candidates to be eligible to take the exam).
- Pan EBVS examination system: ExamSoft will be used for 2021 ECVCP exam.

- EBVS strategic goals: two strategic days (2017, 2021), strategic plan 2020-2025 (assure quality training, stimulate growth, promote impact and influence of Diplomates, achieve recognition).
- Professionalisation of EBVS: recruit more paid staff, to increase visibility and being more efficient.

Officer & Committee Chair Reports

Tim Williams – ECVCP Treasurer

- Currently, there are 84 full Diplomates, all Diplomates paid their fees.
- ECVCP is financially healthy and currently has in the bank £11,359+51,070 euro. College cannot accumulate money as charity. £5,000 still to spend in 2021, £20,000 to keep as reserve. Surplus of £35,000 left to try and spend at the end of 2021.
- Incomes/outcomes of 2020 (income ~£18,000, outcome £9080) and 2021 (expected income £21000, expected outcome £12650) were provided, together with budget for 2022. Both 2021 and 2022 should end with positive balances.
- Proposed budget for 2022: incomes 2022 £18,950 mainly from Diplomat fees. expenditures £32,500 between secretariat, EBVS, meetings, exam expenses, website, increase ECVCP research funds to 2. This would leave deficit of £13,500.
- Vote if ECVCP members are happy to continue to offer funding form 2 ECVCP research per year for 3 years, subject to sufficient finances of the college, this should help to spend the surplus £35,000 over the coming years. All agree with that.

Maria Elena Gelain – Chair Education Committee

- One new member in Committee (Stratos Papakonstantinou)
- Up to 2021, there are 22 training programs (21 standard + 1 alternative). Three institutions experienced a change in supervisors (LABOKLIN, University of Edinburgh, Cambridge). In Bristol, the resident is currently supervised by Marta Costa DipECVCP (remotely) and Elpida Sarvani DipACVP (on site).
- A survey was sent to residents over the summer to verify status of externship, including online format, and no significant problems were raised.
- Given the persistent uncertainty due to Covid, it has been agreed that the current rules for externships will persist for all 2022.

Cathy Trumel – Exam Committee – ExamSoft presentation on behalf of Peter Vajdovich

- ECVCP exam will take place online on 17-18 November 2021. There are currently 17 candidates.
- On 22/10, there will also be a new online test for candidates as there were problems with exam soft during summer school in particular about the slide sessions. There will also be an online aid during the exam.
- ECVCP online examination principles and invigilation protocols given to all candidates and supervisors. ExamSoft system will be used for this purpose but cytology/hematology slide sessions will be done with power points. Residents will be able to use their own laptops and there will be on site invigilators. A second computer will be used for power points of haematology and cyto slide pictures.

Emma Hooijberg – Chair of the Credentials Committee –

- Presentation of the credential Committee – one new member (Marilisa Novacco)
- Tasks include approve new candidates, approve annual case and activity log and approve exam candidates.
- Residents: there are currently 27 residents, 10 new in 2021. Exam entry is allowed without publications (2021-2023); however, publications must be accepted within 2 years of 1 March of the year of the exam. This will be re-evaluated in 2023. This year of the 6 applicants, 5 had publications needed.
- Reaccreditation: 21 Diplomates need to be reaccredited this year (deadline is 30/11). 30 points from exam questions is compulsory + 2 reference letters, proof of ESVCP membership, 70 points from other activities. Exam questions to be submitted via secretariat to David Ledieu for approval. Questions must be approved to count for reaccreditation purposes. Glass slides can be provided together with the report and there is now no need to fill the score grid. At the moment, scan digital slides cannot be provided.

Lab standards – chair Stephanie Klenner

- No change in Committee
- Three are 21 approved labs in total + 1 pending.
- ECVCP Has been approached by Swedish Institute for Standards (SIS), which is aiming to standardization in the field of animal health. Only individuals are allowed to participate and will represent their own country. Some countries are missing and individuals can apply to join.

Summer school – Alessia Giordano

- Summer School took place online on 21-25 July (5w days accounting for 7 days of externship). There were total of 55 attendees (36 ECVCP residents, 8 ACVP, plus 11 others), 12 speakers. Exam-Soft test run at mock exam. It was very successful.

EBVS Website (Ernst Leidinger)

- Presentation of how new ECVCP website will look like. This will be a dedicated website for the college.
- There is need of some help/support. Suggestion is asking help from Kieran Hennessy how to import data from old to new website. Need also to import data of Diplomates from EBVS website.

Other items

- UK Charity Commission Report submitted by Sue Lennon on 5.10.21
- EBVS AGM and Rep Committees days (9/10 Nov): Kostas will represent ECVCP on behalf of Ernst.
- 2022 congress will be in Belgrade. Erika Furman will be liaison office from ESVCP. Strahinja Medic presented the next congress (5-8 October 2022).