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From the President's pen



Dear Diplomates, Dear Residents

These lines are written on the very week where the European Constitution has finally been adopted by all 27 countries in EU. This sounds like a historical

landmark for this geopolitical organisation and opens the way to a more coordinated action, in particular on foreign affairs.

Our College is, in my opinion, another major European organisation with an even more open-minded attitude, embracing both political and continental Europe, including the Swiss and the Israelis! As political Europe strives to a harmonious, prosperous and peaceful earth, our European College strives to reach harmonious global standards in the more humble field of Veterinary Surgery. The current Chairman of the Board of ECVS is working hard on the Australian side of this matter. I hope that, within my term of office we will manage to start again fruitful contacts with ACVS on the avenue of progressive recognition. The election of one of my American mentors (namely: Dr Bjorling from University of Wisconsin) to the Presidency of ACVS encourages me to believe that at least the recommencement of our dialogue should be possible. A few months ago, I had the

privilege to be invited to the ACVS annual forum in Washington where I was very well received. In my address, to their Annual Business Meeting, I reminded our American counterparts how important past and future collaboration was for us.

Another avenue for future ECVS collaboration may occur on the European continent itself. Olivier Lepage (an ECVS Diplomate and currently President of ESVOT) has approached us suggesting that we consider collaborating in the organization of our meetings. Olivier and I will explore this further and report back to our respective boards.

I urge you all to start planning to attend our next Annual Scientific Meeting in Finland next summer! The organisation of the meeting to

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be held in Helsinki on July 1-3, 2010 is well on its way. There is genuine national support from Finland for hosting events like this. Riitta Tulamo and Outi Vapaavuori-Laitinen, her local helper, the Zurich office team and all members of the programme committee have accomplished an excellent job so far! The scientific content will include various and interesting topics such as head, teeth and eye surgery in large animals; elbow, shoulder, angular deformities, and arthrodesis sessions in small animal orthopaedics; as well as wound and skin reconstruction, or abdominal tumour sessions, in small animal soft tissue surgery. Complications in large animal and small animal surgery will also be included, with an opportunity for all to participate through interactive sessions using voting devices. We have arranged for an opening lecture on the latest advances in human tissue engineering and a closing session focused on "life in neurosurgery". I can therefore promise a rich and varied programme, as usual for our

yearly gathering. So please ensure that you book the dates at this stage!

In conclusion, I want to say what a huge privilege it is to serve as President of your College. With close to 400 Diplomates and more than 200 surgical trainees, we are a growing and very active force in Veterinary Science. We are regarded throughout Europe and the rest of the world as a leading authority in our field. We owe this, in part, to the efforts of our founding members, and successive Committee and Board members, but increasingly to the daily activities of each individual Diplomate. So it is with great pride and confidence that I also look forward to a very special event in the life of our College, taking place in my home country: the **20th ECVS Annual Meeting** on July 7-9, 2011 in Ghent, Belgium!

I wish you all a happy new year.

Bernard Bouvy,
President

From the Chair's corner



Dear Colleagues

Time moves quickly! It only seems a short while since many of us met for our very successful meeting in Nantes, where I handed over the

President's medal to Bernard, but already the plans for Helsinki 2010 are well advanced! As I said at the Annual Business Meeting, the Office and our hard-working examination teams worked overtime in the last year and quickly followed the last of our July round of examinations by successfully running our first set of examinations in their new earlier, February, slot. Each examination round added

a further 25 new diplomates, meaning that the College has crept closer to a total of 400 diplomates. It looks as though we should exceed 400 in February 2010. Given that we have maintained the high principle with which our founders started ECVS, that all members should be examined either by ACVS or ECVS diplomates, this means that we can hold up our heads as the largest fully quality-assured group of specialists amongst the European Colleges. This certainly makes me feel confident about our authority to speak on European specialisation in my new role as the ECVS representative at EBVS (European Board of Veterinary Specialisation).

As I indicated in last year's Newsletter, one of the themes of my presidential year was global standards for veterinary specialisation,

in particular, surgery. Your Board has been corresponding with both the ACVS and the Surgery Chapter of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists to see if there is a mutual appetite for agreeing such standards. The Australian group expressed considerable enthusiasm for discussion, which culminated in a bilateral meeting in Zurich in August. This matter was discussed by your Board in September and will be discussed again in February. We will be updating all diplomates on progress at our Annual Business Meeting in Helsinki. Sadly, although ACVS has wished us well, they did not want to join in at this stage. However, both EBVS and ABVS (the American Board of Veterinary Specialties) have asked to be kept up-to-date with our progress in this area.

I look forward, with Bernard, to welcoming as many of you as can make it to Helsinki in July 2010. I am confident that none should be disappointed by the blend of culture, science

and hospitality which Riitta Tulamo and her team have planned. My two sons and my daughter enjoyed themselves so much in France that they are already asking if they will be able to visit Finland to meet some of the friends they made in Nantes. One experience which they found profoundly moving and humbling was the privilege of attending the lecture by Professor Dubernard on face and arm/hand transplants. This still comes up in conversation at the dinner table (it is a good thing that we are a veterinary family!) and so, like me, they are looking forward to the richness which local medical pioneers generously provide to our programme, in addition to the lively social events!

I wish you all well for the New Year.

Stephen May

Exam committee report



Dear Colleagues

The large animal (LA) examination committee members (Ann Martens as LA chair, Jane Boswell, Anton Fürst) and the small animal (SA) examination committee members (Annick Hamaide as SA chair, Prue Neath, Ulli Reif) are working hard on the 2010 examination. Karl Nuss (past LA-chair) and Daniel Damur

(past SA-chair) are supporting the examination committee and helping us with the revision of the questions ensuring that there is continuity regarding content and standards from one year to the next. The final supervision of the examination is provided by two liaison officers from the Board of regents, Christoph Lischer (LA) and Richard Whitelock (SA).

Our new observers, Tijn Spoormakes for the LA committee and Jackie Demetriou for the SA committee will be joining us for the 2010 exam in Zurich.

Firstly we would like to thank all Diplomates who have helped us with the preparation of the written part of the examination by submitting Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ). This is an enormous help to us and we sincerely appreciate the valuable contribution!

This year 39 out of 146 LA Diplomates (27%) and 81 out of 247 SA diplomates (32%) have submitted MCQs. Even without a statistical analysis, this seems to us as a relatively low response rate. Consequently we are again taking this opportunity to encourage you all to submit good questions: they are worth points for your recertification and more importantly they allow you all to provide a valuable contribution and positively to influence the content of the examination. This is your way to help to determine what your future Diplomat colleagues should know to pass the board examination! All submitted MCQ are revised by the examination committee members and are pooled in a large electronic database. With this large database of questions, we now have the opportunity to create each year an entirely different MCQ examination. Revision of the questions is based on their content, the structure of the questions/answers and the relevance of the questions. Unless you receive an email from the ECVS Office stating otherwise, all submitted questions may be used for your recertification requirements.

The 2010 examination will take place in Zürich from Tuesday February 2nd to Thursday February 4th. The case-based part of the examination (former oral part) will be held on Tuesday morning, followed by the practical part (slides) on Tuesday afternoon and finally the MCQ will be given on Wednesday and Thursday morning.

The first important change in the format of this year's examination is that the general part of the MCQ examination will be completely different for the LA and SA candidates. This was decided last year, together with a change in the reading lists: no more "Slatter" chapters for the LA candidates and no more "Auer & Stick" chapters for SA candidates.

The next change for this year is that the MCQ examination will be taken electronically. This will allow rapid correction of the questions and direct statistical analysis of the data. Each

candidate will have his/her own computer and the questions will come up on the screen with the option to choose one of four possible answers with a simple mouse click. The order of the questions is randomised for each candidate. The candidates will be given ample time to familiarise themselves with the procedure on Tuesday evening, February 2nd. Additionally, a "web link" to a small mock MCQ examination (SA and LA separately) will be placed on the ECVS website during the second half of December to ensure that the candidates are confident with the new system.

This year, there will be no specific changes to the practical and case-based part of the examination.

Finally, we would like to encourage all Diplomates and supervisors to assist their residents in their preparation for the examination. The mock MCQ available on the website is a first step on our part to assist that process. In the next few months, the examination committee members will provide a mock practical examination on the website to help familiarise the candidates with the format of the examination. These mock questions are not intended to be revision aids and a good exposure to a varied case load together with good guidance in their study of books and literature are the best routes to passing the examination.

We wish all the candidates and supervisors well in their preparation and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the exam.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Martens and Annick Hamaide

Report from the Credentials Committee



The credentials committee held their autumn meeting in Zurich on September 16th and 17th 2009. Although this year we did not coincide with the

Examinations Committee, our meeting immediately preceded that of the BOR as it did last year, facilitating a quick final approval of credentials submissions.

Changes to the credentials committee

This was our first meeting since Dan Brockman stepped down as Chair and left the credentials committee. Kathryn Pratschke has moved into the position of SA and overall Chair of the committee while Bernard Boussauw has taken up the role of LA Chair and overall Vice-Chair of the Credentials Committee. Other current members of the committee are Barbara Kirby (SA), Frederik Pille (LA) and Ellen Singer (LA). The credentials committee also welcomed Josh Milgram from the Koret University as our new Small Animal member, and bade farewell to Franck Forterre at his last Committee meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of 37 candidates were evaluated this year; 20 were small animal and 17 were large animal.

Twelve small animal candidates and 11 large animal candidates were accepted pending final approval by the Board of Regents on September 18th, the day after the Credentials Committee meeting finished.

Six small animal and 3 large animal candidates were given provisional approval until their training is complete and final

documents are lodged with the ECVS Office, and/or they corrected errors in their submissions and lodged the corrected documents with the ECVS Office. As a reminder, this will remain the policy for the next two years. Individuals on standard programmes that started after July 31st 2009 will not be in a position to have their credentials considered until July 2013. Similarly, alternate trainees who begin after July 31st 2009 will not be eligible to submit credentials until July 2014 at the earliest.

Credentials from 3 large animal candidates were rejected as they had not yet completed their publications requirements (1), would not be able to complete their 156 week programme in time (1) or had failed to satisfy the minimum credentials requirements (1).

Evaluation of yearly reports and new programmes

The yearly reports and new programmes of 166 residents were evaluated. Of these, 109 were small animal and 57 were large animal.

Of the SA submissions only 60 were accepted without comment. At the credentials committee meeting in Nantes in July 2009 four Residents who were accepted to start their residencies were not required to submit additional reports for review at this time; three submissions were provisionally rejected pending a final decision from the Board of Regents; and 39 were returned for revision and correction of errors in submission. The remainder failed to submit reports for this year. Six applications were reviewed for new small animal programmes, 5 for standard programmes and 1 for an alternate track programme; all were accepted.

Of the LA submissions 1 was provisionally rejected pending a final decision from the Board of Regents, and 10 were returned for revision and correction of errors in submission.

There were 3 applications to start new large animal programmes of which one was accepted, one is pending the provision of additional information from the applicants and one was rejected.

Errors in reporting

Over the past two years the Credentials Committee has drawn the attention of both trainees and Supervisors to certain common errors in reporting. Unfortunately, despite highlighting this problem in the Newsletter, at the annual information session during the Scientific Meeting and in a direct letter to all Resident and Supervisors, most if not all of these errors are still occurring. These include the following:

Surgical Log

- Candidates persist in “double counting” cases i.e. each anaesthetic can equal one surgical procedure which is allocated a single surgical code. This is a particular problem with small animal reports. A specific example is where arthroscopy is performed immediately preceding a TPLO; this does not count as two different surgical procedures, and arthroscopy should not be counted as both joint surgery (JS) and arthroscopy (AR).
- A candidate must declare if a programme is EQUINE OR GENERAL Large Animal when starting the programme and then use the correct forms consistently throughout.
- There are many situations where multiple residents are scrubbing in on surgeries. While we realise this is good experience for these residents, for large animal procedures only one resident should log each procedure on his/her surgical log unless it is a particularly uncommon or difficult case; while for small animal procedures it may be appropriate for two residents to list a procedure on their surgical log, but not more than two.

- Remember to list all Diplomates names with their initials either as part of the Surgical Log or as an appendix to the Log.
- Diplomates initials should be in BOLD throughout Surgical Logs, non-Diplomates in normal type
- Candidates should not include basic surgical procedures such as:
 - Standard open or closed castrations, standing wound debridement, hoof cracks treatment (large animal)
 - Oral extraction of teeth (both large and small animal)
 - Routine neutering procedures (small animal)
 - Minor wound debridement and lavage (small animal)
 - Aural haematomas (small animal)
 - Placement of venous catheters (small animal) or thoracic drains (small animal)
 - Resection of small skin lesions e.g. sarcoids (LA), adenomas (SA).

Presentation log

- Only list presentations given to a veterinary audience followed by a discussion (as per the Training Brochure). Residents must deliver the minimum number of presentations fitting the defined criteria over the course of the residency. Presentations to undergraduate veterinary students, physiotherapists, farriers and lay-persons (horse and pet owners, breeding clubs and societies) should not be included.
- List meetings attended as a national or international conference. There is no need to list each session attended at the Congress or meeting.
- List all courses attended (AO/ASIF, arthroscopy, laparoscopy, etc.)

- Weekly rounds, journal clubs, book clubs should not be listed individually every time they happen. These activities are expected to take place in any training programme and can be summarised as such e.g. Journal Club once weekly throughout the programme, Resident Seminars once fortnightly throughout the programme.

Remember - only the forms provided on the ECVS website should be used for reporting to the Credentials Committee and these forms should not be modified after they have been downloaded.

Chair's comment:

After reviewing all the files submitted this year for evaluation, almost a third of reports submitted contained errors or omissions in reporting. These varied from minor errors through to major problems that resulted in submissions being returned in their entirety to be re-written. It is disappointing that without exception, the errors that were present again this year were the same errors that have been highlighted repeatedly over the past few years. The revised submissions from candidates were requested by October 31st 2009 in order to allow us to complete the file processing for 2008-2009 in a timely manner. This obviously creates a significant extra burden of work for both the Credentials Committee and the ECVS Office. This additional work is avoidable if all candidates and Supervisors take the time carefully to review the instructions on how to report correctly to the credentials committee as found in the Training Brochure and on the website. Given the level of inaccurate reporting that persists amongst trainees, the Credentials Committee plans to review all instructions and forms for reporting at our next meeting in February 2010 with a view to ensuring the instructions and the forms are as clear and as straightforward as possible. The LA members of the Committee also plan to introduce a specific Lameness Log form to

help clarify the reporting of lameness cases versus surgical cases. We will communicate any changes, or any additional instructions we feel are indicated regarding the process for reporting to the Credentials Committee after this next meeting.

Recertification and Internships

Letters providing information regarding the recertification of programmes are currently being sent out to all Supervisors and Programme Directors. These letters contain details of the information required for recertification of programmes, and the relevant forms will be available from the website imminently. As there has been a delay in sending the call for recertification of programmes, the closing date for submission of document has been moved back to March 31st 2010.

The subject of internships came up in discussion in the course of reviewing the requirements for programme recertification. As is stated in the Training Brochure, there are occasions where it may be possible to have a single internship year accepted as a completed Pre-Residency practice, without any other clinical or practice activity. The Credentials Committee reminds all Supervisors that if a candidate being put forwards for a SVSRP has gone through a good quality, rotating, multi-disciplinary internship that has been pre-approved by the Credentials Committee, then the candidate can have automatic acceptance of this as a sole completed pre-residency practice. If however a Supervisor puts forward a candidate who has completed an internship that has not been reviewed and approved by the Credentials Committee then acceptance is not guaranteed for a Residency Programme but is at the discretion of the Committee pending review of the internship.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous 2010.

Kathryn Pratschke

ECVS office team

Since April we have a new team member in the ECVS office. Most of you who were in Nantes have had the pleasure of meeting her in person already.

Eva-Linda Skytting is Swedish and has been living in Zurich for 10 years.

She studied marketing and communications in Sweden and worked for several hotels, for British Airways in Gothenburg and for the last few years managed a business for a Swedish company selling Swedish luxury beds here in Zurich.

Eva-Linda has a nine year old son.

Eva-Linda started with a 50% commitment in Spring. Since September, when Miriam started her new position, Eva-Linda increased her commitment to 80% and will be working almost full time from January 2010 onwards. Miriam will maintain her 30%. Eva-Linda has taken over many of my heavier duties such as checking and dealing with all the annual reports of our residents and trainees and now the handling and management of all the

incoming abstracts for the next meeting.

Eva-Linda's mother tongue is Swedish but she is also fluent in English and German.

In Nantes Eva-Linda gained her first experiences of what it means to work for ECVS – and what persons are behind those 4 magic letters.

I hope of course we were able to convince her

- that ECVS needs her and
- that ECVS is a great organisation to work for

and that we will be able to keep her even after the last experience in her first year – the upcoming examination in February.

I am of course very happy with my new team and I do not know how I could have managed the entire workload without Miriam and Eva-Linda. It is a relief to have such a great team on my side. Thanks Miriam and Eva-Linda for your dedication and hard work for all of us.

Monika



CALL FOR PAPERS

The February 2011 issue (Volume 40, Number 2) of Veterinary Surgery will be devoted to

HIP DYSPLASIA

To be fully considered, manuscripts must be submitted no later than June 1, 2010.

Areas of interest include advances in surgical management of hip dysplasia; pathophysiology; joint kinetics; biomechanics; joint prostheses; diagnostic imaging; kinematics; rehabilitation; genetics; clinical diagnostics; prevention or inhibition of joint disease; morbidity/mortality; tissue engineering; and surgical anatomy.



Manuscripts should be submitted online at:
<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/vsu>.

See interscience.wiley.com/journal/vsu
for author guidelines and other information.



ACVS Veterinary Symposium 2011

October 21-23, 2010
Washington State Convention and Trade Center
Seattle, Washington, USA

scientific abstract submission by March 1, 2010, – see
<http://www.acvs.org/Symposium/ScientificAbstracts/CallForAbstracts/>

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Congratulations Gert

At the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Veterinary School of Nantes on September 25th, Gert Niebauer was honoured with the title of Professor Honoris Causa of the Veterinary School. This recognition was determined by the Dean, Professor Pierre Saï, and his team. During the ceremony, Gert was introduced by Professor Jean-François CHARY who summarised the highlights of Gert's career. Finally both Professor Chary and Professor Saï presented Gert with his Honoris Causa Diploma in the presence of many invited guests, colleagues and students from the Veterinary School.



Nantes 2009

The time goes by...

Already half a year has past since Nantes, France, July 2 – 4, 2009.



Thanks to all of you for taking part in our 18th annual scientific meeting!

- thanks to all our loyal members, who follow us from year to year
- thanks to the faculty for their well-prepared presentations
- thanks to all ECVS Diplomates, Residents and other veterinarians who submitted many interesting abstracts. This year we had 92 large and small abstracts, we are growing



- thanks to all sponsors and exhibitors for their important financial support and their presence at the congress
- a special thanks to Gert Niebauer and his team, Olivier Gauthier, Philippe Haudiquet and Jean-Philippe Billet who prepared such a great and unforgettable event. Who could forget: The welcome party at the Cité des Congrès, the Jules Verne Party & The Banquet. All these wonderful evenings with the delicious specialities and wines of the region of Nantes.

We had a great time – meeting friends, listening to interesting research and clinical presentations, spending some leisure hours with peers and colleagues – it was a highlight – thanks to the French organization team.

.....we are now looking forward to seeing you all again at our next annual scientific meeting in Helsinki, Finland on 1-3 July 2010.

Photographs courtesy Dirk Riemersma



Helsinki 2010

Helsinki's attractive and unique character comes from its proximity to the sea. It is surrounded by it on three sides, and the city's shoreline is adorned by around 100 kilometres of coast and over 300 islands.

The lifestyle in the second-most northern capital city in the world is full of contrasts and fascinating habit cultures. Influences from both the East and West are visible in the



city's architecture, culinary culture, events, traditions and many other elements that are unique to the way of life in Helsinki. You can also take a fascinating journey through the centuries. The city's architecture is typified by Nordic refinement and minimalism, yet at the same time the styles of different periods can be clearly seen. Helsinki is also a modern European city of culture that is famous especially for its design and high technology.

The Marina Congress Center where the ECVS congress takes place is located right by the sea and the South Harbour, which is said to be one of Europe's most beautiful harbours. It is also just a few minutes' walk away from the center of the Helsinki. Most of Helsinki's tourist attractions are situated within easy walking distance of the city centre, and if your

feet do get tired, you can rely on Helsinki's excellent public transportation – which has been ranked among the best in Europe.

If you want to continue your congress experience with a vacation, why not take advantage of the white nights of early summer - Helsinki and rest of the Finland will surely offer you dozens of interesting places to visit. Furthermore, if you are interested to combine your visit in Helsinki with a tour of other nearby countries, there are also daily train connections to St. Petersburg and Moscow. And if you are into travelling by boat, there are several daily connections to e.g. Tallinn and Stockholm.

See you at the ECVS Congress in Helsinki on 1.-3. July .2010!

Outi Laitinen-Vapaavuori & Riitta Mari Tulamo

For more information on Helsinki, please visit www.visithelsinki.fi.

Besides a cultural and social programme, the two committees have come up with some interesting topics for the scientific part

As every year there will be the resident forum, the short communication sessions and the poster presentations in the small- and large animal programme



Small animal programme:

Pre-congress courses:

- Orthopedic Hybrid Fixations

Short Communications for general surgery and orthopedics

General surgery "in depth" sessions

- Wounds and skin reconstruction
- Complications in soft tissue surgery
- Interactive case discussions
- VSSO : Maximally invasive surgery

Orthopedics "in depth" sessions

- Orthopedic trauma: Implants & techniques
- Shoulder injuries and arthroscopic techniques
- Elbow update : Diagnostic imaging and advanced arthroscopy
- Correction of angular deformities
- Arthrodesis: Advances on carpus and tarsus arthrodesis

Large animal programme

Short Communications for general surgery and orthopaedics

General surgery "in depth" sessions

- In depth teeth session: anatomy, pathology, endodontic surgery, periodontal disease.
- Standing surgery of the head
- Mandibular and maxillary fractures
- In depth eye session: emergency surgery, vitrectomy, reconstructive surgery
- Biosecurity programme in hospitals
- Antimicrobial treatments and wound infections
- Interactive case discussions

Orthopedics "in depth" sessions

- Interactive case discussions
- Interactive forum where diplomates can present surgical findings and techniques to the meeting, discussion by a panel.
- Presentation of both novel surgical findings or techniques, as well as unusual complications or difficulties encountered whilst performing routine surgical procedures.



WELCOME to our new diplomates 2009

Congratulations for passing the certifying examination beginning of February 2009. A warm welcome to our new diplomats.

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| Bali | Monty Siddartha | Germany | small animal |
| Bell | Jonathan Christopher | England | small animal |
| Bergström | Annika | Sweden | small animal |
| Bodó | Gábor | Hungary/Switzerland | large animal |
| Böhme | Beatrice | Germany | small animal |
| Bongartz | Alexandre | Belgium | small animal |
| Brocks | Bouvien Aaf Wilhelmina | Netherland | small animal |
| Brünott | Anne | Netherlands | large animal |
| Carozzo | Claude Patrice René | France | small animal |
| Comerford | Eithne Josephine | England | small animal |
| Fjordbakk | Cathrine Taule | Norway | large animal |
| Gygax | Diego Andreas | Switzerland | large animal |
| Jackson | Michelle Amanda | Switzerland | large animal |
| Joseph | Rotem | Israel | small animal |
| Lefebvre | Jean-Benoit Gilbert | England | small animal |
| Meige | Frédéric Alexandre | France | small animal |
| Mespoulhès-Rivière | Céline Isabelle | France | large animal |
| Muñoz Morán | Juan Alberto | Spain | large animal |
| Muñoz Palacios | Encarnación | Spain | large animal |
| Sarrau | Sébastien Nicolas | France | small animal |
| Tivers | Michael Samuel | England | small animal |
| Vandeweerd | Jean-Michel Fernand | Belgium | large animal |
| Vos | Nicolas Jan | Netherlands | large animal |
| Wagner | Frank | Germany | small animal |
| Wallace | Adrian Mark | England | small animal |

Important dates and deadlines for 2010

February 2–4, 2010

- Board examination Zurich

February 3–4, 2010

- Credentials Committee meeting Zurich

February 4–5, 2010

- Board of Regents meeting Zurich

March 31, 2010

- Deadline for membership payment
- Deadline for submission of training programme re-certification documentation

July 1, 2010

- Surgeon in training grant submission

July 1–3, 2010

- Annual scientific meeting in Helsinki, Finland

July 31, 2010

- Credentials & annual reports submission

end of August, 2010

- Agenda items for September meetings

end of September 2010

- Credentials– & Exam Committee Meeting
- Board of Regents Meeting

November 1, 2010

- Recertification submission deadline for Diplomates who were recertified the first time in 2006 and for Diplomates since 2005

November 15, 2010

- abstract submission for Annual Meeting in Ghent Belgium July 7-9, 2011

Continuing education courses 2010

AO VET courses: 2010

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| January | 24-29 | Les deux Alpes | France | Small animal principles | French |
| February | 12-14 | Giessen | Germany | Small animal principles | German |
| March | 24-26 | Hongkong | China | Equine principles | English |
| April | 15-17 | Salzburg | Austria | Small animal advanced | German |
| April | 24&25 | Vienna | Austria | Student workshop | German |
| April | 22-25 | Columbus | Ohio USA | Small animal principles | English |
| April | 22-25 | Columbus | Ohio USA | Small animal advanced | English |
| April | 22-25 | Columbus | Ohio USA | Equine principles | English |
| June | 4-6 | Yokohama | Japan | Small animal principles | Japanese/English |
| June | 4-6 | Yokohama | Japan | Small animal advanced | Japanese/English |
| June | 17-20 | Madrid | Spain | Small animal principles | Spanish/English |
| June | 21-24 | Madrid | Spain | Small animal advanced | Spanish/English |
| July | 22-24 | Sao Paulo | Brazil | Equine principles | English/Brazilian |
| July | 22-24 | Sao Paulo | Brazil | Small animal principles | English/Brazilian |
| July | 25-27 | Sao Paulo | Brazil | Small animal advanced | English/Brazilian |
| July/August | 30-1 | Taipei | Taiwan | Small animal principles | Chinese |
| September | 23-26 | La Jolla CA | USA | Small animal principles | English |
| September | 23-26 | La Jolla CA | USA | Small animal masters | English |
| October | 3-5 | Portoroz | Slovenia | Small animal principles | Slovenian/English |
| October | 18-20 | Leeds | UK | Small animal advanced | English |
| October | 18-20 | Leeds | UK | Small animal principles | English |
| October | 27-30 | Cremona | Italy | Small animal principles | Italian |
| December | 4-9 | Davos | Switzerland | Small animal advanced | English |
| December | 4-9 | Davos | Switzerland | Equine advanced | English |

AO VET courses: 2011

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| January | end | Les deux Alpes | France | Small animal | French |
| February | mid | Giessen | Germany | Small animal principles | German |
| February | mid | Oberdorf | Switzerland | Equine principles | English |
| April | | Columbus | Ohio USA | Small animal principles | English |
| April | | Columbus | Ohio USA | Small animal advanced | English |
| April | | Columbus | Ohio USA | Equine advanced | English |
| December | first week | Davos | Switzerland | 2 small animal | |

AO VET courses: 2012

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| January | end | Les deux Alpes | France | Small animal | French |
| February | mid | Giessen | Germany | Small animal principles | German |
| April | | Columbus | Ohio USA | Small animal principles | English |
| April | | Columbus | Ohio USA | Small animal advanced | English |
| April | | Columbus | Ohio USA | Equine advanced | English |
| December | first week | Davos | Switzerland | Small animal | |
| December | first week | Davos | Switzerland | Equine advanced | English |

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Annual European Equine Arthroscopy Courses

Registration is open for the following courses:

- Annual European Equine Basic Arthroscopy Course May 28 & 29, 2010
- International Advanced Equine Arthroscopy Course October 15 & 16, 2010

Registration: www.tierklinik-telgte.com/telgte-ce
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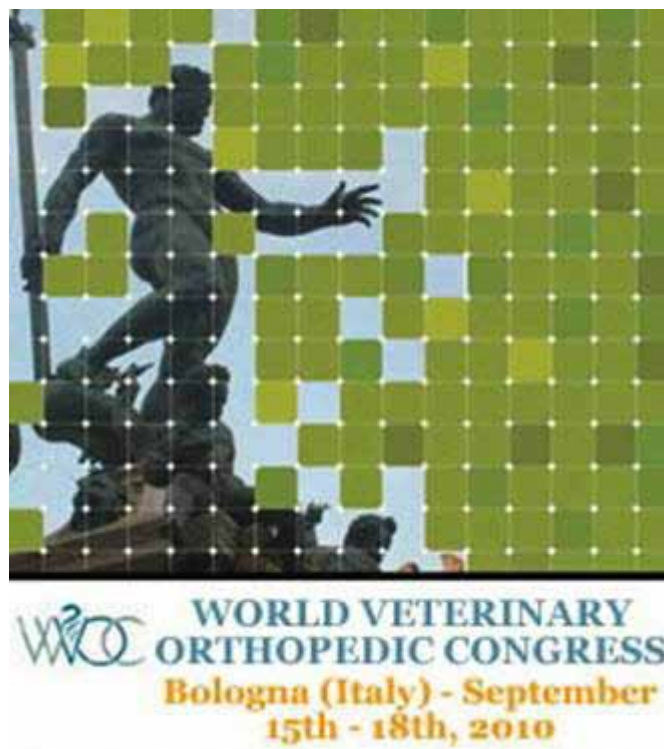
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