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ECVS re-certification procedure

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The European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) expects a re-certification outline to be presented to the EBVS Board, by all the European Colleges, for 2 reasons:

1. To support advertising the Diplomates of various Colleges to the public as 'European specialists of veterinary medicine' at the EBVS www-site.
2. To provide reassurance that supervisors of residents are active in their field and have demonstrated evidence of continuing professional development (CPD).

An ECVS Diplomate can be an "active Diplomate" or a "non-active Diplomate". To maintain "active Diplomate" status, a Diplomate will be required to fulfill the described re-certification requirements.

A Diplomate is "active" for 5 years from the date of initial Board certification (or alternatively after adoption by ECVS of the re-certification protocol and change of the Constitution), and thereafter for increments of 5 years depending on fulfilment of the re-certification criteria. Failure to comply with those criteria will render a Diplomate "non-active". The title "ECVS Diplomate" remains unaffected by the re-certification status.

Non-active Diplomates are no longer registered with EBVS and cannot use the title "European Specialist in..." Also, "non-active Diplomates" will not be allowed to supervise trainees registered in ECVS-training programs, nor will they be allowed to act as program directors of such training curricula. A "non-active Diplomate" shall not be nominated as a member of the Examination and/or Credentials and/or Re-certification Committee.

All other active and passive rights of a Diplomate will remain unaffected by the "non-active Diplomate" status; specifically, the right to vote and to be elected to offices within the College (except those listed above), participating at the Annual Business Meeting and the duty of annual membership fee payment will not be affected.

The deadline for fulfilling the re-certification requirement for all Diplomates shall be 5 years after the date the Constitution has been amended. Proof of achievement of appropriate credentials for re-certification must be received by the ECVS office 6 months prior to the expiry date of "active Diplomate" status. The documentation will then be forwarded to the Re-certification committee for evaluation. Their recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Regents for final approval.

Recertification can be obtained in two ways: (1.) the practical examination, as the sole criterion for re-certification, or (2.) a credit point system.

A Diplomate can choose which one he/she prefers to take.

1. The Diplomate would sit and pass the practical part of the annual certifying examination for residents.

OR

2. The Diplomate would make the statement that he/she is active in veterinary surgery. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements would be fulfilled by accumulating a minimum of 100 credit points (cp) over a period of 5 years from at least two of the categories set out below (a form will be created and distributed to the membership):
- Supervision of residents according to the ECVS Training Guidelines by the registered supervisor - 5 cp per year and per resident/alternate resident. Maximum 3 residents i.e. 15 cp per year.
 - Publications (peer-reviewed journals) fulfilling the criteria of
 - a) first-authored publication according to ECVS Training Guidelines
→ 20 cp per publication;
 - b) recent (within the past 5 years) surgery textbook chapters
→ 10 cp per chapter;
 - c) non-first-authored publication according to ECVS Training Guidelines
→ 10 cp per publication;
 - d) case reports
→ first author 10 cp, co-author 5 cp
 - Presentation relating to the field of specialisation at national or international congresses
→ 10 cp per presentation; maximum 50 cp per meeting
 - Attendance at ECVS or ACVS Annual Meetings
→ 10 cp per meeting; maximum 60 cp
 - Membership of the ECVS Examination Committee
→ 15 cp per year, maximum 30 cp
 - Preparation of valid, accepted ECVS Examination Questions
→ 5 cp per question; maximum 30 cp