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From the President's pen



Dear Diplomat
Colleagues and
Residents:

The preparations for our annual conference in Sevilla are almost complete, and we hope to see as many of you as possible there. Thirty-six small animal - and 18 large animal candidates have registered for the examination. We wish them all the best! Don't let exam jitters get to you. You should consider it a success to have come this far. Not passing all three parts of the examination the first time should not be regarded as a disgrace. Many well-respected veterinary surgeons have had to sit their board examinations more than once! Diplomates who are still undecided about coming to Sevilla should have a look at our programme on the website – that is if Andalusia is not a big enough attraction itself. There are a lot of hot topics, and for those early risers, Masterclasses are being offered on Friday for the first time. In these classes, special topics and unusually difficult cases will be presented: in the Large Animal Masterclass, Wayne McIlwraith and Friedrich von Saldern will discuss intra-articular medication; in small animals, Daniel Brockman's topic is "cardiac surgery – beyond ligating a PDA", Dominique Griffon presents challenging fracture cases and Jolle Kirpensteijn discusses complicated wound management.

As took place in Lyon during the business meeting, an important fundamental topic will be presented to the residents and trainees: it is entitled "How to close a wound under tension" (for SA) and "A review of postoperative endotoxaemia and ileus" (for LA). Thus, there will be no time for boredom at this conference.

A hearty thank you to all those colleagues who took part in the programme planning and who will be participating in the sessions.

John Walmsley and Jörg Auer will fill you in on all the important Board activities and what's going on in the office so that I can be brief here; thanks go out to the Board of Directors and the Committee members for their untiring input, and of course, last but not least, my thanks to Monika Gutscher and Miguel Valdés, who have the largest workload at the moment. We look forward to seeing many colleagues and friends at Sevilla.

Cordially yours,

Uli Matis

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From the Chair's corner



Dear Colleagues
This has been a year of expansion and consolidation. As the membership increases so does the volume of bureaucracy and as the profession becomes more international so interaction with colleagues all over the world grows. The consequent increase in administration makes its demands on the office, the Board, the committee members and all those contributing to the running of the College.

As you will see in Joerg's letter we have appointed Miriam to assist Monika in the office part time throughout the year and we welcome her warmly. We have enjoyed working with her at the last two annual meetings and are confident that she will be successful in her post. Members will be reassured to know that the extra cost will not be taken from the "office fund" but it will be borne as a part of the running costs of the College.

The Credentials Committee workload, particularly the chairman's, has become monumental. Together with the Examination Committee they are guardians of our academic standards and we are very grateful for their diligence and commitment. Please read Dan Brockman's letter carefully. A great deal of the CC work would be avoided if residents and supervisors read the training brochure thoroughly and followed the instructions; there is no excuse for not doing this. Extending the deadline for publication acceptance also greatly increases the CC workload, so much less latitude will be allowed in future. Unless we can streamline the CC's processes it may become impossible to run these committees with members who are in full time practice. Much has been done by the CC as you will see from the changes

made in the training brochure and more changes are in progress.

This is an opportunity to thank Lennart Sjöström, who has now retired from chairmanship of the CC, for his massive contribution. Having sat on his committee I appreciate just how much he has done for us in improving many aspects of the management of credentials evaluation for the benefit of the residents' programmes: he has been tireless and exacting and has laid the foundations for the future.

Over the years the CC has noted that the most consistent problem with large animal residencies is lack of case numbers and after much debate the Board has decided to raise the required minimum number of surgical cases to 300 (+50 lameness cases) with no change in the specific case requirements. This will also bring us into line with ACVS. Minimum surgical case recommendations for the Large Animal (general) programme will be on the website later this summer.

Consolidation has taken the form of updating many of our procedures. John Houlton is reviewing and updating the Book of Procedures and after ratification by the Board this will be published on the website; it will include new procedures for reinstatement of lapsed Diplomates. You will note from Joerg's letter that the Constitution has also been updated; this will be circulated to you before the Annual Business Meeting and you will be asked to vote on the changes. Please read it!

Following the initial recognition of each specialist college, the European Board of Veterinary Specialists requires that a detailed report is furnished after 5 years. We have recently completed this and apart from some minor changes it has satisfied the EBVS. We would like to congratulate Riita Tulamo on being elected Vice

President of EBVS. Eric Strand also represents us at their meetings.

Our Congress committee has been very vigorous and the meeting in Seville is well in hand. There are many advantages, particularly financial, if our meetings are planned further in advance. Plans for next year's meeting in Dublin are also under way but we are looking

to members to suggest subsequent venues, so if you have ideas you will be welcome to advance them at the ABM in Seville.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

With best wishes

John Walmsley

News from the office



New Constitution:

It has come to our attention that our constitution is not up to date. We were obliged to register the decision-making persons of the Board every year with the Swiss Registrar agency,

which we missed for a few years. Therefore the Board decided to adjust our constitution. We discussed the needed changes with a Swiss lawyer and he proposed a new version of the constitution, where the need to register the person authorized to sign for bills etc. would not have to be changed every year – there are always costs involved, which we can use for much more useful purposes. The draft of the new constitution was recently distributed to the Board for evaluation. Please note that we shall have to vote on this change of the constitution at our next Annual Business Meeting in Seville. This will require that we will initially call a Business Meeting lead by the President presently registered at the Swiss Registrar agency – me – to make the decision to accept the new constitution, immediately followed by a second Annual Business Meeting lead by the present President. I personally apologize for this oversight, it was not done in an attempt to maintain power – we simply forgot to change it every year, because during the initial 5 years of ECVS, during which the Board didn't change,

there was no need to report changes to the registrar agency. The new constitution will be sent to you before the Annual Business Meeting, which allows you to compare them and come prepared to the meeting. It is important that we have a better than usual attendance at the meeting, because of this important business – remember, only the ECVS Diplomates present can take part in the decision-making process. See you there!

Recertification:

The Recertification Committee consisting of John Houlton, Hugo Schmöckel, Eric Strand and myself, met before the January Board Meeting in Lenzburg to review the 150 recertification applications, which arrived at the ECVS Office. First of all we would like thank all Diplomates who turned in their records and completed according to the instructions and on time. This allowed the committee to proceed swiftly. The committee accepted also applications, where the required points were not collected during the last 5 years. However the points had to be collected during a consecutive 5-year period. This is the last time these applicants could do this, because the next time they will be judged on the activities they conduct from now to 2010. All applications but two could be accepted and were recertified until 2011 – we refer to the home page for the review on your status and please be aware that the next deadline for submission of your activities will be November 2010 to become recerti-

fied in 2011.

Two additional Diplomates elected to take the practical section of the ECVS Board examination in Seville. The recertification process has now entered a routine-procedure stage and the committee is satisfied with the process. Two applications could not be accepted and will be discussed at the Board Meeting in Seville. We would like to congratulate all the successful re-applicants.

Also a number of Non-Diplomates turned in their application. Please remember, that University Professors engaged in Surgery are still allowed to supervise Residents, but they have to fulfill the same requirements as the Diplomates. Below we list the successful non ECVS applicants who are recertified for the next 5 years to supervise their residents – congratulations!

Bennett David, Glasgow, GB (SA)	2010
Brunnberg Leo, Berlin, Germany (SA)	2010
Carmichael Stuart, Glasgow, GB (SA)	2010
Dixon Paddy, Edinburgh, GB (LA)	2010
Edwards G.B. Liverpool, GB (LA)	2010
Ferguson James, Leipzig, Germany (LA)	2010
Genevois Jean-Pierre, Lyon, France (SA)	2010
Innes John, Liverpool, GB (SA)	2010
Kramer Martin, Giessen, Germany (SA)	2010
Montavon Pierre, Zürich, Switzerland (SA)	2010
Serteyn Didier, Liège, Belgium (LA)	2010

You may check the entire list on the web site.

We look forward to the next batch of applicants end of this year.

Welcome Miriam:

During the Board meetings in Lyon last year the Board decided to hire Mrs. Miriam Crivelli, who has assisted Monika during the last two



Annual ECVS Meetings very effectively, at a 50% level. This resulted in a considerable reduction of the workload of Monika. I thank the Board for this decision, which, as a matter of fact, was made in my absence. As you can imagine, Miriam blends in perfectly into the workflow and adds a new aspect to our every day activities. Miriam, we welcome you aboard on this more regular basis.

Special note on an Alternate Training Programme:

On a personal note I would like to report a rewarding experience I'm involved in training an Alternate Trainee. Because of the special circumstances the trainee was asked by the Credentials Committee to conduct 100 surgical procedures with his supervisor. We decided instead of him traveling to our place, where it would have been difficult to feed him in to our routine and competing with surgical experience with our residents, that I would travel to his place and scrub in with him on the procedures he had lined up for this training session. To be honest, the first time I went there I had my doubts that it would work. I planned to stay for 3 days and expected to be able to conduct 5 surgeries. Boy, was I wrong. When I arrived at the airport he told me that we had 12 or 13 horses lined up with all kinds of surgical disorders to treat. I found out how his set up looked, how he worked with his assistants and how all the routine procedures that are involved with surgical interventions were organized. Throughout the three days I spent at the clinic I made notes and before I left we discussed them together. I could give him hints on how to improve the setup and preparation of the instruments etc. We had a successful meet and were able to operate on 13 horses from arthroscopy to plate removal, to screw fixation, a colic, a pharyngeal cyst, a castration and so on. I left with the good feeling of having accomplished something positive. My Trainee is a very good surgeon and there is not much that I can really improve, but the little hints, e.g. on how to prevent a "bleeder" when you try to ligate a vessel in the mesentery covered

with fat make the experience worthwhile for him too. When I returned the next time many of the proposed changes were implemented and we already started at a higher level. I have now been at this clinic 4 times and it is amazing how much the team has changed. They all work now as a team and help each other and many little things have improved.

I want to relay this experience because I have become a believer in this type of training. It is much more meaningful for the trainee. There are several reasons for this: He works on his home turf and on "his" patients – he is in charge. If he would have come to us, he would have to beg for being able to scrub in every once in while. Working at his place I could give him advice on how to improve things directly,

which is much more meaningful to him; he can perform surgical procedures being in charge and not an assistant; and his assistants learn with him together.

The reason for this note is to encourage all of you to assist those alternate trainees to become eligible for sitting the board examination. You know you are doing something worthwhile and for you personally it will turn out to be a very gratifying experience – not from a material aspect but from an emotional and educational one. Additionally you may learn something about a different country and/or culture.

Sincerely
Joerg Auer

Exam committee report



Dear colleagues

The Large Animal committee Karl Nuss, Roger Smith, Miguel Valdez and Christoph Lischer, had their first meeting in Zürich in December (14/15). They replaced all the questions of the practical exam during the first meeting.

The second meeting has been held in Glasgow, May 12th/13th 2006. In the meantime, Christoph has moved from the Pferdekllinik of Zürich to the Weipers Centre for Equine Welfare in Glasgow. He was completely settled in and ready to welcome the exam committee to Scotland in his quiet and relaxed manner: Roger Smith, Karl Nuss and Ann Martens (observer for the 2006 exam) to prepare the

written and the oral exam in these two days. It was a successful meeting.

For the Large Animal Written exam 46 of 128 questions (38.3%) needed replacing. This is an unusually high number of changes for the written exam. The reason for this was that the board updated the reading list for the Large Animal exam. All Issues of the Veterinary Clinics of North America were removed from the list and two new books replaced them: Food Animal Surgery, Fubini & Ducharme (2004) and Diagnostic and Surgical Arthroscopy in the Horse, McIlwraith, Nixon, Wright, Boening (2005). We received a total of 49 LA-questions from 25 diplomates, which is a rather low return rate of 23 %. The committee wants to express their thanks to these Diplomates for their help. One hundred and seven diplomates were asked for LA-questions. Unfortunately we received lots of questions for some codes but none for others. So we did not have new questions to replace all the old ones that needed replacing. There were very few questions left unused from 2005, so the exam committee had to write some new questions.

For the exam in Sevilla Susan Holcombe, University of Michigan was invited to be the ACVS representative.

This year, the small animal examination committee is composed of Sorrel Langley-Hobbs, Paolo Buracco and Luc Janssens and Davina Anderson as observer.

All diplomates except those in the examination committee were contacted and asked to write two new multiple-choice questions for the written examination. The subject of the questions was selected to match the special interests of the diplomates as much as possible, based on the information available in the directory. However this is certainly not always possible, not many diplomates list physiology of the cardiovascular system or asepsis as a special interest! Just under 30% of diplomates contacted sent in new questions. The examination committee extends its gratitude to all question writers. Your contribution is very much appreciated! Thank you! Feedback will be provided by email to all question suppliers.

The small animal committee met in December in Turin where we started to put together the practical and oral examinations. This is a change from previous years where the written examination is usually finalised in the first meeting, but in previous years it has been difficult to get all the new multiple choice questions in time and it seems to have worked better this year. The committee met again in March in Cambridge, where we had great hospitality thanks to John and Sue Houlton. John Houlton is the board member elected to oversee the exam, and as always he provided excellent guidance and advice. At this meeting we selected new written questions to replace those that need replacing and nearly finalised the practical and oral questions. It was the small animal committee's turn to update the general section and this year we had to replace nearly half the questions. There was a smaller percentage of questions that needed replacing in the

small animal section.

So far we have 36 Small Animal candidates

- 30 oral
- 35 practical
- 31 written

In large animal there are 18 candidates

- 16 oral
- 14 practical
- 14 written

We would like to take this opportunity to again remind all supervisors of residents who will sit the exam this year to prepare them well, so that they know what to expect during the oral and practical exam. Every effort is made to enable all candidates (especially non-English speaking ones) to complete each question of the exam within the time allocated, thereby allowing them the opportunity to earn as many points as they can. So it is not a race against time, however, there is not enough time to allow the candidate to give all the information in his/her possession about the topic. Short, to the point answers are required. If the examiner requires more answers, the candidate will be prompted (e.g. "anything else?"). Another important point is that the oral exam is not a casual conversation. The exam is standardised to ensure that all candidates are examined in the same way. The examiners may not deviate from the agreed text and the prompts are also standardised. This may make examiners appear distant or "unfriendly" to the candidates, and therefore it is a point they should be prepared for.

Given the large number of small animal candidates we will have two teams of six examiners, which ensures that the candidates do not have to wait for too many hours, however it will mean that the first groups of candidates will have additional examiners in the room. This policy was introduced last year and it worked very well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ECVS Diplomates who have agreed to act as examiners this year.

Finally, to all diplomates whose residents have been accepted to sit the exam in 2006: please extend to them our congratulations for having completed their residency, our best wishes for a fruitful preparation period and the best of luck for the exam. We look forward to meeting

them in Seville!

Sorrel Langley-Hobbs
Chair Exam (& Small Animal Exam) Committee
Christoph Lischer
Chair Large Animal Committee

Report from the Credentials Committee



When the CC next meets in Seville, it will be the last meeting that Lennart Sjostrom will be obliged to attend. Although he will always be welcome, I suspect he will be able to find better things to do with his

spare time in the future. It is a good time to reflect on the massive improvements that have taken place both in the running of the CC and the central organization of training programmes, that have been driven by the CC during Lennart's tenure as chair. His "voluntary" gift is a durable legacy of immense importance to the whole college. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks along with the thanks of the entire membership for his massive contribution to the ECVS CC over the years.

Following a "class act" like Lennart is hard. Although the mechanisms are in place to make the job of chair easier, in many ways it makes the job more difficult. I will be delighted if I make a fraction of the impact that he has, on the CC and the college. The luxury that having well thought out mechanisms and procedures in place allows us to begin the never-ending "fine tuning" process. This is what will occupy our thoughts as we try to develop a CC that is rigorous enough to protect the integrity of the college but flexible enough to respond

to the challenges an ever-expanding Europe presents. During my brief period as chairman of the CC several things have already come to my attention, this has brought into sharp focus how much my predecessor protected us other members of the CC from the barrage of requests that arrive in his email "in box". What I should like to do in the next paragraphs is to explain a little more how the CC works and to let you know what, other than the physical act of ploughing through yearly reports, occupies our time.

Firstly, I should like to remind you that the CC consists of volunteers, and only meets twice per year. In between these meetings chairman's action is limited to determining whether the requests that the CC have made on candidates or programmes have been met to our satisfaction. Items that require input of the entire committee will be held over to the next formal committee meeting. This is where I need the help of supervisors throughout Europe. Since Christmas, I have received over 400 emails regarding CC matters. This is recognized as the busiest time of the year for us because of the Board of Regents meeting and extended deadlines for credentials. Unfortunately, many of the questions I filed from the membership during this period of time are training brochure "points of clarification" or requests for consideration of a "unique" set of circumstances. I have already mentioned the fact that extended deadlines for publication acceptance will be looked at very carefully next November and

that candidates should not assume that these will be given automatically. I would also like to request your help in reducing the work load of the CC by planning your programmes after you have carefully studied the training brochure and to file requests and questions for the CC to be "discussed or tabled at the next meeting". This will help Monika, in particular, filter out what can simply be put on the agenda for the next meeting and what requests, if any, require urgent attention.

Secondly, we are working hard to create a less time consuming mechanism for submission of new programmes, yearly reports and credentials. We believe that our web server is robust enough to cope with CC members attempting to access electronic files simultaneously so we plan to make submissions to the CC in a "hybrid form" with one hard copy completed and signed, as normal, along with a CD containing the same data. This will allow

data to be added to the CC website for CC members use rather than sending hard copies from Zurich to all corners of Europe. This should make it easier to submit and easier for the ECVS to "distribute" information. Many of you will wonder why it has taken us so long but believe me, there were bigger "issues" that needed sorting out! We shall finalize the details in Seville and announce the details at the meeting and inform all supervisors and candidates currently enrolled in training programmes of the change, in writing. We hope that this will greatly reduce the work load involved in preparing yearly submissions.

All that remains is for me to say thank you to all supervisors and candidates for continuing to pay attention to detail. I hope to see you in Seville.

Dan Brockman

Nominations for Office

The following members have accepted their nominations for the election for positions on the Board of Regents of ECVS. Their respective curriculum vitae have been included for your convenience:



Nominee for President Elect

Willem Back graduated *met genoegen* as a DVM from Utrecht University in 1987.

After joining the Royal Dutch Airforce for two

years, he became resident at the Department of General and Large Animal Surgery. In 1994 he was awarded Specialist in Equine Surgery for the Royal Netherlands Veterinary Association and in 1997 Diplomate of ECVS. His PhD thesis was entitled "The development of equine loco-

motion from foal to adult". In 2001 he edited together with Prof. Hilary Clayton the textbook "Equine Locomotion" (WB Saunders publishers).

Currently, he is assistant professor at the Department of Equine Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht. As staff surgeon he has special interest in fracture repair and hoof orthopaedics, while he is supervisor of two ECVS residents. His research topics are mainly focussed on lower limb biomechanics and clinical genetics of orthopaedic diseases, while he supervises two PhD students.

He is Past President of the Netherlands Equine Veterinary Association and Founding President of the Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations. For ECVS he served as Chairman of the Large Animal Exam Committee in 2002. He is married and has three children: two sons and one daughter.

Nominee for Large Animal Regent



Roland Perrin, Dr. vét.
ECVS, France
Ecole Nationale
Vétérinaire de Lyon
1978-1982. Thesis in
1983.
Diploma:
Docteur Vétérinaire:
1983.
Certificat d'aptitude aux

fonctions de chef de centre d'insémination
artificielle dans les espèces chevaline et asine.
Octobre 1990.

- Diplome of the European College of
Veterinary Surgeons . June 1996.

Professional life:

- Assistant of Dr Sorel during the year 1984
(Equine practice only).
- Assistant of Dr Desbrosse and Dr Boyeux
during the year 1985 (Equine practice
only).
- Partner of Dr Desbrosse since 1986.
(Clinique Vétérinaire Desbrosse Perrin) .
Realisation of the " Clinique Vétérinaire
Desbrosse Perrin ". It's one of the top
French Equine Clinics.(1989).
- Training in surgery since 1986 with Dr
Desbrosse ECVS.
- Training in the Medicine and Surgery of
the Thoroughbred with Dc Girot since
1986.
- Surgeon at Dr Scicluna's Equine Clinic at
Chantilly since 1998.

Responsibility:

- Member of the National Equine
Commission of GTV (Groupements tech-
niques vétérinaires).
- President of the AVEF locomotion commis-
sion.
- Supervisor of Dr Fabrice Rossignol Since
2000.
- Member of the ECVS PRC, district France,
since 1999.

Nominee for Small Animal Regent



Eric Raoul Georges
Viguier Prof. Dr.vét.
PhD, ECVS, France
Graduated from The
National Veterinary
School of Maisons-
Alfort in 1982
Doctor in Veterinary
Medicine " Kidney
transplantation in the

dog" in 1983

University Diploma of microsurgery, University
of Paris VI in 1984

Certificate of specialisation in Ophthalmology,
Veterinary school of Toulouse 1985

Assistant professor in the Department of
Surgery, National Veterinary School of Maisons-
Alfort. (1987-2002)

Master of Science in Biomechanics (ENSAM,
Paris) in 1989

Diplomate of the European College of
Veterinary Surgery in 1993

PhD in Biomechanics (ENSAM and University
of Paris XII) "Biomechanical evaluation of the
animal's spine" in 1996

Professor of surgery Veterinary school of Lyon
in 2002

I am Interested in orthopedics and spinal sur-
gery in dogs and cats, I perform also many soft
tissue surgeries. Since 1990 I have developed
video assisted surgery in the French vet school.
Member of the G.E.C.O.V, GEC and GEROS
French specialised group in orthopaedics, soft
tissue and ENT.

Organization of many professional meetings

- 40 Indexed clinical or scientific publications
- 30 Non indexed clinical publications
- 110 National or international communica-
tions
- 12 International Posters

Seville – 15th Annual Scientific Meeting - Hotel Meliá Sevilla from June 29th to July 1st

The registrations for Seville – for the 15th Annual Scientific Meeting are running smoothly. The pre-congress courses, especially the two workshops at the University in Cordoba are already fully booked. Also the various other courses on Thursday are likely being a success as well.

Even though the Friday programme seems to be endless and we feared that it was too much science in one day - the new feature "Masterclass" is well received and well booked – we are looking forward to your comments after the meeting. It is very important for us to receive your feedback on the programme and on the organisation; i.e. shall the masterclasses be kept as part of our future scientific programme?

We are happy to see that quite a number of delegates plan some additional days in Andalusia,

some even with wife and / or family. It proves again that not only science is attractive – the location counts as well!

There are many interesting sights to visit in Seville and in the region - just to mention a few; historical beautiful cities like Cordoba, Huelva , El Rocío - Jerez with the typical distilleries. The various studs where they breed the famous Spanish Pure Bred horses and the bulls and not to forget the region "*Doñana*"- national and nature parks - characteristic for its symbiosis of man and nature.

We all hope that you will enjoy this meeting, Sevilla and Andalusia so much that you say - "*this is a place to return to!*"



In Memoriam of Douglas Slatter

Dr Douglas Horton Slatter and
Dr Elizabeth Gayle Slatter

Our dear colleagues Doug Slatter, ACVS/ECVS Diplomate, and his wife, business partner and fellow ophthalmologist Elizabeth Slatter tragically passed away on 11 September 2005. A graveside funeral service was held at Kulangoor Cemetery, Queensland, Australia on 20 September 2005.

Doug and Liz had made their second home at Minyama Waters on the Queensland Sunshine Coast where they also enjoyed boating through membership of the Royal Queensland Yacht Club. Their American home and practice were in La Habra, California.

Doug Slatter received his primary veterinary degree from the University of Queensland in 1970. He completed a surgical residency, and Master of Science degree in veterinary ophthalmology, at Washington State University and he was awarded the Doctorate of Philosophy in ophthalmic surgery by Colorado State University in 1975. Then followed Diplomas of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (1975), American College of Veterinary Surgeons (1976) and the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (1994). He was also a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (London) and a member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists. Doug Slatter became known internationally through his books "Fundamentals of Veterinary Ophthalmology" and "Textbook of Veterinary Surgery". The third edition (2003) of "Textbook of Small Animal Surgery" is one of the specified texts for ECVS examinations. He had been Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Surgery, Murdoch University, Western Australia, and visiting Professor of Ophthalmology, Scheie Eye Institute, University of Pennsylvania and served as adjunct professor of veterinary ophthalmology at the Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton.

Elizabeth Slatter (Chambers) was a 1976 graduate from University of California, Davis and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Early in her career, Dr. Chambers practiced in Denver and more recently in La Habra, California and in Australia.

Doug and Liz had been regular attendees at ECVS meetings in recent years and participated in both the scientific and social programs with enthusiasm. It had seemed as though they were enjoying a period of successful specialist practice prior to active, enjoyable retirement. We extend condolences to daughters Diane and Christine, to Liz's mother Ethel Drell and the wider family.

Christopher Bellenger



Doug and Liz Slatter, Jan Bellenger –
Dublin, June 2003

Important deadlines for 2006

- September 1
 - Resident in training grant application
- October 1
 - Credentials/ annual reports submission
 - Contributions for the autumn newsletter
- November 1
 - Recertification file submission for diplomates of the year 2001
- November 15
 - Abstract submission for annual meeting 2007

Continuing education courses 2006/2007

AOVET courses: 2006

San Diego	September 21-24	Small animal advanced Equine advanced	English English
Cremona, Italy	October 18-21	small animal principles	Italian
Davos Switzerland	December 3-9	small animal advanced equine advanced	English English

AOVET courses: 2007

Giessen, Germany	February 16-18	Small animal principles	German
Brides-les-Bains, France	March 4-9	Small animal principles	French
Cremona, Italy	October 15-17	Equine principles	Italian
	October 18-20	Small animal advanced	Italian

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Equine Arthroscopy course in Telgte, Germany

Advanced course September 29&30

for more information please contact: Anne Richter at: richter@tierklinik-telgte.com

phone +49-2504 933212 or make your registration online under: www.tierklinik-telgte.com/telgte-ce

The Surgical Summit – ACVS Veterinary Symposium 2006

October 3–4, 2006 pre-symposium laboratories
October 5–7, 2006 symposium seminars and scientific abstracts

for additional program and registration, visit: www.surgicallsummit.org or contact
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