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### ECVS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE:

## Resident Forum

1. Three panels are formed each year (one Large Animal and two Small Animal [Orthopaedics and Soft Tissue]) by the Discussants that are selected by the Programme Committee (PC). Discussants will be selected on the grounds of their expertise in the presentation subject and who are able to attend the meeting in person.
2. The Chair of each Resident Forum panel (one LA, two SA)) will be a person nominated by the PC. They will distribute the Resident Award scoring sheet to each panel member before the start of the session.
3. The Chair introduces the session and will ensure that the presentations run on time.
4. Anyone in the Resident Forum panel who has a conflict of interest (i.e. was involved in the research project or has assisted in the development of the presentation) must declare this prior to the session start and they will not score the relevant presentation. The scores across the panel will be averaged to account for the missing score(s).
5. At the end of each presentation, the designated Discussant for that presentation will ask 1-2 questions of the presenter. This should be done in a constructive and fair manner. The Discussant shall bear in mind that the presenter is a young scientist with yet limited experience in presenting their work. The role of the Discussant is to explore the research in a positive, encouraging, and constructive manner and not to lecture or unnecessarily embarrass the presenter.
6. The presentations will be scored according to the set objective criteria and a total score given for each panel member. The scores for the long abstract (scored by the PC) will be added to the evaluation.
7. The presentation with the highest score will be confirmed as the winner of each Resident Award (one LA, two SA). ACVS Residents are not eligible for the award. In case an ACVS Resident achieves the highest score, the award will go to the highest-ranking ECVS Resident. The presentation with the second highest score will be confirmed as 'runner-up'.
8. The scores are calculated by the ECVS Office who determines the winners and runner-ups and communicates them to the President for the [awards ceremony](#) at the closing of the ASM.