EVPC – present, past and future

Name of the speaker
Institution Diplomate EVPC
The European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS)

https://www.ebvs.eu

- Organization for veterinary specialties within Europe
- EBVS includes 25 veterinary specialist Colleges
- Comprising more than 35 distinct specialties, including veterinary parasitology
EBVS: Principal aims

- Define **guidelines** for the recognition and registration of specialists in areas of veterinary medicine in Europe.
- Award the **title** of 'European Veterinary Specialist in *(name of specialty)*' for 5 years to veterinary specialists.
- Assure the **quality** of these specialists by monitoring all of its Colleges.
- Provide **information** on specialisation in veterinary medicine in Europe to authorities, private organisations, veterinarians and owners of animals.
Starting Colleges in 1996

- Veterinary Neurology (ECVN)
- Veterinary Surgery (ECVS)
- Veterinary Ophthalmology (ECVO)
- Veterinary Dermatology (ECVD)
- Veterinary Internal medicine (ECVIM)

Today

- 35 Colleges (25 fully recognized)
- 3382 practicing Diplomates
European Veterinary Parasitology College (EVPC)

https://www.eurovetpar.org
In 2003 the **first EVPC Board** came into effect.

Until 2006, diplomates could apply for **de facto** recognition.

Since 2013 EVPC is a **fully recognized** College within the frame of the EBVS.
EVPC aims

- Encouraging research, clinical expertise and other contributions to knowledge relating to the epidemiology, pathogenesis, pathology, diagnosis, therapy, prevention and control of **parasitic diseases** of animals and promoting dissemination of this knowledge
- Establishing **guidelines** for post-graduate education and experience as a prerequisite for specialist status in Veterinary Parasitology
- Examining and **certifying** veterinarians as qualified specialists in Veterinary Parasitology
- Building up of a substantial **base of young, well-trained and experienced** Veterinary Parasitologists for the future needs of Veterinary Medicine (teaching, diagnostic laboratory, industry, research etc…)
Not a perpetual title: each 5 years REACCREDITATION summary of their professional activities every five years

No reaccreditation in case of
- No submission of documents
- Insufficient score
- Insufficient number of attendances at GBM
- Non-payment

Credentials Committee

Diplomates 80.8% pass
How to become an EVPC Diplomate?

Residency
- 3 years of advanced post-graduate training and experience in Veterinary Parasitology
- preceded by a 1-year internship or equivalent practical experience

Exam (2 days)
How to become an EVPC Diplomate?

Residency Training programmes in Veterinary Parasitology
- Standard (Vienna, Toulouse, Berlin-Zurich- Giessen-Leipzig)
- Alternative (“taylor made”)

Continuing education for Diplomates

More info at www.eurovetpar.org
2005 – **Vilnius**: Application of molecular biology to the diagnosis of parasitic disease
2006 – **Parma**: Food-borne Parasitic Zoonoses
2007 – **Ghent**: Helminth immunoregulation - an issue for veterinary clinicians?
2008 – **Bristol**: Parasite control and climate change
2009 – **Toulouse**: Endemic and Emerging Veterinary Parasitoses in the Mediterranean Area
2010 – **Munich**: Advances in Tropical Veterinary Parasitology
2011 – **Zagreb**: Alien in the Eye
2012 – **León**: The two faces of Veterinary Parasitology: from biology to clinical aspect
2013 – **Munich**: International Symposium on Ectoparasites of Pet
2014 – **Dublin**: Parasite Vaccines - Are we there yet?
2015 – **Liverpool**: Looking to the future
Since 2012

Residency Course on arthropod vectors and transmitted pathogens

EVPC one-week long (very) intensive practical course on advanced level Veterinary Parasitology

Arthropod vectors and pathogens in the Mediterranean area

Attendees (about 10 per year) from Europe, South and North America, Oceania and the Middle East
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EVPC Present

Active Diplomates 31 Dec

Non-Active Diplomates

Retired Diplomates
Why should a veterinarian apply for an EVPC residency program?

To **acquire** an in-depth knowledge in Veterinary Parasitology

To **develop** professional skills in Veterinary Parasitology on clinics, experimental research, diagnostics.

To **become** an EVPC Diplomate

To **become** a European Veterinary Specialist (EBVS)

To **build** a professional network: Academics, practitioners, public health officials, industry members
The European Veterinary Parasitology College was established in 2003 to advance Veterinary Parasitology and promote high standards within the specialty in Europe.

Objectives of the European Veterinary Parasitology College
- To further scientific progress in teaching and research in Veterinary Parasitology in Europe.
- To establish standards of training, experience and examination for qualification as a specialist in Veterinary Parasitology in Europe.
- To facilitate the recognition of such qualified specialists by suitable certification and other means in Europe.
- To develop and maintain continuing education programmes in Veterinary Parasitology in Europe.
- To encourage and promote the development of standards for the performance of clinical and laboratory procedures in Veterinary Parasitology in Europe.

Definition and membership
Veterinary Parasitology is a discipline in the veterinary sciences which focuses on parasites and their effects on animal health, and is a part of the broader field of Veterinary Science. The study of Veterinary Parasitology also includes the prevention of parasitic diseases important in human health.

Membership in the EVPC includes veterinarians with a wide variety of career pathways and employment settings such as veterinary public health, research institutions, diagnostic laboratories, diagnostic laboratories in private clinical practice.

Veterinary Parasitology training programme for Diplomate status
The Diploma or on an Alternative Training Programme (see below) allows graduates veterinarians to acquire in-depth knowledge of Veterinary Parasitology and its supporting disciplines under the supervision and guidance of a Diplomate or Diplomate of the EVPC.

Knowledge and skills concerning General Parasitology

- knowledge of the epidemiology of parasitic diseases
- understanding of the aetiology of parasitic infections and their control
- knowledge of the diagnosis and treatment of parasitic diseases
- knowledge of the biological and chemical control of parasites
- knowledge of the economic impact of parasitic diseases
- knowledge of the role of veterinary parasitology in public health

Knowledge and skills concerning Clinical Veterinary Parasitology

- knowledge of the diagnosis and treatment of parasitic diseases
- understanding of the aetiology of parasitic infections and their control
- knowledge of the biological and chemical control of parasites
- knowledge of the economic impact of parasitic diseases
- knowledge of the role of veterinary parasitology in public health

Knowledge and skills concerning Veterinary Parasitology

- knowledge of the epidemiology of parasitic diseases
- understanding of the aetiology of parasitic infections and their control
- knowledge of the biological and chemical control of parasites
- knowledge of the economic impact of parasitic diseases
- knowledge of the role of veterinary parasitology in public health

Significance of certification
A successful candidate is certified as a Veterinary Parasitologist. All certified persons are designated as Diplomates of the European Veterinary Parasitology College (EVPC). The Diploma will specify that the holder is eligible for 5 years and has been recognized by EBS.

EVPC re-accreditation
In order to maintain the status and integrity of the EVPC, Diplomates are required to provide every 5 years a summary of their professional activities in which evidence of fulfilling these requirements and evidence of continuous education will be included.