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EVPC Website: www.eurovetpar.org

President's Address



Dear EVPC members,

As of September 27th, I have the honour of presiding over the European Veterinary Parasitology College. As the third EVPC President, I have been preceded by two very distinguished colleagues, Philippe Dorchies and Claudio Genchi and I would like to thank them for handing over to me a strong and viable specialist college. I would also like to thank you for your support and vote of confidence.

We are faced with many challenges in the near future. The most pressing is the establishment and promotion of standard Residency Training Programmes. This will require not only a strong commitment from our EVPC diplomats to act as supervisors, but also adequate funding and support from both academia and industry partners. Training programmes must be of the highest quality, provide training for postgraduate veterinarians to ensure continuing education and meet the requirements of both academia and the public need for specialized veterinary parasitologists. We must also continue to approve alternative programmes that can be integrated into existing PhD and post-graduate programmes.

I would like to develop a structured network and continuous exchange between specialists in veterinary parasitology and those of related disciplines. We have much to offer and share with our colleagues from colleges like dermatology, public health and reproduction. We need EVPC members interested in becoming liaisons with other organizations/colleges.

I am confident that the EVPC will receive definitive recognition by 2013 (we may even apply before then!) and I know that I can count on each and every one of our members to contribute to this goal.

In closing, I welcome your thoughts and ideas about how the EVPC can improve and grow. We will have our interim board meeting in early February of 2010; please contact me or any of the other Board members if you have agenda items you would like to suggest for discussion. I look forward to working with the entire EVPC membership as we continue in our endeavours to support and advance veterinary parasitology by training European specialists.

Anja Joachim, EVPC President

Thank You Lisa and Mieke!

Two names well known to all EVPC members are Lisa Harber and Mieke Godefroid. Their help has been essential in keeping the EVPC Secretariat and Treasurer's office functioning effectively over the past six years. Presentations were made in October to thank them for their services to the EVPC. We are fortunate that they have been so willing to make their time and expertise available to us. We thank them both most sincerely for a job well done.

The Secretariat has passed to Laura Kramer in Italy, so remember to use the new e-mail address for all future correspondence: evpc@unipr.it. The Treasurer's office, however, stays in Gent and so Mieke will continue to work with our new Treasurer, Edwin Claerebout.



Dennis Jacobs presents a gift to Lisa Harber at the RVC, London.



Jozef Vercruyse and Edwin Claerebout make a presentation to Mieke Godefroid in Gent.

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The European *Dirofilaria* Society is Born



Attendees of the Second European *Dirofilaria* days, Salamanca, Spain

During the Second European *Dirofilaria* Days, held in Salamanca (Spain) on September 16th - 18th 2009, the general Assembly voted unanimously to found the "European *Dirofilaria* Society" (EDiS). The proposal to form a Society resulted from the growing interest in *Dirofilaria immitis* and *Dirofilaria repens* infections both in humans and animals, their

increasing spread throughout European countries and concern for the zoonotic potential of these parasites. It was also decided to include *Angiostrongylus vasorum* (the French heartworm) within the interest of the Society because this worm also resides in the lungs and heart of dogs and commonly causes clinical signs which can be severe or even fatal.

The mission of the European *Dirofilaria* Society is to be an European resource for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of both *D. immitis* and *D. repens* infection in humans and animals and of *A. vasorum* in dogs.

The objectives of the Society are to:

- Further scientific progress in the study of heartworm, subcutaneous *Dirofilaria* and *Angiostrongylus* infections in Europe.
- Inform the membership and medical and veterinary practitioners of new developments.
- Harmonize procedures for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of *Dirofilaria* and *Angiostrongylus* infections throughout Europe.

The Society is open to all the scientists, medical and veterinary practitioners who are interested or involved in *Dirofilaria* and *Angiostrongylus* experimental and field studies, biology, epidemiology and clinical aspects of these parasitic infections.

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EVPC 2010 Meeting Munich - Germany: 29 - 30 April 2010



Theme: *Tropical Veterinary Parasitology*

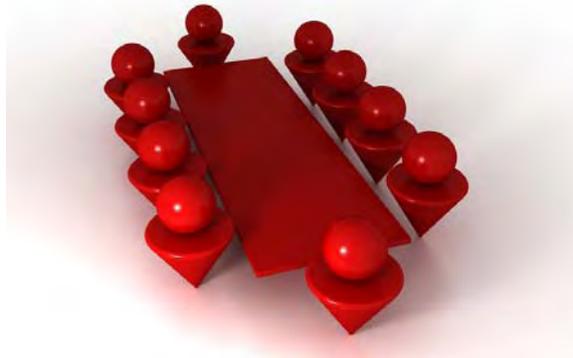
Warmest Welcome to all EVPC Diplomates and all other interested scientists from Europe and all over the World

Further Info will be advertised soon



New Committee Members

The EVPC Board Nominates New Committee Members



Following the annual EVPC meeting in Toulouse, the EVPC Board invited several College members to become part of the Credentials, Education, and Examination Committees to replace those colleagues who became new Board members or who stepped down after three years of service.

The new Committees are:

Education Committee:

Thomas Schnieder (DE), Smaro Sotiraki (GR) and Carlos Hermosilla (UK)

Examination Committee:

Bertrand Losson (BE), Mark Fox (UK), Albert Malinculic (CR)

Credentials Committee:

Robert Farkas (HU), Steffen Rehbein (DE), Christian Bauer (DE)

The College Board would like to thank all former Committee members and chairpersons (Stig Thamsborg, Kurt Pfister, Domenico Otranto, Pablo Diez-Banos, John Gilleard, Georg von Samson-Himmelstjerna) for their hard work and dedication to the College and wish all new members the best.

EVPC Board Will Meet Again In Vienna

The interim meeting of EVPC Executive Board will take place on 5th-6th of February 2010. Once again, Anja Joachim will be hosting the meeting at the Vienna Veterinary Faculty. The EVPC interim meeting is an excellent occasion for Board members to discuss and resolve those problems that have arisen during the months following the annual meeting, to review Committees' activities and propose recommendations on Residency programmes, re-accreditation and examination procedures.

Be active and send any issues that you would like to be discussed to:

evpc@univr.it



Fee Reminder

**REMEMBER, YOUR EVPC YEARLY FEE IS DUE ON
JANUARY 1ST 2010**



Yearly fees as per 1st January 2010 and until further notice:

Full diplomate €85

Non-practising diplomate €85

Non-practising diplomate (pensioned) €35

Associate Member €85

Associate Member (pensioned) €35

Honorary and Retired Members: No fee

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