

From the Editor

The newsletter is an important part of EBVS communications. The newsletter has changed format with the move to the new EBVS website www.ebvs.eu. This is the first edition of the newsletter in its new electronic format. The EBVS Communications Group would like to make sure that its eNewsletter meets your needs. Please share your feedback on the newsletter by completing this [short anonymous survey](#).

News

Showcasing EBVS at Finnish Veterinary Association Annual Conference

The European Board of Veterinary Specialisation was showcased during the annual congress of the Finnish Veterinary Association in Helsinki (30 Nov - 2 Dec). This initiative was developed by the EBVS national representative for Finland and Communications Group chairperson [More ...](#)

Brexit and EBVS – an update from the UK

A proportion of the specialists currently practising in the UK are non-UK EU nationals. The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS; the veterinary regulatory authority in the UK) has proactively set up a Presidential Taskforce with the remit of assessing the possible implications of Brexit for the regulation and provision of veterinary services and working to ensure threats are mitigated and opportunities are exploited. [More ...](#)

Brexit and European Veterinary Specialists – what now?

European Veterinary Specialists have naturally been concerned about the effect that “Brexit” might have on the recognition of their qualifications in different countries in Europe, both the UK and the rest of the EU, and their freedom to work as Specialists wherever they choose. The situation is complicated by professional recognition and the right to work in any country often being determined by different authorities. [More ...](#)

European Board of Veterinary Specialisation Award winner 2016

The ‘EBVS Specialisation Award’ was instituted by the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) in 2013 “to acknowledge outstanding contributions to the course of veterinary specialisation in Europe” made by an individual or organisation. In 2016, the award was presented to [Professor Erik Teske](#), Diplomate of the [European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – Companion Animal](#) and Honorary Associate of the [European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology](#), for his significant contribution to the establishment of the European system for veterinary specialisation. [More ...](#)

Things to do...

Update your Diplomate profile...

Remember to keep your details up-to-date in the EBVS database on www.ebvs.eu – this is essential for your European Veterinary Specialist registration. Have you added a recent photograph and a short resume to your Diplomate profile? This is very easy to do – just login (help is available if you have forgotten how to login) and upload a suitable professional image and a short profile. If you need an example resume check out the ones for the [EBVS President](#), [EBVS Secretary](#) and [EBVS Past President](#).

Follow the EBVS on social media

EBVS has had a LinkedIn group for Diplomates since March 2016. Diplomates who are members of LinkedIn can request access to this [LinkedIn group](#). EBVS can also be found @EU VetSpecialist on Twitter and on [Facebook](#). The Facebook page is a recent initiative and aims to provide information for the general public.

Regular features

Meet - the EBVS Vice President

EBVS Vice President [Professor Jimmy Saunders](#) is a Diplomate of the [European College of Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging](#) based at the University of Gent, Belgium. He was a member of the EBVS Board from 2009-2014. He is passionate about his discipline but also about joining the Executive Committee during the perfect time for EBVS to be able to capitalise on years of work, prove itself and obtain European recognition of veterinary specialisation. [More ...](#)

Country focus - Austria

Austria has 106 European Veterinary Specialists from 22 EBVS Colleges as well as around 20 nationally recognised veterinary specialists. [More...](#)

College focus – European College of Veterinary Neurology

The European College of Veterinary Neurology is a non-profit organisation that aims to advance veterinary neurology in Europe. It has established guidelines for post-graduate education and experience prerequisite to become a specialist in the discipline of veterinary neurology and examines veterinarians as specialists in veterinary neurology. The ECVN has 151 European Veterinary Specialists across 22 countries. 22 EBVS Colleges as well as around 20 nationally recognised veterinary specialists. [More...](#)

Reports

The EBVS President reports on his first year in office

EBVS President [Professor Dominiek Maes](#) reported at the Annual General Meeting in April that EBVS has worked hard on different areas of its core activities, with the aim to further improve its functioning, to strengthen collaborations with other organizations, and ultimately, to better serve the public, its animals, and the veterinary profession. [More ...](#)

The EBVS Secretary reports on an interesting 1st year in office

Secretary [Professor Laura Kramer](#) was elected to the role of EBVS Secretary in April 2015. During her report to the EBVS Annual General Meeting in April 2016 she covered an interesting year of EBVS Executive Committee meetings, talks with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) regarding recent change in policy, the EBVS website and the second award for outstanding contributions to veterinary specialisation in Europe presented to [Professor Eric Teske](#) (European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – Companion Animal). [More ...](#)

Events

Diplomate workshop on developing multiple choice questions for specialist examinations

A workshop addressing multiple choice questions – advantages and disadvantages, fairly reflecting course content, probing more than knowledge, rules of thumb for clear and effective questions, format clues, dealing with random guessing and checking the quality of questions – chaired by Elien Sabbe from the Educational Quality Assurance Office of Gent University, Belgium will be held in the afternoon of Friday 21 April 2017 in Brussels. There are 20 places available – 1 per College. [More ...](#)

Vacancies

Full Professor in Swine Medicine

The University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, is seeking applications from veterinarians who are Diplomates of the European College of Porcine Health Management (Dipl. ECPHM) for the role of full professor in swine medicine. [More ...](#) The deadline for applications is January 15th, 2017.

Research position and Residency in Veterinary Parasitology

The Institute of Parasitology at the University of Zurich is seeking applications from veterinarians with experience in veterinary parasitology for a research position and alternate residency training programme. [More ...](#)