

ECAWBM

Welcome

Welcome to this edition of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behaviour Medicine's Newsletter covering both Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law, and Behavioural Medicine sub-specialities. This Newsletter is to update you on our upcoming conference in Slovakia, reports from the various College sub-committees, EBVS activities and some information about the College's AGM at lunchtime on September 15th. Several of the existing College Board have come to the end of their term or are due to move on and at the AGM we will be electing : Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Newsletter editor. So please make sure you attend the AGM and vote.

In this issue I have given space for our Annual College Congress, with the final programme. It is the annual focal meeting for all our members, and much of the necessary information is contained in these pages. The Congress will be held between the September 14th - 16th 2017 in Samorin, Slovakia. This year we are awarding prizes to the four residents (2AW and 2BM) with the best poster and best oral presentation in their category (see Page 29). The prize is free registration (ie reimbursement of the fee)

May I remind all diplomates that they are required to attend an AGM at least once every 3 years to maintain their accreditation. In any event, the annual conference is a good time to catch up with old friends, to make new friends, to find out what's new in your field, to learn about other fields of study, to pick up 'gems of information' for your research, and so on. So please try to make this a regular event. Our next meeting in 2018 is to be held between the 27 and 29th September in Berlin. Please make a note in your diary now, so you do not forget. Finally, please feel free to contact myself, or any member of the College Board on any matter to do with the College <dbmgm2@gmail.com> and I will pass your message on to the appropriate person(s).

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REPORTS FOR THE 2017 AGM

PRESIDENT

At this year's AGM several members of the College Board come to the end of their term of office. Sarah Heath, our long-suffering Treasurer finishes her 6 years in office. She is well known for her contributions to the College for over a decade in one position or another and has given the College outstanding service during that time in her many capacities. Jaume Fatjo is another person retiring from the Board after 9 years of running along the Presidential road. He has been a steadying influence and of great help during the development of the College and its merger with Animal Welfare, Science, Ethics and Law. Gary Landsberg and Pat Turner will be leaving as *ad hoc* Members at Large/Members without Portfolio. Gary has been a fund of knowledge and advice particularly in regard to his experience in the North American scene and the College of Behavioral Medicine. Pat has provided advice on communications, finance and we have benefitted from her vast experience of other international organisations. Finally, I am particularly sad to report that our Secretary is leaving due to pressure of work in her new job as the Professor and Head of Department of Animal Welfare at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. She has been invaluable to the College Board for the past 3 years taking minutes of the Board's discussions that would have challenged a saint. I am extremely grateful to ALL these persons, as well as those that are staying on, for the support they have given the College over the years and the amount of work and effort they have put in to help make it as successful as it is today.

Sub-speciality development:

The College Board (CB) has had another busy year since the last AGM as we make progress incorporating the two sub-specialities

and harmonising their activities into the College. Nancy de Briyne and Sagi Denenberg chair the AW and BM Executive Groups respectively, and are now full members of the College Board. This is very important as they have the fingers on the pulse of the day-to-day activities of AW and BM. The College Board is there to support their activities, to ensure that such activities are harmonised between the two specialities wherever possible, that are in compliance with the EBVS's rules and regulations, and their decisions are in the best interests of the College. I hope that they will work towards having joint working practices wherever possible so that in the long term we may be able to have just one College Education and Residency Committee, one College Examination Committee, and one College Re-certification and Credentialing Committee, pulling on the strengths and experience of those in the two specialities.

EBVS matters:

The EBVS have been pre-occupied with making sure the constituent colleges can sign up for the European Common Training Framework which will facilitate qualified graduates at Diplomate level to practise anywhere within the EU. As part of meeting the required EU standards, comprehensive definitions of what is meant by 'practising', 'non-practising' and 'active' in terms of re-certification as a college diplomate need to be made more explicit (see Page 7) and ECAWBM will need to reflect that in our Policies and Procedures and Bylaws. In addition the EBVS have been trying to trademark titles for EBVS, and for veterinary specialisation. Colleges have been asked to choose how they wish to be referred to and the options include (see page 7/8 in this Newsletter) and for that the CB needs your opinion.

Revision of the P&Ps

The Policies and Procedures of the College flesh out the Constitution and Bylaws which deal more with matters of principle. The P&Ps will contain guidelines for all those joining the College's administration, or thinking about joining, by giving an idea of the workload, what exactly is involved, and the accompanying responsibilities for each position. The P&Ps also elaborate more general concepts to do with succession planning, performance targets and response times, meeting frequency, sources of further information, record keeping, good governance, and so on. All things that help the College run smoothly.

Brexit came as an unwelcome bombshell to many in the UK causing unknown, unpredictable and as yet unclear problems for those with ties in Europe, let alone the repercussions and ramifications within the UK itself. It raises further issues in regard to our professional practices and animal welfare within the EU. Will we still have similar access, e.g. to research funds? What will be our roles as professionals within the EU membership? How will that affect veterinary training, access to and licensing of veterinary medicines, post-graduate specialisation, college membership and associated activities such as training? What about EU legislation and access to the EU market, banking facilities, and so on? In addition the UK relies at present on EU vets for areas such as public health and food safety (it is estimated that more than 90 per cent of vets in meat hygiene services are non-British EU citizens). We do not know what impact it will have on UK farming, animal health and welfare and disease surveillance, scientific veterinary research and education, and wildlife conservation. Its relevance to animal welfare and behavioural medicine has not really been discussed within the College, even though there may be serious repercussions for some of our members.

Looking forward

As I hand over the reins of office to Gonçalo da Graça Pereira I look forward to my first year as Past-President and hope what has been created over the last few years will be a basis on which to make the College stronger and more united. The increased membership has generated more revenue for the College and hopefully we will be in a position to use those extra funds to good effect in some way for our members, both present and future. We have to keep the College alive by meeting their needs, and to encourage young members to take part in the activities of the College.

Thanks

As well as thanking the College Board for the support they have given me over the past year I wish particularly to thank the chairs of the sub-speciality Executive Groups, Nancy de Briyne and Sagi Denenberg as they develop their sub-specialties, and help maintain the College's training programme as well as the academic and practising standards. Finally, last but by no means least, I wish to thank the speciality sub-committee members especially the chairs who carry the responsibility of office. These are Education and Residency: Marlene Kirchner and Kersti Seksel; Examination: David Main and Tiny de Keuster; Re-certification and Credentials for AW Laura Hanninen, and for BM Theresa De Porter (Credentials) and Emmanuel Gaultier (Re-certification). There have also been others in the background supporting the two sub-speciality Executive Groups in one way or another but to ALL of you, I just re-iterate my sincere thanks on behalf of the membership of the College

David B. Morton

SECRETARY

The secretarial activities during 2016-2017 have been running smoothly, including the Annual Report to the EBVS. The ECAWBM now has a total of 158 members:

Behavioural Medicine: 39 Diplomates, 1 Retired member and 2 Associate members

Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law: 114 Diplomates 1 Retired member and 7 Associate members

Of these 158 members, six are both a BM and an AWSEL Diplomat, and twelve are also members of at least one other EBVS affiliated College or an overseas equivalent.

Finally, please remember:

- 1 To send your annual membership fee to the Treasurer in time.
- 2 To update any changes in contact details to the Secretary immediately, and directly on the EBVS website
- 3 To verify and update your contact details and other information for the EBVS Annual Report, when the Excel File is circulated.
- 4 To check your re-accreditation deadline as an ECAWBM Diplomat. When necessary, please apply for re-accreditation to the appropriate ECAWBM Re-certification Committee (BM or AWSEL). This has to be done every five years from the start of your membership, and is monitored by the EBVS.

Lotta Berg

TREASURER

Due to technical reasons this report will be sent to members separately

AGM AGENDA

Thursday September 14th 12.30 to 14.00h

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting.
2. List of apologies for absence.
3. Minutes AGM 2016 (to be agreed and signed)
4. Action points from the College Board
5. Board Members' reports – comments and questions (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Group Chairs (BM, AW)) (pre-circulated to members)
6. Executive Group Sub-Committee Reports comments and questions: Education and Residency (BM and AW), Examination (BM and AW), Credentials (BM and AW), Re-certification (AW and BM).
7. ECAWBM Congress in future years 2018, 2019, 2020
8. College matters :
 - a) vote on College original finances
 - b) Associate membership fees
9. Election of new Board members (possibly *en bloc*?)
10. Any other business (None notified)
11. Date of next meeting
12. Closing the meeting

REMINDER FROM THE SECRETARY

Lotta Berg

The number of members in our College has increased substantially this year, which is great! However, this also means that it is becoming more complicated for the Secretary to keep track of all members' whereabouts. So, please remember:

- to update any changes in contact details to the Secretary immediately, and directly on the EBVS website, and
- to check your re-accreditation deadline as an ECAWBM Diplomate. When necessary, please apply for re-accreditation to the appropriate ECAWBM Re-Certification Committee (BM or AWSEL). This has to be done every five years from the start of your membership, and is monitored by the EBVS.

College finances and original contributions

When the college was first created a payment was made into the college bank account from Ceva Animal Health as a starting float. When the college became a limited company on 6th February 2012 there was 19,856.47 Euros (which converted to 16,097.64 GBP in 2012) remaining from this payment and this money officially belonged to the members of the college at that moment in time. It was therefore entered into the accounts in the "Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year" section of the accounts. There has been no need to break into this money thus far, as the college has been very well financially managed. At the request of the current Chair of the College's Finance Committee, the accountants have been asked to move this money to the reserves section of the accounts so that it is fully available funds, should the college wish to spend the money. In order for this to be done the members of the college on 6 February 2012, who technically own the money, will need to relinquish their rights to it. This can be done with a vote at the AGM and I am sure that no-one is going to object to this so hopefully it is a formality. This notice in the newsletter is simply to inform members of the situation and of the need for a vote at the AGM. Please can any people who were members of the college on 6 February 2012 and cannot attend the AGM in Samorin email me prior to the meeting on treasurer@ecawbm.org to inform me as to whether they are prepared to relinquish their entitlement to an equal share of the money - **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10th 2017**

Once the vote has been taken, and hopefully the decision is approved, then the accounts can be signed and returned to the accountant in order to be filed at Companies House.

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR OPINION

The College has been asked by the EBVS to let them have our opinion on the following two issues. Once we have your opinion the CB will take that into account when responding to the EBVS.

Please respond by August 20th to dbmgm2@gmail.com

1. *Use of the term 'non-practising'*

Instead of 'practising/active' and 'non-practising/active', the terms 'certified' and 'non-certified' are now being proposed. This is because the term 'non-practising' suggests that the diplomate is doing nothing at all, which in most cases is not correct. Indeed, it was agreed that even if a diplomate does not fulfil all the requirements for re-certification (e.g. not achieving 100 points, not attending college AGMs or not paying the fees), this does not necessarily mean that he/she is doing nothing in their field. This is particularly true for diplomates of more than one college.

Currently, once someone becomes a diplomate, we ask him/her to pass a re-certification process every 5 years to guarantee that he/she is still sufficiently active to maintain his level (EQF 8) of competences. Therefore, the use of the term 'certified' would appear more correct. Someone who is not (re-)certified is still a diplomate and even perhaps active in the field, but not sufficiently to maintain his EQF-level 8 based on the criteria that the EBVS Board decided to put as a limit.

ACTION Required

This is the ONLY Option to vote on so please indicate: Q1YES or Q1NO

2. *Trademark of the word 'EBVS'*

EBVS has informed us that their application to trademark the word 'EBVS' has been approved, and registered under the EUTM No. 16440844. Therefore, EBVS can now propose the various trademarked titles that our specialists can use.

In order to be protected, all titles must include the new TM, i.e. EBVS. Therefore, a possible title could be: 'EBVS Specialist in XXXX'. However, the term 'EBVS' is not currently well known by the public, let alone by people outside of Europe. Therefore, we propose to still include the word 'European' in the title. This of course may change in the future with an increased awareness of the EBVS.

EBVS is proposing that three possible titles that diplomates of the various Colleges may use, e.g.

1. EBVS European Specialist in Veterinary Animal Welfare/Behavioural Medicine
2. EBVS European Veterinary Specialist in Animal Welfare/Behavioural Medicine
3. EBVS European Specialist in Animal Welfare/Behavioural Medicine

Colleges are free to choose which title they prefer, but can only choose ONE. Each College is therefore asked to propose their preferred title. The approved titles will be included in the EBVS P&Ps, and no other title may be used.

ACTION Required

There are 6 possible options for us as we have 2 sub-specialities but they need not have the same format.

Please indicate the 2 preferred titles, one for BM and the other for AW. Choose from

1. *EBVS European Specialist in Veterinary Animal Welfare*
2. *EBVS European Specialist in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine*
3. *EBVS European Veterinary Specialist in Animal Welfare*
4. *EBVS European Veterinary Specialist in Behavioural Medicine*
5. *EBVS European Specialist in Animal Welfare*
6. *EBVS European Specialist in Behavioural Medicine*

Would AW diplomates please only vote for AW, and BM diplomates only for BM

Thank you

President

PARTING THOUGHTS FROM OUR SECRETARY LOTTA BERG

I have certainly enjoyed being the secretary of the College for almost three years now. When I was elected I was completely new to the Board, and I will readily admit that it took some time to understand all the various functions of our committees, the EBVS work, the formal requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws, and other aspects of the College which may not be that obvious to the average member at a first glance. It has been three very intensive and fun years, especially with the large group of new members joining our College at the end of the *de facto* period for the AWSEL speciality. Many of you I have only been in contact with over e-mail, and although this is certainly nice and friendly I do look forward to our upcoming conference in Slovakia, where I hope to meet many of you for the first time and meet old friends and colleagues from previous conferences again. We have got so many useful ways of electronic communication nowadays, from e-mail and websites to Skype and large web conferencing systems and these are truly great for keeping in touch, but joining a physical conference is still something different. Hence, I will definitely make an effort to participate in the College's conferences also in the future, even if I will soon retire from the post as secretary, due to my general workload at the university.

Some thoughts from me are that it is really interesting to see how the animal welfare, ethics and law sub-speciality and the behavioural medicine copy in many ways and link very nicely together, while still acknowledging the fact that many sub-speciality members, to a large extent, have different experiences when it comes to their everyday work. While most (but not all!) of our AWSEL members are employed by universities, authorities, institutes or charities, many (but

not all!) of our BM members are in practice, at least to some extent, and hence handle individual clients and cases, which will result in a different veterinary perspective although we base it on very similar knowledge base. This will, of course, influence how we look at the role of our College, and I would just like to take to opportunity to encourage more contacts between the sub-specialities, not least during the conferences. Do take time to read the posters from 'the other' sub-speciality, and listen to some talks that may be outside your own core area of work, it may widen your perspective!

As a secretary, I am also glad to see new Residents joining us. For BM, this is, of course, nothing new and a number of BM Residents have become Diplomates during my time. I really enjoy sending out the new certificates to new Diplomates, knowing that there is a lot of hard work behind them in every case, and that this specialist title means a lot to many of you. It will still be some time before the first AWSEL Resident has reached the point of taking the exam, but this is certainly something for all of us to look forward to. For the future of the College, establishing more Residency programmes, for both BM and AWSEL, and both standard and alternative ones, is crucial. I am the main supervisor of one Resident myself, and I can really recommend it; it is great fun and quite rewarding! I see this as our main challenge, to ensure that new Residents are enrolled and provided with a solid and stimulating training programme to become new, skilled Diplomates. This is not only a task for the education or examination committees; this is an area where all Diplomates and Associate members should be involved. To take on new Residents and create useful courses, to attract Residents from all over Europe and possibly also from a larger region, is one of the core tasks of our College.

NOMINATIONS AND PERSONAL STATEMENTS FOR THE AGM COLLEGE BOARD

VICE-PRESIDENT

I am Alessandro Cozzi. My first participation at a ECAWBM conference was 2007 in Italy, Riccione and my first scientific presentation for the College was at the ECAWBM conference in 2008, in Barcelona. At that moment I started my learning process about the life of European College of Behavioural Medicine and Animal Welfare. Today I wish to explain why I want to become Vice-President of ECAWBM.

Since 2007 I have met many Diplomates and I have had the opportunity to work with them.

This has helped me to develop my passions for the disciplines of Behavioural Medicine and Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law. Today the College is going through an important evolution, where many practising veterinarians, new residents and our future Diplomates are joining. I look forward to meeting more diplomates from both disciplines in the future and to get to know you better, as well as renewing my acquaintance with the older ones.

I am 37 and was born in Savona, Italy. After high school studies in humanities and classical disciplines, I graduated in Veterinary Medicine at Pisa University, and wrote a thesis on the Behaviour and Welfare assessment of shelter dogs. After my Veterinary degree I travelled in order to follow my dream of building a career in the research field of Behavioural Medicine and Animal Welfare. This helped me to understand better how different species and individuals can communicate and to co-habitat in society, to act to improve the animal and human condition.

I obtained an MSc in Behavioural Medicine of Companion Animals followed by a PhD on Equine Physiology focused on the organisation of social behaviour of horses and reconciliation after conflict.

Both theses were focalised on the study of natural mechanisms of conflict management.

During these formative years I worked in Italy, Canada, Spain and France where I had the chance to work with different teams that have enriched my scientific professional life.

Today I am the Chief Executive Officer of IRSEA, a Research institute in the south of France, near Avignon, devoted to the study of Applied Ethology, Animal Welfare, Clinical Ethology and Semiochemistry. This function in the Institute has taught me to manage not only scientific issues in a work context, but much more. Before taking up this position at IRSEA, I started there as Assistant Researcher in 2009, and then as a Researcher, then as Head of Department followed by Research and Education Director. I have had the opportunity to monitor and supervise different projects that involve students and other researchers. My studies in animal behaviour have also helped me manage some human behaviours!

In 2014 I was accepted as a *de facto* ECAWBM AWSEL Diplomate and I became a member of the AWSEL Residency Committee. I now participate and supervise the standard residency programmes in AWSEL and BM at IRSEA, that started in May 2017. This shows me that it is important to strongly believe in our development as a College and to develop more possibilities for the future of BM and AWSEL. I also think that this is an important mission for each Diplomate.

A few months ago after I had a discussion with the President of our College Pr David Morton, I decided to offer my candidature as Vice-President for the next elections in September but I would like to explain further why. As I have already said, the College is

rapidly evolving, thanks to the past work of the founders of the College, and has improved year after year. It started with just Behavioural Medicine but more recently it has been combined with the Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law sub-speciality. In my opinion different people with different professional backgrounds and different visions can and need to work with the same mission i.e. to help the development of our scientific disciplines within the ECAWBM. While, there are two sub-specialities, BM and AWSEL, the College is just one. And I think that today we need to continue to work together not only to improve our College, but also importantly for the future Residents and Diplomates.

I offer my candidature because I wish to help the President and College Board to promote more harmonisation of the disciplines within the College. My experience in both fields has allowed me to cooperate with people of these sub-specialities and to listen and to understand their points of view. I know that if we would like to create a great future for our College we need to work together as a real team despite the occasional disagreement. We must have the same aims, which are more than individual points of view. A team working together, has more power than working apart, even if parts of the same system go in different directions. In my opinion we must continue to work to create and reinforce the groups which work together as that will best help the evolution of our College.

So my future vision of the college is a group of people that despite their differences do not lose sight of the overall aims of the College, that knows that the priority is to work for the evolution of the College, and where the successful route is the same route for every single person in the team.

In conclusion, if I am elected I will try to do my best to help the development of our discipline, to support the President and the College Board and every member of the College.

Alessandro

SECRETARY

My name is Valerie Jonckheer-Sheehy. As you know the College Board elections are imminent and I'm running for the position of Honorary Secretary. First, for those of you who don't know me, I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself and, secondly, I'd like to tell you why I'd like to become Honorary Secretary of the College Board.

Professional experience

I graduated from the Veterinary College of Ireland, University College Dublin in 2003. I went to Wales where I worked as a veterinarian in mixed practice in rural Wales treating mainly cattle (beef and dairy), horses, dogs and cats. After that I moved to Belgium where I worked for Eurogroup for Animals in Brussels on broiler welfare. At the same time I began my MSc in Laboratory Animal Science at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Ghent University. I also worked part-time on animal welfare policy for the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE). In 2005 I got married and moved to India where I worked as a turf club vet and for a private racehorse clinic at the Mumbai horse-racing track (flat racers) as well as at a companion animal clinic. During that time I was an invited expert at several local animal shelters including the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and a polo-pony club in Mumbai. In 2006 I attained my Masters in Laboratory Animal Science (Ghent University, Belgium) on "The care and use of horses and ponies as research animals" focussing on behaviour and welfare. During my time in India I visited several equine research centres. I then spent almost 4 years at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University where I worked as a behaviour veterinarian, behaviour/welfare researcher and lecturer. In 2010 I attained a Certificate in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law (from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, UK).

Current employment

In 2013 I set up *Animalytics*, a Veterinary Behavioural Medicine and Animal Welfare Consultancy (www.animalytics.nl) in The Netherlands. I see all of my cat and dog behaviour cases at *de Wagenrenk* (www.wagenrenk.com), a specialist veterinary referral clinic. I carry out horse behaviour and animal welfare consultations/expert opinions. I also conduct research and lecture on both the national and international circuit, write for the media and give interviews for newspapers, magazines and radio.

Qualifications

In January 2015 I became a Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (sub-speciality Behavioural Medicine) and was the first person to achieve this from The Netherlands. In September 2015 I became a Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (sub-speciality Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law). Again, I was the first person in The Netherlands to attain this title.

Voluntary work and honorary positions

After becoming a behaviour diplomate I was asked by the College to become a member of the BM Examination Committee, a role which I accepted and a function which I still carry out with great pride. I'm very pleased about the improvements that we've made together in the Examination process.

I was asked by Dr Karen Overall, Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications* to become a member of the Editorial Board. Of course I was very flattered and gratefully accepted this position. I carry out review work for several other eminent behaviour and welfare journals.

In June 2015, I set up the Dutch Veterinary Behaviour Group (Nederlandse Werkgroep Veterinaire Gedragkunde – NWVG) and currently act as its Chair. I have been a Board Member of AWSELVA (UK Animal Welfare Science Ethics and

Law Veterinary Association) since 2013. I'm also on the Advisory Board of VetVisuals (an international online Veterinary Continuing Education Company) and Chair of the international ESVCE working group Dogs of Law. This year I'm representing the College (sub-speciality AWSEL) and AWSELVA at the upcoming IVBM in Slovakia. I've worked hard on the scientific programme with both bodies and of course the IVBM organising Committee. I've dedicated my life to Animal Welfare and I feel very privileged to contribute to the fields of Veterinary Behavioural Medicine and Animal Welfare in these honorary capacities.

Candidature for the position of Honorary Secretary of the College Board

I became personally acquainted with the College in 2009 when I first started attending College meetings and have experienced the College as a young aspiring Diplomate candidate, have been through the entire credentialing and examination process, and have watched in awe as the college grew and progressed over the past years. Thus I have first-hand experience of the College from both sides. As I'm also a double diplomate (BM and AW), I have an extensive network and understand the positions of both sub-specialities. This puts me in an ideal position to help create harmony in the college, to represent the interests of all and to further the growth and progression of our college in these exciting, challenging times. Additionally, as I've extensive experience in various different national and international Boards I believe that I'm well qualified to carry out the role of Honorary Secretary of the College Board.

I hope to see you soon at the IVBM in Slovakia and I hope I can rely on your support and vote come election time. Should you have any questions or comments please feel free to e-mail me at v.jonckheer@animalytics.nl or speak to me in person at the IVBM in September. I wish you all a very pleasant summer and look forward to seeing you soon. Warm regards from the Netherlands,

Valerie.

TREASURER

I am Nancy De Briyne and have been involved in the College for several years. I helped the College, and since October 2015 I have chaired the AW Executive Group. It has been a huge pleasure working with my great Executive Group members: David Main, Déborah Temple, Laura Hänninen, Marlene Kirchner and Siobhan Mullan. As Chair of the AW Executive Group Chair, I have also been a member of the College Board from 2016.

The mandate of our current Treasurer Sarah Heath has come to an end. This means the College is in urgent need for somebody to replace Sarah and take over the important and valuable work she has been doing for so many years. Therefore I want to put myself forward as Treasurer and with sadness in my heart resign from my position as AWSEL sub-speciality Executive Group Chair.

I have considerable experience with accounting both in Belgium, the Netherlands and in the UK. This is through my work in FVE (an i-asbl with

constitution and accountancy in Belgium), with my work in FEEVA (private company registered with Companies House in the UK, but with bank accounts in Belgium) and with being a Management Board member of the European Medicines Agency (an independent European Commission Agency in the UK with 900+ employees – currently in the news due to Brexit).

With my experience and knowledge in this matter and my wish to move our great growing College further forward, I hope you will support my nomination as Treasurer.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my nomination. Regardless of the outcome of the election, I look forward to working together with you all for the success of our College and to further promote the discipline of animal welfare, science and ethics and veterinary leadership in Europe.

Best regards,

Nancy

Animal Welfare Science Ethics and Law Section

AWSEL Executive Group: Nancy De Briyne (Chairperson)

David Main
Laura Hänninen
Deborah Temple
Marlene Kirchner

This committee is responsible for activities in relation to the AWSEL sub-speciality.

Re-Certification and Credentialing Committee: Laura Hanninen (Chairperson)

Members

Peter Fordyce
Anne Fawcett

This committee is responsible for the re-accreditation of diplomates every 5 years, and to approve credentials of applicants to sit the diploma examinations.

Education and Residency Committee: Marlene Kirchner (Chairperson)

Members

Alessandro Cozzi
Antonio Velarde
Emanuela Dalla Costa
A.E. van Hagen
David Bailey

This committee is responsible for setting the criteria for the standard and alternative residency programmes. It also approves specific programmes and monitors the progress of the residents.

Examination committee: David Main (Chairperson)

Members

Jose Peralta
Silvana Diverio
Aurelie Thomas
Paul Roger

The Examination Sub-committee is responsible for the preparation and administration of the diploma examinations.

Report from AWSEL Executive Group (AWExG) and sub-committees

Chair Nancy de Briyne

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The focus of the AWExGp in the last months has been focused on 4 aspects: 1/ preparing an interesting program for our Annual Conference on in Slovakia 2/ supporting and recruiting residents and supervisors 3/ preparing for the first exams next year and 4/ updating the website.

In respect to the [Slovakia meeting from 14 to 16 September 2017](#), we were very grateful to have received a high number of abstracts, most of outstanding quality. In addition, four guest speakers will come, namely Christoph Winckler (Austria) on 'Moving Towards Sustainable Welfare', Terence Cassidy (European Commission) on Audits to Promote Pig Welfare', Patrick Pageat (IRSEA) on 'Measuring welfare of research animals' and Jo White ([HBC](#)) on 'Human Behaviour

Change for Animals'. A special workshop will also be held on ethics sustainability led by Siobhan Mullan and Valerie Jonckheer. We hope most of you will join us in Slovakia.

More specific news on what has been done in the different committees:

The Re-Certification and Credentials Committees

Chair: Laura Hänninen

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This Committee has two main task 1) to re-certify diplomates every 5 years and 2) to check if residents are ready to sit the College Exam.

In respect to re-certification; almost all diplomates who had to be re-certified this year demonstrated that they met the criteria. We are thinking of moving to electronic forms next year.

In close collaboration with the Exam Committee, we are preparing all the forms for residents to fill in to verify they meet the requirements to sit the College Exam. Next year most likely the first exams in our discipline will take place.

2018 exam. Beginning in 2018 the examination will be held in May. The deadline for the credentialing application will be Sept 1, 2017 to take the examination in the following May (2018).

AW Residency Committee

Chair: Marlene K. Kirchner <mk@sund.ku.dk>

The Education and Residency Committee has been very busy in the last months. We had a meeting every month.

Our main focus was to follow all our current residents. To make sure all is going well, every resident has been appointed a mentor, who is somebody from our residency Committee. These mentors keep a guarding eye on their residents and stay in close collaboration with their residents and their supervisors.

In total, we have now 10 residents in AWSELVA, 8 following the alternative route and two the standard route. Another 7 veterinarians have showed interested to start a residency, but the main hurdle is for them to find supervisors. We therefore do a plea to all our diplomates to consider becoming a supervisor.

Interested to become a supervisor? Let Marlene know on mk@sund.ku.dk and see the interviews on pages 15/16.

ECAWBM had its *first standard residency program approved* at the Institut de Recherche en Sémiologie et Ethologie Appliquée/Research Institute in Semiochemistry and Applied Ethology (IRSEA) – Apt, France

For more info:

<https://www.group-irsea.com/> or

[Alessandro Cozzi <a.cozzi@group-irsea.com>](mailto:a.cozzi@group-irsea.com)

To make it also easier for residents and (potential) supervisors to get clear information, we totally re-organised the [animal welfare part of the website](#). Now you will be able to immediately go to a [page for](#)

[residents](#), a [page for supervisors](#) and a page for vets who want to [start a residency](#).

Also on the website, a whole [list of courses](#) have been added which can be interesting for residents to follow.

Examination Committee

Chair David Main < d.c.j.main@bris.ac.uk >

With the first exam coming near, it has been busy in the Exam Committee. Residents are able to sit the exam after 3 years of the residency programme onwards. The re-credencing committee must review and approve the evidence of each candidate before a resident can sit the exam. It is expected that this information will need to be submitted 4 – 6 months prior to sitting the exam. The exam structure and questions have been decided upon and a reading list is being drawn up.

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AW Residency Committee

Chair: Marlene K. Kirchner

[<mk@sund.ku.dk>](mailto:mk@sund.ku.dk)

Last April the Residency Committee asked you to help put together a portfolio of training courses and specialist experience available to our residents within the sub-speciality Animal Welfare Sciences, Ethics and Law. The first step was to collect the current information of available courses and specialist experience - in different countries and at convenient times - in order to make a complete overview. (Or to inform us whether or not you have plans to develop a course).

We are grateful for the several responses we received so far. Not only will this help us to promote it to our residents, but it will also further contribute to the final accreditation of our sub-speciality AWSEL, and our Diplomate status.

A new up-to-date list will be available at <http://www.ecawbm.com/animal-welfare/> by the time you receive this newsletter.

In order to keep the list up-to date- we urge all diplomates to let us know if or when your institution has an available course or specialist experience, suitable for our candidates during their residency.

Please let us know by providing us some course details , including logistic issues (duration, funding, accommodation) and the person in charge (name and email). Preferably by the use of the standard form-> Appendix 5 (*this will only take 5 minutes!*).

More information about the requirements of the Residency Programme you can find on our website <http://www.ecawbm.com/animal-welfare/>. An e-mail can be sent to Alessandro Cozzi (a.cozzi@group-irsea.com) or Marjan van Hagen (m.a.e.vanhagen@uu.nl).

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us!

Sincerely Yours
Alessandro, Antonio, David, Emanuela, Marjan,
Marlene & Nancy
Residency Committee

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Dr. Antonio Velarde Calvo writes:

One of the objectives of the Education and Residency Committee is to increase the number of residents, and the we are working on advertising new residents and residency places. We want as well to get other diplomates involved in the supervision of new residents.

For this purpose we give below some supervisors' and residences' experiences.

We sent several questions to Lotta and Elisabetta as pioneer supervisors, and to their residents Johan Francesca and Matteo.

Thoughts and responses from Johan Lindsjö

11. Brief description of your background (including post graduate academic and clinical experience) and your current situation as resident.

My name is Johan Lindsjö, and I am a Swedish veterinarian. I graduated in Uppsala in 1996, and worked initially in mixed and small animal practices, and became a Swedish Specialist in Diseases of Dogs and Cats in 2004. I have worked as a small animal clinician in Saskatchewan, Canada, where I also completed a three year MSc degree in wildlife (grizzly bear) health in 2009. After returning to Sweden the same year, I have continued working as a clinician at small animal hospitals in Stockholm. My clinical experience includes veterinary volunteer projects in Thailand, India, Canada and currently in Tanzania, and I have collaborated with different Swedish and international animal welfare non-governmental organisations, providing consultation in animal health and welfare. In addition to my clinical work, I have worked as a consultant in different projects, e.g. developing on-line education in animal welfare at slaughter together with others for the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU).

I am currently working 50 % as a small animal clinician, focusing on dental health and internal medicine. The other 50 % is divided between contract work in animal welfare for the Swedish Centre for Animal Welfare (SCAW) and coordinating courses in animal welfare in the veterinary programme at SLU (all included in the residency), and other residency projects. These include, for example, my research project in the Three Rs, behavioural studies in dogs, and developing an education programme for animal health professionals on the link between abuse of animals and abuse of humans.

2. Why did you decide to become a diplomate? (Main expectations) and what motivates you to become a diplomate?

There are several reasons that motivated me to become a diplomate. First, this residency provides a unique opportunity to both widen and deepen my knowledge in animal welfare science, ethics and legislation, while still being able to work part-time as a clinician. Second, I believe that becoming a diplomate will increase my chances to make a difference in our society, e.g. in academia, politics and industry. Third, I am hoping to build a network in both the academic and clinical field, increasing my possibilities for further research.

3. What do you think the residency entails?

In parallel to the part-time clinical work, which itself contributes to the residency through case exposures and discussions, the part-time residency is made up of several different parts working practically with animal welfare, ethics and legislation, needed to fulfil the syllabus and complete the required residency time. These include different practical and research projects, participating in conferences and meetings, giving lectures and publishing research papers. The residency also entails literature studies. All of this requires careful planning, developing contacts with colleagues, and updating the supervising committee.

4. What would be your recommendations for new residents?

Ensure you have a supervising committee with expertise in all three fields – animal welfare science, ethics and legislation, covering different sectors (e.g. farm, companion, sport, laboratory, zoo/wildlife).

Take the opportunity to network with colleagues. Offer to participate in projects where you can gain experience for your residency, whether paid or unpaid. Participating in a project may open the door for future collaborations and create important contacts.

Start collecting and writing up case exposures and discussions by making use of situations in your clinical work and in different residency projects. Let colleagues know that you are looking for cases – you may be able to help them look into cases more deeply and in return you "get a case" for your list.

Keep an updated list of things that you have achieved within your residency – it makes it easier to sum up your residency at the end. It will give you a continuous overview of what areas you have covered, and what areas you need to plan to work on, and any potential gaps.

Don't hesitate to contact other residents with questions and for advice.

Johan Lindsjö, 04-07-17

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Thoughts and responses from Lotta Berg

1. Why did you decide to supervise residents?

I think that the activities of the ECAWBM College are important and hence I believe in strengthening the College by increasing the number of highly skilled members. For AWSEL, this is done by admitting veterinarians with an interest in animal welfare, ethics and law, and who want to specialise even further by becoming residents. As a senior researcher in this field, I find it a natural to supervise the next generation of PhD students and other colleagues, including residents. Furthermore, I actually enjoy the discussions and exchange of thoughts and ideas with the residents!

2. What are the main responsibilities and duties?

To help the resident to plan their studies, to ensure that the practical possibilities for training are present, to regularly meet the resident and follow up any activities and achievements. To read draft publications, to encourage participation in conferences, to assist the resident in building a network with veterinarians and other professionals within the field of animal welfare, ethics and law.

3. Do you have any recommendations for new supervisors?

To have meetings – in person or via Skype, if you aren't always located at the same place – reasonably regularly. To ensure that the resident keeps record of all their activities; otherwise it is easy to forget when it's time to submit reports to the College Residency Committee. And, of course, enjoy!

4. Do you have time to supervise residents?

Well, I don't get paid for doing it but it really doesn't take that much time, really (I have a good residency student who is working very independently), so basically I just make sure to free the necessary time for this task. But of course the number of residents per supervisor will be limited, given these conditions.

Agenda 'Residency day' Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law 13th September, 2017

"Welcome Residents.

Please find here the agenda for the AWSEL resident day for the 2017.

We have arranged to have a lecture about "Zoo animal welfare assessment" (Prof Xavier Manteca) as this has been seen as a gap in past resident training. The day is for you to learn about progress of your residency, provide us with your case presentations, to receive information about the exam organisation and get to know other residents and supervisors.

We are a small but dedicated community and would like to see you all attend."

Location: Hotel X-bionic Sphere, Šamorín, Slovakia www.x-bionicsphere.com ("Class Room" name to be announced). **Date:** Wednesday 13th September 2017.

Time: 8:30 – 18:00.

Participation: free, after pre-registration at the residency committee. 25 participants.

Sponsorship: World Wildlife Library of Pheromones and Semiochemicals (WWLPS).

Looking forward to your participation!

Alessandro, Antonio, David, Emanuela, Marlene, Marjan,

AWSEL Residency committee

Programme

8:30 - 8:45	Arrival and registration	
8:45 - 9:00	Welcome & Introduction Round	Dr David Bailey and Dr Alessandro Cozzi (residency committee delegates) and all participants
9:00 - 12:45 (10:45-11:00 coffee break)	AWSEL Residents oral presentations (15 min.	Matteo Chincarini - "Concerning the long transportation of animals" Johan Lindsö - "The role of the veterinary clinician in Swedish wildlife rehabilitation"

	presentation + 5/10 min. questions)	<p>Ellie Wigham - "The use of CCTV at slaughter - can it really improve welfare?"</p> <p>Paola van Dijk - "Putative physical characteristics of abused canine animals; A literature review"</p> <p>Sofia Väärikkälä - "Forgotten part of egg production - animal welfare state of breeding flock in Finland "</p> <p>Kirsi-M Swan - "Returning a rescue dog to its country of origin because of dermatophytosis infection, ethical and legal issues."</p> <p>Kati Pulli - "The dilemma of African swine fever and pig farms with outdoor access in Finland"</p>
12:45 - 14:30	Lunch plus Q&A during lunch	all participants
14:30 - 16:00	Lecture	"ZOO animal welfare assessment – current state of research" Prof Xavier Manteca
16:00 - 17:00	Examination committee Q&A	Prof David Main
17:00 - 18:00	"Resident-Diplomate-Mixer" (5mins/5 people)	all participants

	<p>Q & A with the committee</p> <p>1/ Explain how it is running now 2/ Residents experience and issues 3/ Other opinions/input from other diplomates</p>	<p>all participants</p>
<p>20:00</p>	<p>Informal meet and greet with other diplomats at a Bar/Pub (to be announced)</p>	

Behavioural Medicine Section

Call for diplomates to join the BM sub-speciality committees

We are searching for diplomates to join one of our sub-speciality committees in Behavioural Medicine. These sub-committees report to the BM Executive Group, who have representatives on the College Board, which is responsible for running the College. Each Executive Group is quasi autonomous and carries out the bulk of the work for the speciality. They help to develop and implement policy. The sub-committees implement the EBVS and College criteria for training and education for both the standard and for the alternative routes for the diploma. They also set the examinations, and scrutinise applications from existing diplomates for re-accreditation every 5 years.

Are you interested to help strengthen your College in Behavioural Medicine and contribute to its running? I hope so and your ideas will be welcomed. We are sure you can think of improvements and by joining a committee you will have the opportunity to change the way the College is run.

Nominations are normally for 3 years. Most work in the committees is done via telephone conferences. It is worth noting that support by way of joining College committees also counts as points for re-accreditation.

If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please send an email to Sagi Denenberg [<sagidvm@gmail.com>](mailto:sagidvm@gmail.com)

The BM sub-committees are:

Credentialing Committee: chaired by Theresa De Porter

The Credentials Committee has the task of evaluating an applicant's credentials before the applicant may sit the diploma examination. They are looking for persons to be involved.

Re-Accreditation Committee: chaired by Emmanuel Gaultier

This Committee is responsible for the re-accreditation of diplomates every 5 years. They are looking for 2 extra persons to support them.

Education Committee: chaired by Kersti Seksel

This Committee is responsible for setting the criteria for the residency programmes, to approve them and for monitoring the progress of residents. This Committee is looking for 2 extra persons to support them.

Examination Committee: chaired by Tiny De Keuster

The Examination Sub-committee is responsible for the preparation and administration of diploma examinations. This committee is looking for 2 extra persons to support them, preferably with some examination setting experience.

Veterinary Behavioural Medicine Study day

September 17th, 2017, Samorin, Slovakia

Time	Title	Presenter
09:00 – 10:30	Is It Medical or Behavioural; An Analytical Approach	Gary Landsberg
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Do Dogs and Cats Develop Alzheimer's Disease	Joseph Araujo
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	Pathogenesis of Abnormal Repetitive Behaviours	Sagi Denenberg
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 17:00	Hyperactivity, Hypersensitivity, and Dissociative Disorder	Claude Beata

Full day registration includes six hours of continuing education, meals, and coffee breaks

The 11th International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting Samorin, Slovakia September 14th – 16th 2017

We would like to remind you all that the next annual scientific meeting general meetings of the college are going to be held in conjunction with of the IVBM. The meeting is co-sponsored by the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacology in Slovakia, the Slovak Small Animal Veterinary Association, the Slovak Society of Neuroscience, the Slovak Institute of Neurobiology, The Slovak Institute of Neurobiology, AWSELVA, and ESVCE. Together we hope to create an amazing meeting.

We hope to see many of you there not only as attendees but also as speakers. We encourage high-quality research and presentations or posters.

We are looking for help in reviewing papers for the meeting. Those who are interested and willing to help to review please contact Sagi Denenberg (secretarybm@ecawbm.org) for more details. Hopefully, we are going to have, as in previous years, a sufficient number of reviewers to reduce the number of papers each person reviews.

We are going to have two satellite meetings with the IVBM. These are going to be a welfare and a behaviour study days. For information about the content and speakers for the study day to follow shortly. The welfare study day will take place on the 13th of September, whilst the behaviour study day is on the 17th of September. These days are open to all who wish to attend and are designed to help residents, students, and first opinion veterinarians.

Wednesday 13 Sept AW full day

Thursday 14 Sept: AWSELVA/ECAWBM-AWSEL (hereafter called AWSEL) Full Day Plus Full Day ESVCE (thus parallel sessions)

Friday 15th September 2017: AWSEL-BM combined morning programme; AGM @ 12:00; ECAWBM-BM & AW Full Day

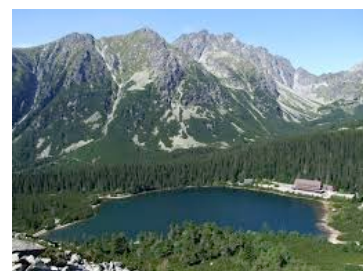
Saturday 16 September 2017: IVBM Full Day

Sunday 17th September 2017: ECAWBM-BM Study day

The meeting is held at the X-Bionic Sphere, a unique resort approximately 20 minutes from the Slovak capital, Bratislava. We have arranged reduced price at the local hotel to all attendees who will register for the meeting. Accommodation will include breakfast, internet, athletic facilities, and more.

All necessary information will be shortly on our website (www.ivbmslovakia.org). we are currently improving the site for better information and user experience. For more information about the meeting, accommodation, travel arrangement, and Slovakia, in general, please contact me at secretarybm@ecawbm.org.

Finally, I would like to ask you to help up promote the meeting by sharing this information with any groups or individuals that you think may be interested. We especially encourage students and residents to attend by providing students bursaries and discounts.



Thursday 14/09/17		
Time	Title	Name
08:30	Opening Statements	
09:00	Keynote Presentation: Moving Towards Sustainable Welfare	Christoph Winckler
09:30	Questions and Answers	
09:45	Crossing Hormonal and Behavioural Measures to Assess Positive Emotions in Pigs	Míriam Marcet Rius
10:00	Perceptions of the Finnish Cattle and Pig Farmers on Animal Welfare Inspections	Sofia Väärökkälä
10:15	Improving Welfare in the Transport of EU Livestock, Through Guides of Good Practice	Nancy de Briyne
10:30	Coffee	
11:00	Qualitative Behavioural Assessment in Welfare Evaluation of Livestock	Teresa Collins
11:15	Qualitative Behaviour Assessment of Emotionality in Horses	Sarah Hintze
11:30	Monitoring of Welfare Problems in Fallen Farm Animals	Johannes Baumgartner
11:45	Multimodal Analgesia for Piglet Castration	Patricia Turner
12:00	Comparing the Welfare of Calves After Caustic Paste and Hot-Iron Disbudding	Ann-Helena Hokkanen
12:15	A Multiparametric Approach to Discriminate the Impacts of Different Degrees of Invasiveness of Surgical Procedures in Sheep	Alice de Boyer des Roches
12:30	Lunch - ESVCE /AWSELVA AGM	
14:00	Applying Scientific Advances; Where Does Our Animal Welfare Knowledge Come From? Not Always From Scientists	David Main
14:15	The Paediatrician Model in Veterinary Ethics; On the „Internal Morality“ of Austrian Veterinarians and their Attitudes Towards Killing Companion Animals	Herwig Grimm
14:30	A Regulatory Understanding of Informed Consent	Martin Whiting
14:45	A Thematic Analysis of Veterinary Journal Author Guidelines in Regards to the Use of Animals in Research	Martin Whiting
15:00	One Health - Many Patients? Ethical Considerations Regarding the Status of the Animal as Patient	Herwig Grimm
15:15	Assessment of Housing Systems and Equipment for Farm and Pet Animals in Austria	Claudia Schmied-Wagner
15:30	Coffee	
16:00	Keynote: European Commission Activities and Audits to Promote Pig Welfare	Terrence Cassidy
16:30	From Proposal to Legislation; Minimum Standards for European Farm Rabbits	Nancy de Briyne
16:45	Rewilding Europe – Who Should be Responsible for Animal Welfare?	Pete Goddard
17:00	Can Maternal Immunoglobulin G be Quantified in Calf Saliva?	Julie Føske Johnsen
17:15	Implementation of Animal-Based Measures Within an Animal-Welfare Labelling Scheme for Steers	Sabine Hartmann
17:30	The Effect of Milk Allowance and Weaning Method on the Behaviour of Dairy Calves	Antonia Patt
17:45	Does Animal Welfare Influence the Performance of Dairy Cattle?	Ana Bugeiro
18:00	End of day: House-keeping 5 mins	
18:30	Welcome reception	

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09:15	Keynote Presentation: Human Behaviour Change for Animals	Jo White
10:00	Panel Discussion and Questions	
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11:15	Ontogeny of Selected Behaviours in Piglets of Slovak Large White Improved Swine Breed	Lenka Leskova
11:30	Access to Chewable Materials Increases Piglet Activity During Lactation	Kirsi-Marja Swan
11:45	Hypothermia Triggers Depression-Like Behaviour in Mice Forced Swimming Test	Çigdem Altınsoat
12:00	Effects of Maternal Depression and Antidepressant Therapy on the Neurobehavioural Development of Rat Offspring	Michal Dubovický
12:15	From Neuronal Activity to Behaviour: Understanding Neuronal Correlates of Sensory Discrimination	Tomas Hromadka
12:30	Lunch - ECAWBM AGM	
14:00	The Ethics of Sustainable Welfare - Workshop	Siobhan Mullan and Valerie Jonckheer
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09:30	No Better Than Flipping a Coin: Reconsidering Canine Behaviour Evaluations in Animal Shelters	Janis Bradley
10:00	Having Bitten is No One-Way Ticket for Dogs: Rehabilitation Possibilities and Principles	Barbara Schoening
10:15	Evaluation, Management, and Welfare of Aggressive Shelter Dogs	Maria Cristina Osella
10:30	Coffee	
11:00	Keynote Presentation: Psychopharmacological Approach to Attenuate Anxiety in Dogs and Cats	Barbara Sherman
11:45	Preventing Travel Anxiety Using Dexmedetomidine Oromucosal Gel	Marta Amat
12:00	Oromucosal Dexmedetomidine Gel for Alleviation of Fear and Anxiety in Dogs During Minor Veterinary or Husbandry Procedures	Mira Korpivaara
12:30	Lunch - ESVCE /AWSELVA AGM	
14:00	Avalanche Dogs Can Locate "Buried Victims" by Perceiving Human Breath Under the Snow	Diverio Silvana
14:15	Responses of Anxious Dogs to a Simple Behaviour Modification Protocol While Waiting in a Veterinary Hospital	Barbara Sherman
14:45	Link Between Chronic Gastric Disease and Anxiety in Dogs	Muriel Marion
15:15	Interaction of Health and Behaviour Problems in Dogs	Maya Braem
15:30	Coffee	
16:00	Keynote Presentation: A Multimodal Approach to Resolving Tension Between Cats in the Same Household, a Practical Approach	Sarah Heath
16:45	Effect of a Synthetic Feline Pheromone for Managing Unwanted Scratching in Domestic cats	Valarie Tynes
17:15	Relationship Among Cat-Owner Bond, Cat Behaviour Problems and Cat Environment Conditions: A Study With 1553 Spanish Cat Owners.	Natalia Bulgakova
17:30	Poster Session	
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09:00	Olfactory Effect of Essential Oils on Animals - a Review	Anouck Haverbeke
09:15	Olfactory Enrichment in Dogs: A Review and Possible New Applications	Stefania Ucheddu
09:30	Hair Cortisol in Cats as a Measure of Chronic Stress: A Pilot Study Under Controlled Conditions	Camino Garcia Morato
09:45	Cortisol Content in hair Measured by Liquid Chromatography – Tandem Mass Spectrometry: A None Invasive Marker of Chronic Stress in Companion Animals.	Isabelle Mougeot
10:00	Association of Catecholaminergic Genes and Impulsivity in Dogs	Claire Diederich
10:15	Do Assistance Dogs Show Work Overload? Canine Blood Prolactin as a Clinical Parameter to Detect a Chronic Stress-Related Response.	Manuel Mengoli
10:30	Coffee	
11:00	Efficacy of a Therapeutic Diet on Dogs with Signs of Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome	Gary Landsberg
11:30	Social Behaviour and Bonding in Aged Dogs: a Multimodal Assessment Approach	Patricia Darder
12:00	Olfactory Stem Cells Therapy in Canine Age-Related Disorders' Treatment: A Controlled Study	Antoine Veron
12:15	Neophilia in Successfully Ageing Dogs: Preliminary Results	Dora Szabo
12:30	Lunch	
14:00	The Attachment Bond to People in Domestic Dogs: Does It Exist Already in Puppies?	Chiara Mariti
14:30	Living with and Loving a Pet With Behaviour Problems: The Impact on Caregivers	Kelly Ballantyne
14:30	The Personality of Dogs and Cats Living in the Same Household: A Multivariate Model Study	Silvana Diverio
14:45	A Comparison of Attitudes and Coping Strategies of Small Animal Veterinarians Toward Behaviour Problems of Companion Dogs in Israel and Brazil	Noa Harell
15:00	The Latin Owner; Profiles, Perceptions, and Attitudes of Italian Cat and Dog Owners Towards Their Pet	F. Pirrone
15:30	Coffee	
16:00	Coping Strategies in Dogs with Impaired Social Functioning Towards Humans	Tiny De Keuster
16:30	Predictors of Gaze-Directed Attention in Dogs	Eniko Kubinyi
16:45	The Effect of Paw Preference on Problem-Solving Ability in Cats	Sevim Isparta
17:00	The Impact of Transportation-Related Stress on the Quality of Pre-anaesthesia in Cats: A Preliminary Study	Juan Argüelles
17:30	End of day	

PRIZES FOR RESIDENTS PRESENTING AT THIS YEAR'S COLLEGE MEETING IN SAMORIN

At the College congress 2018, to be held in conjunction with the International Veterinary Meeting and supported by ESVCE and AWSELVA, there will be a new form of support for college residents. The College Board has agreed to provide free registration for the meeting (in the form of reimbursement of the registration fee) for the resident author of the best poster and best oral presentation in the two subspecialties of Behavioural Medicine and Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law. The four winners (one BM poster, one AW poster, one BM spoken paper and one AW spoken paper) will be announced at the close of the congress on Saturday 16th September. Delegates at the congress will be given the opportunity to vote for their favourite posters from those presented by residents, and the votes for the oral presentation will be judged by the member of the College Board who will make the final decision. We are looking forward to a great congress and to seeing you all in Samorin.

HELP WITH ATTENDANCE AT THE BEHAVIOURAL MEDICINE STUDY DAY

On Sunday 17th September, in Samorin, we will be doing a draw from the names of any residents attending the Behavioural Medicine study day and one lucky resident will receive reimbursement of their study day registration fee. We hope we will be seeing as many of our present Behavioural Medicine residents at the study day as possible and look forward to reimbursing one of you!

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