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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

2008 FRENCH
BUIATRICS ASSOCIATION
MEETING
PARIS, FRANCE
16 – 17 DEC. 2008

DEADLINE "ALMOST-DE
FACTO" APPLICATION
31ST DEC. 2008

RESIDENTIAL DAIRY AND
BEEF CATTLE COURSES
CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND
19 – 23 JAN. 2009
2 – 6 FEB. 2009

2ND ECBHM RESIDENTS
TRAINING WORKSHOP
MUNICH, GERMANY
10 – 12 FEB. 2009

UK LAMENESS
CONFERENCE
NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND
25 MARCH 2009

14TH INTERNATIONAL
SYMPOSIUM WAVLD
MADRID, SPAIN
17 - 20 JUNE 2009

15TH FECAVA
EUROCONGRESS
LILLE, FRANCE
27 – 29 NOV. 2009

EUROPEAN BUIATRICS
FORUM
MARSEILLES, FRANCE
1 – 3 DEC. 2009

FIRST ECBHM CERTIFYING EXAMINATION



The first Certifying Examination of the ECBHM was held in Munich during the week of 15th September 2008. Five candidates presented themselves on Monday afternoon to sit the initial written paper that was designed to define their breadth of knowledge. The following morning the focus shifted to the individual animal with four exhibits on a variety of topics in cattle medicine. The oral examination in the afternoon gave the opportunity to the candidates to present and discuss their clinical research projects. The examination concluded with two written papers on Wednesday to test the problem solving skills of the candidates in the context of herd level disease.

An evaluation of the examination process by the candidates immediately afterwards revealed that it was considered demanding but fair. The main complaint was that the time allowed for parts of the written papers was not sufficient to answer thoroughly. The examination committee will discuss this matter and modify the examination process accordingly.

After two weeks of marking it became clear that all five candidates had passed the Certifying Examination.

Congratulations to the new Diplomates of

the European College of Bovine Health Management:

Ricardo Bexiga (Glasgow)
Hugues Guyot (Liege)
Daniela Klein (Vienna)
Luke O'Grady (Dublin)
Simone Steiner (Vienna)

The examination committee (A. Steiner, D. Logue, I. Lorenz, S. More, G. Opsomer) would like to use this opportunity to give our sincere thanks to Wolfgang Klee and the staff of the Clinic for Ruminants in Munich who not only provided the facilities but also the logistical help that was needed to run the exams smoothly. A special word of thanks to Mrs. Jutta Heisler for her administrative support.

Furthermore we would like to thank those Diplomates who provided us with questions for the exam. With the next exam coming up in August 2009 there is obviously a need for more questions. Therefore a new call for exam questions will be issued to all Diplomates individually via e-mail shortly.

The deadline for applications for the 2009 examinations is the 1st March and the examinations will take place from the 24th to the 28th August.

Ingrid Lorenz

SECOND TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR RESIDENTS

A 3-day training workshop (on 'Dairy Cow and Calf Nutrition and General Heifer Management') which is open to ECBHM residents, will be run on the 10th, 11th and 12th February 2009 at the Clinic for Ruminants in Munich. The workshop will be delivered by Dr. Ingrid Lorenz and Dr. Finbar Mulligan from University College Dublin and administered by Mrs. Jutta Heisler. Dr. Mulligan is the nutrition specialist in the UCD Herd Health Group and an Associate Member of the European College of Veterinary Comparative Nutrition. Dr. Lorenz's expertise in calf health and husbandry is internationally recognised. The ECBHM will support resident accommodation as was done for the 2007 workshop. Prof. Wolfgang Klee has kindly agreed to facilitate the workshop by providing access to teaching facilities etc. in Munich.

To apply and for additional information: please contact: Mrs. Jutta Heisler
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COLLABORATION WITH THE PEOPLES REP. OF CHINA

I was invited by the The Beijing Research Center for Information Technology in Agriculture, The Beijing Research Center for Agri-Food Testing and Farmland Monitoring, The National Engineering Research Center for Information Technology in Agriculture, of the Beijing Academy of Agriculture and Forestry Sciences of China (Peoples Republic of China) to take part in a congress held in Beijing. I stayed in China for four days and during this time I signed several protocols with these Chinese organisations. The main areas

of collaboration identified are farmland, preparation of farmers and veterinarians, master degrees, PhD, cooperation in field works and investigation. These protocols are open and flexible and Professor Jos Noordhuizen and I are happy to act in a liaison capacity. It is also agreed to exchange personnel between Universities, Institutes etc. Any ECBHM Diplomates interested in collaboration in the areas listed above, or for further information, should contact myself or Prof. Noordhuizen.

Joao Cannas da Silva

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

2008 French Buiatrics Assoc. Meeting: Haematology and Blood Chemistry

To be held in Paris, France.

16th – 17th December 2008

<http://www.buiatricsforum.com>

14th International Symposium World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (WAVLD)

To be held in Madrid, Spain.

17th - 20th June 2009

<http://www.wavld2009.com>

Residential Courses in Dairy and Beef Cattle Practice

To be held in Cambridge, England.

Dairy 19th – 23rd January 2009

Beef 2nd – 6th February 2009

<http://www.expertvets.com/>

15th FECAVA Eurocongress

Special session dedicated to Residents of Veterinary Specialists Colleges, to be held in Lille, France.

27th – 29th November 2009

<http://www.fecavalille2009.com>

2nd ECBHM Residents Workshop

To be held in Munich, Germany.

10th – 12th February 2009

See panel above.

European Buiatrics Forum

To be held in Marseille, France.

1st – 3rd December 2009

<http://www.buiatricsforum.com>

UK Cattle Lameness Conference

To be held in School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, University of Nottingham.

25th March 2009

<http://www.cattle-lameness.org.uk>

Reminder "Almost-de-facto" application process

Following on from the notification by letter and on the college website this is a reminder to those individuals making an application under the "almost-de-facto" process, that the deadline for receipt of applications is the **31st December 2008**.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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