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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

XXVII WORLD BUIATRICS
CONGRESS
LISBON, PORTUGAL
3RD -8TH JUNE 2012

9TH ECBHM AGM
LISBON, PORTUGAL
6TH JUNE 2012 AT
16:15 TO 18:30

BUIATRISIMA
BERNE, SWITZERLAND
28 — 30 AUGUST 2013

JOINT ECBHM / ECVPH RESIDENT WORKSHOP 2012 **HERD HEALTH, ECONOMICS AND CHEESE FONDUE IN BERNE, SWITZERLAND**

Snow boots, gloves, a hat, thermal underwear... These are some of the things you would expect someone to be packing for a mid-week trip to Switzerland. Then why was I packing my laptop, articles, and pen and paper...?

Right, we were attending the 2012 Joint Residency Workshop of the European College of Bovine Health Management (ECBHM) and the European College of Veterinary Public Health (ECVPH) at the VetSuisse Faculty of Berne.

Under the guidance of Professor Mireille Meylan and Dr Michèle Bodmer (ECBHM), Professor Marcus Doherr (ECVPH), and Professor Arcangelo Gentile (ECBHM), 18 ECBHM and 9 ECVPH residents from all over Europe discussed mastitis, fertility and the economics of disease, worked together on solving herd health related problem sets and savoured excellent home-made Swiss food at lunchtime.

Introductory lectures on data management and presentation were presented by Dr Salome Dürr & Dr Anna Fahrion (ECVPH); on health indicators for dairy cattle and beef by Dr Michèle Bodmer (Dip. ECBHM) and Dr Lies Beekhuis (Dip. ECBHM), and on economics by Professor Henk Hogeveen.

There was a good balance of structured lectures, group discussion and, last but not least, socializing during the sponsored dinner (acknowledgements to the Swiss Association for Ruminant Health and Provet (Lyssach, Switzerland)) and the obligatory cheese fondue in the old part of Berne! We also thank Epiforum Switzerland for sponsoring the lectures of Professor Hogeveen.

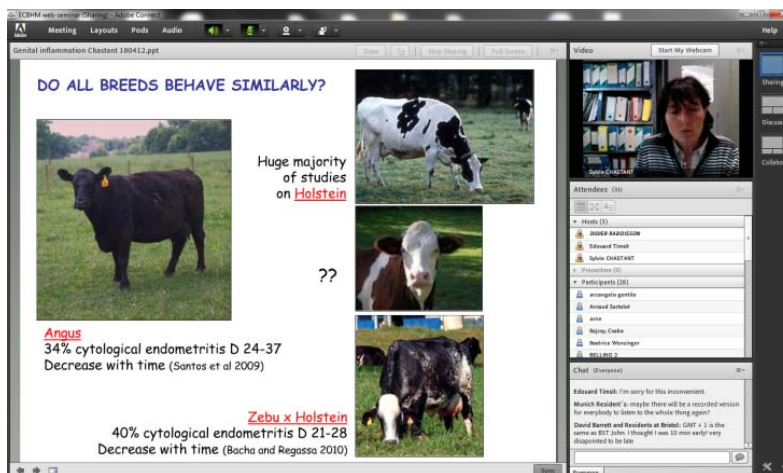
Thanks to everyone for a great time and see you next year!

Anna Fahrion, ECVPH Resident, Berne, Switzerland
Sabine Mann, ECBHM Resident, Munich, Germany
Arne Vanhoudt, ECBHM Resident, London, UK



FIRST ECBHM WEB-SEMINAR WAS REALISED

To reinforce the exchange of information among Residents and between Residents and Diplomates and to keep the Residents up to date of the last scientific articles published in the bovine herd health management area, really a qualitative leap for the ECBHM has become reality. Up to 30 participants took part into the first web seminar on 18th April 2012 realized via Adobe® Connect.



The ECBHM Board supported this initiative of the French Diplomates Edouard Timsit of ONIRIS Veterinary School Nantes and Didier Raboisson of National Veterinary School Toulouse.

The future seminars shall be prepared and presented by Residents or Diplomates (ECBHM or others colleges) every two or three months.

Jutta Heisler, ECBHM Office Munich

NEW MEMBERS HAVE JOINED THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

After several years as chair, Ingrid Lorenz (UCD, Ireland) has left the examination committee in December 2011, she's now member of the ECBHM Board. We have to acknowledge Ingrid for her constant and high commitment to the life of the college and especially through the building of the first exam of the ECBHM in 2008. We have also to acknowledge Simon More (UCD, Ireland) who left the committee after 3 years of duty. The examination committee will very much miss these 2 Diplomates.

The new chair of the examination committee is Raphaël Guatteo (College of Veterinary Medicine Nantes, France). After passing the examination in 2008 via the almost de facto process, he joined the EC in 2009.

Two new members have joined the committee for 2012: Wim Kremer for the Utrecht University and Timothy Geraghty, Resident in Dublin who passed the exam in last July and who is now appointed as lecturer at University of Glasgow Veterinary School.

Raphaël Guatteo, Nantes

ABOUT THE NEXT ECBHM EXAMINATION

The fifth ECBHM examination will be held in Munich, at the Clinic for Ruminants, 23th-27th July 2012.

The organisation of the examination will be different. The two main modifications concern the composition of 2 sections (one dedicated to problem solving, project management and communication and the second one devoted to basic knowledge and reflection).

Section A: "Basic knowledge and Reflection" will consist of three (3) parts.

These will cover all aspects of the specialty in proportions that reflect the range of topics in the syllabus.

Section B: "Problem solving, Project Management and Communication" will consist of two (2) parts.

Candidates that pass both sections are eligible to enter the ECBHM. Candidates that fail one of the sections only have to re-sit that section.

Raphaël Guatteo, Nantes

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

ANNUAL CATTLE ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY IRELAND CONFERENCE takes place from October 12th - 14th 2012, Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Ireland. Topics include nutrition, fertility, mastitis, record analysis, updates on infectious disease control programmes.

Damien Barrett

The **ECBHM-SYMPOSIUM 2013** will be held during **BUIATRISIMA 2013** in Berne (Switzerland) from August 28th - 30th 2013. Please write the date down immediately and look for further information at WWW.BUIATRISIMA.CH after June 1, 2012.

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