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Dates for your Diary

Dear Diplomates and Residents, **our next AGM will take place on April 25th, 2023** (during the Middle European Buiatrics Congress).

Meetings and Conferences

- Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2024. Chicago, USA. Jan. 20th to 23rd, 2024 (<https://crwad.org/>).
- XXIII Middle European Buiatrics Congress. Brno, Czech Republic. Apr. 23rd to 27th, 2024 (<https://www.mebc2024.cz/>).
- 32 World Buiatrics Congress (WBC). Cancun, Mexico. May 20th to 24th, 2024 (<https://wbcMexico2024.com/>).
- Regional National Mastitis Council Meeting (NMC). Ghent, Belgium. Aug. 12th to 14th, 2024.
- Lameness in Ruminants. Venice, Italy. Sept. 16th to 20th 2024 (lamenessinruminants2024.com).

Reminder: deadline for Diplomat recertification!

Every practicing Diplomat is due for credentials recertification in a five-years interval. The deadline for credentials submission is **November 1st of each year**. If you are unsure in which year you are due for recertification, please log-on to our website and your personal dashboard on the website (visible after having logged in) will display the date of your next recertification. Submissions of credential dossiers are only accepted electronically through the database.

Information

Message from the Vice President

"Dear Diplomates and Residents,

At the last AGM in Berlin, I was chosen as the new Vice President. This means I will be the right hand of Daniela, our new President for the next 2 years. I am really honoured and will try being available for you all.

I will shortly introduce myself for people who don't know me. I graduated at the University of Ghent in 2004. From 2004 till 2009, I did my internship and residency at the Ambulatory Clinic of the Department of Reproduction, Obstetrics and Herd Health, Faculty of Veterinary

Medicine at Ghent University. During these years, I also did a PhD entitled "Calving problems and calving abilities in the phenotypically double muscled Belgian Blue breed". After my PhD defence, I stayed at the Faculty to do herd health visits, problem herd health visits, teach students and work in the ambulatory clinic. In 2012, I decided to switch to a mixed animal practice in the Northern part of the Netherlands. The practice has grown in 10 years from 6 to 18 vets, of which 9 are large animal vets. In 2020, I became co-owner of the practice. Together we serve 160 dairy farmers, some hobby beef farmers, more than 200 horse clients, 150 sheep farmers and 30 alpaca breeders. In private life, I live with my husband who is a dairy farmer, milking 60 dairy cows. Together, we have 3 sons who are 9, 7 and 4 year old.

During upcoming years, I really want to commit myself to the college, especially increasing the visibility of the college in different countries.

Kindest Regards, Iris Kolkman"

Message from the Chair of the Examination Committee

The 2023 certifying examination was hosted at LAZBW, Aulendorf, Germany from 4-6th September. Standard setting was introduced to specific elements of the 2023 exam on a trial basis. We are now intending to extend to all elements of the exam for 2024.

In total, 19 candidates sat the exam, of which, 15 have passed:

- Melanie Schären
- Elena Borelli
- Giovanni Capuzzello
- Joana Gonçalves Pontes Jacinto
- Peter Plate
- Jessica Reynolds
- Wouter van Mol
- Calixte Bayrou
- Francesca Bonelli
- Rachel Bragg
- Andrea Francesio
- Jacopo Guccione
- Harald Pothmann
- Christopher Watson
- Salvatore Ferraro

Congratulations to all our new diplomates!