



EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF

**Animal Welfare
and Behavioural Medicine**

ECAWBM AGM 2016, Theatre Gil Vicente, Cascais, Portugal

Friday October 21st

Minutes

Attendance list:

ECAWBM officers present: David Morton, Goncalo da Graca Pereira, Sarah Heath, Lotta Berg, Pat Turner, Gary Landsberg, Jaume Fatjo Rios, Nancy de Briyne.

Participants: Marta Amat, David Bailey, Monica Battini, Claudia Beata, Shana Bergmann, Marta Brscic, Madeleine Campbell, Thomas Camps, Elisabeta Canali, John Cranley, Alessandro Cozzi, Emanuela Dalla Costa, Paolo Dalla Villa, Nina Dam Otten, Tiny DeKeuster, Sagi Denenberg, Theresa DePorter, Claire Diederich, Silvana Diverio Alenka Dovc, Anne Fawcett, Peter Fordyce, Rebeca Garcia Pinillos, Emmanuel Gaultier, Angelo Gazzano, Caroline Gilbert, Anouk Haverbeke, Jan Hultgren, Laura Hänninen, Vlatko Ilieski, Valerie Jonckheer-Sheeny, Camilla Kielland, Marlene Kirchener, Andrew Knight, Jacqui Ley, Pol Llonch, Xavier Manteca, Chiara Mariti, Giovanna Martelli, Steven McCulloch, Stefano Messori, Daniel Mills, Michela Minero, Christel Moons, Siobhan Mullan, Gerard Muller, Karianne Muri, Elena Nalon, Eleonora Nannoni, Marit Nesje, Randi Oppermann Moe, Maria Cristina Osella, Ludovica Pierantoni, Denise Remy, Paul Roger, Manuel Sant'Ana, Kersti Seksel, Carlo Siracusa, Solveig Marie Stubsjoen, Aurelie Thomas, Deborah Temple, Anna Valros, Machteld van Dierendonck, Marjan van Hagen, Elize van Vollenhoven, Claudia Vinke, Karen von Holleben, Helen Zulch.

1. The President opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.
2. List of formal apologies

There was a total of 57 apologies received prior to the meeting. These were:

Daniela Alberghina, Bo Algers, Christine Arhant, Vanessa Ashall, Johannes Baumgartner, Nick Bell, Andreas Briese, Eva Mainau Brunso, Rachel Casey, Johann Coetzee, Antonio Dalmau, Alice De Boyer des Roches, Joel Dehasse, Agnes Fabre-Deloye, Emma Fabrega, Valentina Ferrante, Andrew Gardiner, Pete Goddard, Ann-Margret Gröndal, Raphael Guatteo, Alison Hanlon, Sara Hintze, James Hunt, Julie Johnsen, Viktor Jurkovich, Franziska Kuhne, David Main, Joy Main, Cecilie Mejdell, Andre Menache, Camilla Munsterhjelm, Simona Normando, Lorella Notari, Jorge Palacio, Clara Palestrini, Patrick Pageat, Annamaria Passantino, Antonia Patt, Angelo Peli, Jose Peralyta, Franck Peron, Clare Phytian, Jolanda Pluimakers, Cornelia Rouha-Wagner, Esther Schalke, Evangelia Sossidou, Margareta Steen, Marc Vandenheede, Rebecka Westin, Martin Whiting, Tina Widowski, David Williams, Ines Windschnurer, Christoph Winkler, Susanne Waiblinger, Sara Wolfensohn., and James Yeates.

3. The minutes of the AGM 2015 were adopted.
4. Action points from the Board
 - 4.1: Revised College Constitution and Bylaws

The updated ECAWBM Constitution and Bylaws Documents have been adapted to the EBVS model Constitution and Bylaws, and had been circulated and open for comments prior to the meeting.

The circulated Constitution and Bylaws, with the following adjustments and amendments were adopted (one abstention):

Constitution 3.2 Objectives of the College

- e) committing itself to the development of a culture, which recognises the importance of quality, scientific reliability and quality assurance in its activities, and to this end the College should develop and implement a strategy for the continuous enhancement of quality; and

Constitution 4.5. Each Diplomate shall fulfil the re-certification requirements of the College. No credit points can be granted for education or training in non-scientific or non-evidence-based medicine, but *peer-reviewed published and significant* advances in ethics and law are creditable.

Constitution 5.2. b) Each sub-speciality Executive Group is *independent* but must act within the Constitution and Bylaws of the EBVS and of the College.

Constitution 5.3 All officers may not be re-elected to the College Board or a sub-speciality Executive Group *in the same position* within a six year period of completing their term.

Bylaws 2.5. Retired diplomates have also to attend the AGM every 3 years to maintain their status *but need not to be recertified*.

Bylaws 2.7. f) *Associate Members should be recertified by the sub-speciality Executive Group every 5 years.*

Bylaws 4.2. Subspeciality Executive Groups of the College Board. Some decisions of the Executive Group may have to be endorsed *and approved* by the College Board to ensure compliance with the EBVS rules and regulations *and the best interests of the College*.

Furthermore, it was suggested that a glossary, defining words such as 'independent' might be added to the C &B:s.

5. Board Members' reports (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Group Chairs) reports had been circulated. No questions were raised. The books had been audited by Tiny De Keuster and Vlatko Ilieski, and were approved.
6. Sub-Committee Reports (Education and Residency (BM and AW), Examination (BM and AW), Credentials (BM and AW), Re-certification (BM), Congress, Nominations) were introduced. No questions were raised.
7. The ECAWBM 2017 Congress date and location was presented, i.e. Slovakia as below.
2017: Slovakia, Samorin, September 14th-17th (Near Vienna and Bratislava), hosted by IVBM (International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting)
2018: Germany, hosted by ESVCE
2019: The Netherlands / Belgium (suggested)
8. College matters
None arising.
9. Executive Group elections for a 3 year period. The AWSEL sub-speciality agreed to not having a secret ballot, and elected Nancy de Briyne (the only person nominated) as AWSEL ExGp Chair.

The BM sub-speciality voted by secret ballot, and elected Sagi Denenberg (the only person nominated as BM ExGp Chair. (Scrutineers were Claire Diederich and Caroline Gilbert; the votes were 15 for, 2 against and 3 abstain.)

10. Election of new Board members. No Board member positions were up for election or re-election this year.

11. Any other business.

The following announcements were made:

1. The AGM officially welcomed one new Diplomate just having passed her exam.
2. Jacqui Ley had resigned from the BM Examination S/C. On behalf of the College Board and the members of the College, the President thanked Jacqui for her work.
3. Siobhan, an AW Foundation Diplomate and member of the AW Executive Group was resigning from the College. On behalf of the College and the AW Foundation Diplomates, the President thanked Siobhan for her tireless work for the College over the past 5 or more years and she was presented with a small token for her work.

12. Date of next meeting

The next AGM will be held in Samorin, Slovakia, on September 14th or 15th 2017.

13. The President thanked all the members of the College Board, the AW and BM subcommittee chairs and the BM and AW subcommittee members for their hard work and contributions.

The meeting was closed.

Secretary

President

Lotta Berg

David Morton