

ECAWBM NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Welcome to the Newsletter of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behaviour Medicine that covers both the Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law, and the Behavioural Medicine sub-specialities. This newsletter is to update you on the progress being made at the College, on our upcoming conference in Slovakia, on members' news, on current events, reports from the various College sub-committees, and EBVS activities. It has been a busy few months since the last Newsletter, and I hope that will become evident from the various reports on what the committee members are doing on your behalf. Without their enormous contributions in terms of time and effort, many taking time away from their busy practices, the College would not exist. However, several of these persons have come to the end of their term and are going to retire, or return to help the College in other ways, or go back to their normal work. We have vacancies for the AW Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Newsletter editor, and the BM Member without Portfolio. Five in all, and I would encourage those of you that would like to make a contribution to the College, to put themselves forwards for one of these posts. Please write to the Senior President, Jaume Fatjo <jaumefatjo@gmail.com>, who is chairing the Nominations Committee. He will also supply further details. On the other hand, if you can twist the arm of someone else who might like to stand for any of those positions, please let us know and we will help twist those arms a bit further!!

In this issue I have given space for our Annual College Conference, with the draft programme. It is the annual focal meeting for all our members, and much of the necessary information is contained in these pages. It will be held between the September 14th - 16th 2017 in Samorin, Slovakia, and the AGM will be held at 12.00h Friday lunchtime.

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 <david.morton@alsatis.net> and we will pass your message on to the appropriate person(s).

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Dr Sarah Heath (Treasurer)

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Sarah qualified from Bristol University Veterinary School in 1988 and is an RCVS and European Veterinary Specialist in Behavioural Medicine.

After qualifying Sarah spent four years in mixed general practice and during that time she established an interest in companion animal behaviour within a veterinary context. She became the first veterinary surgeon to become a member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors in 1990 and was Veterinary Officer for that association for six years. Sarah was a founding member of the Companion Animal Behaviour Therapy Study Group (CABTSG), which was the first BSAVA affiliated group in the field. Sarah served as Newsletter editor for CABTSG for seven years and Secretary of the group for April 1999 for many years. CABTSG recently changed its name to the British Veterinary Behaviour Group (BVBA) and she was made an Honorary member in recognition of her work in the field.

In 1992 Sarah set up Behavioural Referrals Veterinary Practice and continued to locum in general veterinary practice alongside her behavioural work until 2000. Behavioural Referrals has grown steadily over the years and now employs two other veterinary surgeons and three rehabilitation trainers as well as three office staff and a practice manager. In 2002 she became a Founding Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (formerly the ECVBM-CA) and served as President from 2002 to 2008. She is currently serving her second term as Treasurer of the College having taken on that position in 2011.

Sarah has devoted her career to increasing awareness of emotional health in companion animals, promoting behavioural medicine as a recognised veterinary discipline and the role of the veterinary profession in safeguarding the welfare of animals in this context. She offered behavioural consultations at the Beaumont Hospital of the RVC from 1995 to 1997 and at Bristol Veterinary School Langford from 1991 until 1997. She was a recognised teacher at Bristol University from 1994 until she moved to Chester in 1997. Sarah began working with undergraduate students at Liverpool University where she is currently an External Lecturer in small animal behavioural medicine. She lectures to third year students and organises the behavioural medicine rotation for final year students. Her practice

Behavioural Referrals Veterinary Practice provides Puppy Classes at the Leahurst site for veterinary students to attend, assists with the teaching of animal handling and clinical handling and organises an optional weekend of Behavioural medicine teaching for third, fourth and fifth year students once a year. In addition to her undergraduate teaching. Sarah lectures extensively at regional, national and international conferences on behavioural topics and presents many webinars. She is an author, co-author and editor of several books including Behavioural Medicine for Small Animals and Feline Behavioural Health and Welfare, both published by Elsevier.

One of the most important achievements of Sarah's behavioural medicine career was working with Daniel Mills to establish the International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting (IVBM), which was hosted for the first time by CABTSG in Birmingham in 1997. Since then the IVBM has been held every other year and has been hosted in countries across the world on four continents. The 11th meeting will be held in Slovakia in September 2017.

Sarah is very supportive of the veterinary nursing community and has been involved in teaching nurses in the field of behaviour through the BVNA certificate course, which she set up in 1991, and the Pet Health Counsellor Course run by Royal Canin. She has also lectured at many regional, national and international conferences on the veterinary nursing programme. In 2016 she authored an online CPD course for veterinary nurses called Developing Emotional Intelligence for Puppies (DEIP) and her practice offers practical training in the running of DEIP courses within a veterinary context.

In addition to her work within the veterinary profession Sarah has been a strong supporter of a collaborative approach for veterinary behaviourists and their non-veterinary colleagues. She is a member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors and a Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist under the ASAB accreditation scheme. She has also been active in the Animal Behaviour and Training Council, which aims to offer recognition of high standards within the non-veterinary behaviour field.

In addition to her educational and political roles within the field of veterinary behavioural medicine Sarah is an active clinician and sees cases across North West England. She has a special interest in the interplay between behaviour and physical illness in dogs and cats and particularly in the role of pain. Sarah works closely with veterinary colleagues in neurology, pain management and dermatology and with those working in rehabilitation medicine. She has also worked in the laboratory environment advising on behavioural welfare of laboratory beagles and specifically on behavioural preparation of puppies for work in this field. Sarah also works as an expert witness in legal cases primarily dealing with cases under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. She also advises local authorities regarding dogs in foster and adoption situations and provides assessments and reports for such cases.

Sarah sees her veterinary career as a life style rather than a job and work, in its various forms, takes up a significant proportion of her time. On a personal note she has two sons of whom she is immensely proud and describes motherhood as her most significant achievement in life. Her two grandchildren are wonderful and she tries to spend time with them whenever she can. Sarah is the owner of a ten and a half year old Flat Coated Retriever called Quaver. Her fourteen year old cat called Muffin suffers from chronic renal failure and hyperthyroidism but is currently defying all predictions in terms of survival and is now 5 years post diagnosis. Sadly Muffin's brother Timbit was put to sleep in November 2016 due to lung cancer and Sarah misses him terribly.

Dr. Sagi Denenberg (Chair BM Executive Group)

BSc, DVM, MRCVS, DACVB, DECAWBM (BM)

Dr. Sagi Denenberg graduated with Excellence in Academic Achievement from the Kosice Veterinary College in Slovakia. He relocated from Israel to Canada in 2003 and passed the North American veterinary licensing examination. He is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine and has passed his member's certificate with the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (Veterinary Behaviour). In addition, Sagi is an RCVS Recognised Specialist in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine. Sagi has carried out a number of behavioural studies including the effects of pheromones on learning and socialisation in puppies and a study of play toy preferences in cats for which he was awarded the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior Excellence in Research Award. He has also authored a number of articles and book chapters including the behaviour chapters in the Merck Veterinary Manual, senior pet behaviour and cognitive decline in the British Small Animal Veterinary Association manual, and more. Sagi is a consultant on the Veterinary Information Network (VIN) providing other veterinarians with advice.



At the present time Sagi works at Langford Vets, a veterinary teaching hospital at the University of Bristol where he provides behaviour consultations and teaching to veterinary students, veterinary nursing students, and animal welfare and behaviour students. In addition to clinical duties, Sagi is a frequent speaker at veterinary conferences in Europe and North America. He is fluent in English and Hebrew and has two dogs, a Golden Retriever named Shemesh from Israel and a Plott Hound named Hugo from Canada. When not working, writing articles or lecturing, Sagi likes to spend time with his wife and daughter and his pets, read books, and enjoy photography.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am delighted to tell you that there are now over 150 members of the College due to a large number of people applying for *de facto* recognition in AWSEL. The College Board very much welcomes the increase as, apart from anything else, it will help us fund more activities for our members within the College. For example, we are looking to awarding student bursaries, and if you have any other ideas please let me know.

The EBVS, at this year's AGM, wishes to look at the differentiating between non-practising and practising diplomates and how this ties in with practical considerations for the various colleges, and whether some overall definitions can be made to clarify the various roles members of a college can play. It seems clear that those who practise their speciality 100% of the time is not contested and that the title of Diplomate reflects their specialisation and is an accurate reflection of practice. Where difficulties arise is when a person may practice less than 60% of their time, say 35%, and 'practice' in a second recognised area. Can they really claim equivalence with their fellow diplomates who practise for 60-100% of their time? Moreover, should such 'part-timers' be eligible to stand for election as an officer on a College's executive committee, or even sit on the various sub-committees of a college (e.g. examination, education) and in that way make a contribution to the running of a college. The subject has raised some strong feelings due to the overlap between specialities, the expertise required within sub-committees not necessarily related to specific expertise in the subject matter, and that % time spent practising does not reflect the number of hours spent practising, i.e. someone may actually spend more hours practising than someone who does it 60% of their time based on a 40 hour week. In some colleges (ours is an example) there is also an overlap of subject areas and roles for practising diplomates, and this makes for further confusion. What seems evident to me is that colleges need to have the best possible advice to decide what is the best course of action for its member and the future of that college. Consequently any restrictions on obtaining that advice would not be in the best interests of pursuing specialist veterinary excellence, or the long term interests of any college which in effect are the guardians of such aims, or therefore the EBVS and its membership in general.

Last year we updated our Constitution and Bylaws but they only describe matters of principle. The essential details (equivalent to SOPs) of what actions to actually carry out will be contained in the College's Policies and Procedures (P&Ps) which we will make available later. The P&Ps will provide details for the activities of the committees and sub-committees and their responsibilities. P&Ps may also need to change occasionally and so it is sensible that the College Board should be able to do this fairly rapidly and without formal ratification by the membership, though they will be available for comment on the website and members will be notified. In addition we have to provide and incorporate a Quality Assurance strategy and the necessary Knowledge, Skills and Competences of the Diplomates. Some of this has also to be done before the end of October 2017

Please make sure you register to attend our Meeting this year and especially the AGM (see page 18)

Warm regards and I looking forward to seeing each one of you in Samorin, Slovakia!

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FROM THE SECRETARY

Lotta Berg

Reminders

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 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 <Lotta.Berg@slu.se>

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 AWExGp has been very busy in the last few months!! As you may recall, this Committee reports to the ECAWBM College Board. It is a quasi-autonomous group and carries out the bulk of the work of the sub-speciality. It comprises the chairs of all the speciality sub-committees but others may be asked to join.

We want to thank the many diplomates who responded to our call for persons interested to join our sub-committees. In total 12 diplomates expressed an interest, which means we should now have enough diplomates for all our committees. The Committee chairs will contact those that expressed an interest to join their committee. Here is an update on the work done in the different committees.

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The Re-Certification and Credentials Committees

Chair: Laura Hänninen

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This Committee has two two main tasks: 1) to evaluate diplomates every 5 years if they are still working actively on the field; and 2) to check that the residencies have fulfilled their requirements before entering the College exam.

Re-Certification:

In accordance with EBVS policy, each Diplomate and associate member has to be re-certified every five years. Diplomates will need to complete the re-certification form, certifying that they fulfil the requirement of practising the specialty for more than 60 per cent of their time, based on a normal working week (accepted by the EBVS as 40hr), and in addition that they fulfil the requirements of the standard procedure according to a credit point system. In addition, Diplomates must ask 2 colleagues or authorities to send to the College a letter of reference certifying that the Diplomate has been active in

practising his/her speciality for the last 5 years at the specialist level. Those interested can check the current form on our web-page. Altogether 14 persons sought recertification during 2016. Of these one was retired and 13 were re-certified. During year 2017 a total of 10 diplomates are due to apply for re-certification.

Our aim for the future is to collect required information both for the re-certification and permission to enter exam electronically through web-based forms. We will also slightly adjust the re-certification form based on the experience gained during the 2016 and 2017 recertification rounds.

Pre-examination credentialing

We have to check that residents are formally competent to enter the diploma exam. The duties of the Credentials Committee are:

- a) to establish guidelines to assist applicants applying to sit the diploma examination;
- b) to receive, review, and approve the candidacy of applicants; and
- c) to forward credentials of approved applicants to the Examination Committee;

For that the Committee will check the record of training programmes and conferences attended. During the spring 2017 we will inform those residents wishing to enter exam in the autumn of 2017, and may require them to send us certain documents for evaluation.

Important Credential Committee Deadlines: 2017 exam. The deadline for the credentialing application has been extended to April 10, 2017 with the date and location to be determined.

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).

Best wishes,

Laura

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AW Residency Committee

Chair: Marlene K. Kirchner

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The main responsibilities of this Committee are to:

- handle applications: alternative and standard routes
- organising 'residency meetings' e.g. at the Annual Congress
- mentoring residents **and** supervisors
- working closely with the Credentials and the Examination Committees

Further responsibilities include:

- creating a list of external courses in AWSEL
- advertising strategy for recruiting residents
- communication (website, newsletter,...)

Please feel free to contact us in any 'residency-affairs':

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Current task for all Diplomates of AWSEL:

Send us your completed Appendix 4 and/or 5 (AWSEL Residency programme, latest version of Sept 2016 available online)

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WELCOME TO

OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

The current Residency Committee (from left to right) David Baily, Emanuela dalla Costa, Marjan van Hagen, Alessandro Cozzi, Marlene Kirchner, (Antonio Velarde

missing here), at the annual Conference Dinner in Cascais



Marjan AE van Hagen, DVM, PhD

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I currently work as an assistant professor at the Department of Animals in Science and Society (DASS)

in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University. My colleagues and I focus on issues relating to the position of animals in our society in its broadest sense. For instance, we answer questions about animal welfare ranging from laypersons to researchers in scientific journals. We also write expert testimonies commissioned by law enforcements and the National Inspectorate of the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals. Our expert testimonies are used to develop inspection protocols for compliance with the rules and regulations. Furthermore these expert testimonies sometimes can lead to the formulation of research questions and therefore release funding for animal welfare research.

My role, together with a psychologist and a behavioural biologist, is to provide a service within the Clinic of Veterinary Behavioural Medicine. The clinic is part of University Clinic for Companion Animals (UKG), one of the specialised clinics of the University Veterinary Centre in Utrecht. This position enables me to reinforce welfare in patient care and collaborate in research projects integrating holistic welfare assessments into studies looking at risk factors for poor welfare in dogs and cats. Our new Masters programme on 'Animal Welfare Management' is one of our latest initiatives. I also participate in our faculty on international perspectives to train future diplomates for the College.

As veterinarians are worldwide considered to be an authority of animal welfare, they are asked to contribute in discussions about animal welfare and legislation. I therefore welcome more colleagues to specialise in these fields and I am delighted to join the AWSEL Residency Committee to actively help students enrol in one of the residency programmes.

On a more personal note I graduated in 1996 as a veterinarian in companion animals at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University. After working several years in general practice I started my PhD at the Department of Clinical Sciences of Companion Animals titled: "*A genetic epidemiological investigation of a birth cohort of boxer dogs.*" There's a wealth of scientific and other evidence demonstrating that the welfare and

quality of life of many pedigree dogs is seriously compromised as a result of established selective breeding practices. The main goal of this research project was to help prevent the spread of hereditary disease in purebred dog populations. The study set out to provide breeders with better tools to select parents in order to lower the risk of genetic diseases and thereby to improve the welfare of their offspring. A key finding of this study was that a breeding programme based on kinship, disease incidence and breeding values can prevent the spread of hereditary problems in purebred dogs.

Over the past 10 years I have contributed to various organisations to develop policies to promote the health and welfare of animals. Working at the Dutch Kennel Club I encouraged an attitude change towards dog breeding with more emphasis on the prevention of exaggerated features and inherited disease in animals to improve dog welfare. I pioneered the idea of using DNA-tests and making outcross breeding acceptable within the studbook registration. Furthermore, as policy officer for two members of parliament of the Party for the Animals, I provided the scientific evidence that helped with the defence of a bill against unstunned slaughter of animals. I continued with policy making at the Netherlands Veterinary Medicines Authority (SDa) which is committed to the responsible use of antimicrobial agents in the Dutch livestock in the interests of public health and taking into account safeguarding animal welfare.

Since May 1, 2015 I have worked at the Department of Animal Science and Society at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Utrecht. In this position I am involved in the Behaviour Clinic for Animals, together with the psychologist Nienke Endeburg and the behavioural biologist Claudia Vinke.

In addition I am involved in teaching at the undergraduate and master's veterinary students.

Emanuela Dalla Costa

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I took my degree in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Milan in 2009, defending a thesis on the ability of dogs of different age to understand human gestures. Thanks to my passion for animal behaviour, I won a fellowship (EU Leonardo Program) to study under the supervision of Professor Daniel Mills in animal behaviour and welfare at the University of Lincoln, UK in 2011. During this time, I developed an interest in the welfare and ethics involving companion animals. Subsequently, I undertook a PhD in Animal Production at the University of Milan, as part of the EU project Animal Welfare Indicators (AWIN). This research was concerned with the development of a welfare assessment protocol for equidae (horses and donkeys). Since joining the AWIN team, I have been involved in further research improving the assessment of pain in horses, using the Horse Grimace Scale, together with other colleagues from Germany and the United Kingdom,

My research interests extend to the welfare of companion animals (dogs and cats). As part of this work, I am often involved in the assessment of welfare of animals (rescue, on-farm, cruelty cases), leading to a close collaboration with public health veterinary authorities to protect animal welfare. I also lecture on various aspects of equine welfare, animal learning and training, and assist undergraduate students with their theses.

Because I am very interested in teaching and promoting animal welfare, I decided to apply to join the ECAWBM AW Education and Residency committee!

David Bailey

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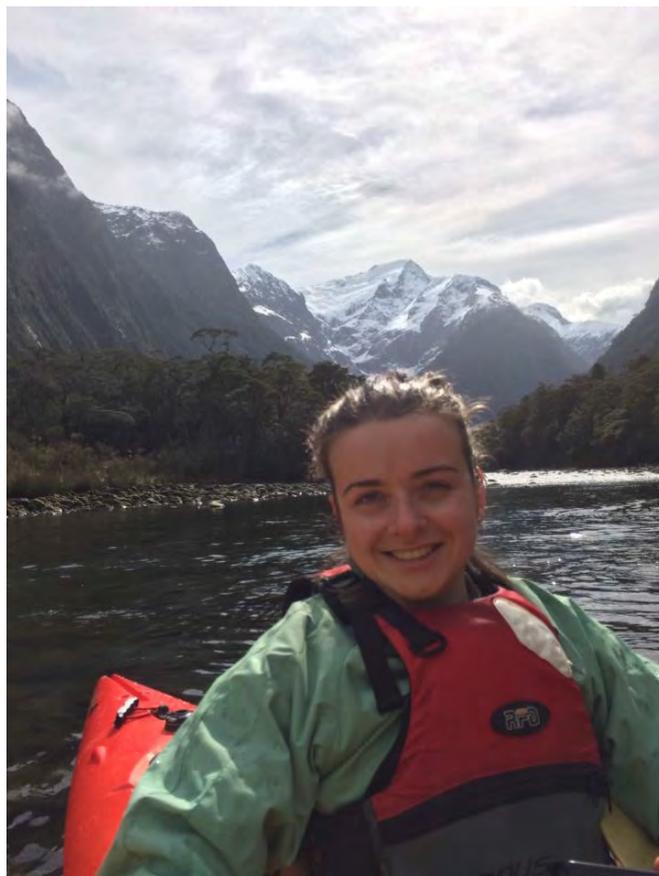
I'm David Bailey. I'm 45 years old, single and Australian and have been living in Northern Ireland for 20 years. I am a father with 2 great children (14 year old boy and



a 5 year old girl). I'm a qualified vet and a qualified forensic scientist and spend a lot of time in court as an expert witness in criminal, civil and professional negligence cases involving animals, animal products and animal keepers. In my spare time I enjoy going to the gym (weights not cardio) and I like the concept of being good at photography and I have more kit than skills in this pursuit. (I only look like I'm good at it!).

I was motivated to join the ECAWBM for the achievement and the recognition that membership gives us. I was genuinely startled and humbled to be told that my *de-facto* membership application was accepted in June 2016 and the sense of accomplishment this membership has instilled in me is (for me) a source of great satisfaction and joy. It (membership) has given me a real sense of achievement that I am still processing and transacting in my own mind. I have joined the AW Residency Committee in the afterglow of becoming a new member to develop and involve my understanding of the process of progressing and developing future

diplomates through our College in this specialty and to keep up my accreditation status. My strength is in animal law and legislation and the application and interpretation of this area to legal disputes involving veterinary practice, animals, animal products, trade in animal products and disputes involving veterinarians and animal keepers and this is where the forensic science training is (probably) the most useful translational degree that I have completed as it allows me to bridge the gap between clinical veterinary knowledge and applied law, welfare and ethics. I have been asked to mentor the one UK based resident in AWSEL and I feel that I am privileged to have been placed in that position. In 2017 I am involved in some research that involves the “dual use” dilemma that veterinarians face with being exposed to certain biological materials that can be utilised by some individuals for deliberate non-kinetic damage to people, animals and agricultural economies and this research will take me to Jordan to share capacity building between this region and UK based institutions.



INTRODUCING NEW COLLEGE AW RESIDENT

Ellie Wigham

Hello, I am a new ECAWBM(AWSEL) resident.

Originally from Linlithgow, a small Scottish town near Edinburgh, I completed my veterinary training at Cambridge University in 2015. During my degree I intercalated in Experimental Psychology which, apart from being the only vet on the course, I very much enjoyed. After graduation I moved to New Zealand where I worked for the Ministry of Primary Industries as a government veterinarian based in a lamb and goat slaughter plant in Gisborne. Here I developed a keen interest in animal welfare, especially at the time of slaughter, which led me to my current position as a PhD student at the University of Bristol Animal Welfare and Behaviour research group.

My PhD is centred around the assessment of animal welfare in slaughterhouses and the effects that a welfare based training program for abattoir personnel may have on reducing pre-slaughter stress and improving meat quality. I am also interested in the human-animal relationship and the influence it can have on animal welfare, not just in the abattoir but in a range of environments and on different animal species. I hope to be able to combine both my psychology and veterinary training when collecting and evaluating my case studies and in future research work.

In my spare time I can be found representing the University of Bristol on the fencing piste or exploring the South West of England – when it’s not raining!

Having met some members of the college at the very enjoyable AWBM Congress in Cascais, I am looking forward to meeting further members in the near future and throughout my residency.

Peter Fordyce

AW Re-Certification and Credentials

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I work in the department of Veterinary medicine at the University of Cambridge as a lecturer in animal welfare science, ethics and law, as well as a companion animal clinician with a particular focus on shelter and charity medicine. Previously I have worked as a Named Veterinary Surgeon at the University, and prior to that ran my own small animal and equine practice, having completing a PhD at the Royal Veterinary College in London in the 1980s.



My current focus of interest is examination of the ethics and welfare science associated with ‘welfare cost benefit analysis’ of high impact intensive treatment of companion animals by the profession, and its regulation. Away from work my hobbies include restoration of old British motorcycles and cars, and studying Chinese martial arts.

Anne Fawcett

AW Re-Certification and Credentials

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I am a companion animal veterinarian and Lecturer in Professional Practice at the University of Sydney. I co-authored a book on veterinary ethics with Dr Siobhan Mullan (5M, forthcoming). Prior to completing my veterinary science degree I studied an arts degree, majoring in philosophy. I have interests in professionalism and ethics, animal welfare and infectious diseases. I am a volunteer member of a number of organisations including AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities) for which I participate in dog health programs in remote Indigenous communities. Through my veterinary studies I worked as a journalist, and I now write a column for News Local about companion animal welfare. In my spare time, weather and tide permitting, I am trying to learn to snorkel.



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.

BM Executive Group (BMEExG)

Chair: Sagi Denenberg

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Dear colleagues and friends.

First, I want to wish you all a great 2017 in each aspect of your life.

2016 was a very busy year for the College in general and for the behaviour subspecialty in particular. We have achieved much in all areas of the College's daily work as well as setting guidelines and goals for the next years. The Committees have worked hard to achieve these goals and I would like to thank each committee member and their chairs to investing their time and energy into their roles. This is a volunteer position that they undertook to help us succeed. I would also like to thank Goncalo Da Graca Pereira, Sarah Heath, and Gary Landsberg for joining the sub-specialty Executive Group and for sharing their experience and knowledge with us, on top of their other roles on the College board.

I would like to thank Jacqui Ley for heading the Examination Committee for the past three and half years and to congratulate Tiny De Keuster on her new role as the new chair of the Examination Committee. In 2016 we held the examination in Cascais; we have three new diplomates now. Join me in congratulating Chiara Passalacqua, Angela Gonzalez Martinez, and Manuela Michelazzi on becoming our latest members.

The Examination Committee has worked hard to design, approve, and proof the examination. We are still looking for college members who are willing to write and submit exam questions to increase our database. Those who are willing to help up are welcomed to contact me for further details.

Looking to 2017 we are going to revamp the website and streamline the re-accreditation process and the application system for residencies. Both the re-accreditation committee and education committee are working hard on establishing efficient and effective protocols to process the applications and ease the procedures. We are hoping that soon each applicant (for re-accreditation or residency) will have clear and simple guidelines.

The Credentialing Committee is working towards clarifying the time frames for applications to sit for the exam and the necessary requirements. We are hoping to establish high standards to ensure that all applicants are meeting the level of knowledge and experience required from a board-certified behaviourist, and able to pass the examination successfully.

Two tasks that the Executive Group is undertaking this year will require your help and support. First, we would like to develop more residencies. I would like to ask each one of you who can offer residencies (standard or alternative) to contact me. We would like to create a database of mentors so we can direct future inquiries. In addition, all of you who know a potential applicant but are not able to serve as a mentor, please contact me. We would like to help those individuals find a mentor and achieve their goal of becoming a board-certified behaviourist. Increasing our membership is vital. Our second task is developing the structure of residencies and examination. At a later date, we are going to send you all a poll to give us feedback. We will be looking for your opinion about what is it that makes a board-certified behaviourist. We want to know what is important to you in your daily work, in your research, and knowledge base. This will help us emphasise the most relevant aspects of the specialty. This will be reflected in the time and investment that we will require from residents, and in the number and difficulty level of exam questions.

Finally, I would like to remind you about our next annual meeting. The College has agreed to join the ESVCE, AWSELVA, and the Slovak Small Animal Veterinary Medical Association and take part in next year's IVBM meeting to be held in Samorin Slovakia from September 14th to 16th, 2017. For more information see www.ivbmslovakia.org. More details about this meeting will be on the website (that hopefully will have been completed by the end of the March). The call for papers is now open. This promises to be an excellent meeting and I would like to encourage you all to submit papers at the annual congress meetings.

Sagi Denenberg

BM Education and Residency Committee

Chair: Kersti Seksel
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Committee Members:

[Dr Marta Amat](#), [Dr Claude Beata](#), [Dr Angela Gonzalez Martinez](#) and [Dr Helen Zulch](#).

The Committee met in Cascais Portugal in October 2016 and had a very productive meeting finalising several documents. Committees can only work successfully with the dedication of all members of the committee. Thank you to all for volunteering, your hard work during the year, your thoughtful and timely responses as well as giving your time so freely.

In December 2016 Angela Gonzalez Martinez was appointed to our Committee and we welcome her and look forward to working with her in the year to come.

Residents approved: During the past year the Committee approved 5 new residents in alternative residency programmes. Now the hard work begins for them and I wish them every success as they progress through their residencies and then joining and contributing to our College in the years to come.

I look forward to seeing more applications in the coming year.

Standard Residencies: We have had two programmes submitted for a standard residency approval. The Committee is working through the applications.

I want to take this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year to all members of the College- may it be a happy and healthy 2017 for one and all.

BM Examination Committee

Chair: Tiny De Keuster
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Dear all,

The members of the Examination Committee wish you a happy and healthy 2017. The year 2016 has been a constructive step forward for as 3 new people passed their exams and can now be called a European Specialist in Veterinary Behaviour Medicine!

Here is an overview of the activities of the Examination Committee:

Preparing exams

During 2016 our team has worked hard at making the exams happen. As most hard work happens in the background and in silence, hereby I'd like to thank Jacqui, Carlo, Valerie and Christos for being there – even when there was no time – and keeping the spirit positive. Thank you guys!

For the 2016 examinations, I actually asked a number of you to help writing exam questions, realising well that each of you already were people with a lot of workload. Thanks folks, for being there when our team needed you.

The Committee 2016-2017

According to new EVBS regulations, some changes happened at the Cascais meeting in Portugal: After years of dedication to the examinations, Jacqui Ley (chair) left the Examination Committee. I would like to thank Jacqui for the engagement and the energy to guide this Committee. Thank you Jacqui!

As the new EVBS rules indicate that sub-committees only have 3 executive members, Christos Karragiannis also had to leave our team. Thank you Christos for helping us in the past years. The actual team of the Examination Committee is now Valerie Jonckheere (NL), Carlo Siracusa (US) and myself being the chair. BUT as three people is not enough

to make an effective Examination Committee we asked for volunteers to join (for 1 year) at the Cascais meeting. Two people immediately volunteered to join: Ludovica Pierantoni and Machteld Van Dierendonck. Thanks to both of you and a warm welcome !

The ECAWBM examinations

The 2016 ECAWBM exams took place in two parts: one part in conjunction with the annual ECAWBM conference in Cascais Portugal on October 19th, and the second part one month later, on November 25th -26th in Alges Portugal.

The examinations went smoothly and all three candidates passed the exam, so we want to congratulate our three new diplomates who are now entitled to be called “a European Veterinary Specialist in Behavioural Medicine”. Bravo to all three of you, Manuela Michelazzi , Chiara Passalacqua & Angela Gonzalez

But examinations do not happen without the help of supporting people. I therefore want to express thanks to colleague Ludovica Pierantoni for giving up her first free weekend in weeks in order to help with supervising the exams in November. This exam would not have been possible without a location to sit and have a coffee and something sweet! Thank you Gonalo for your hospitality in offering the conference rooms of your behavioural centre in Algès as a location for the examination.

Outlook for 2017

For 2017 our committee aims to further improve quality, validity and consistency of the examinations. We are grateful for feedback from the candidates , as their input helps us to improve the examination procedure as well as the communication with future candidates.

Within the College, collaboration is best way forward to help ensure harmonisation and capturing the best parts and experience of our 2 sub-specialities AW and BM). The BM Committee is

looking forward to collaborating with the opposite number from AWSEL. (keeping in mind the message from Gonalo’s wonderful presentation in Cascais, the penguins on the shelf of ice)!.

Last, but not least , exams need questions, and our team (even with the examiners who joined for 2017) cannot write all the questions by themselves. From 2017 on, rules have changed and writing referenced exam questions (in line with the guidelines) will give diplomates points for recertification. So therefore , within a few weeks, I will be sending a request to all of you to provide exam questions.

Always look on the bright side of life!

Cheers,

Tiny De Keuster <tiny.dekeuster@telenet.be>

Ghent , 2017 January 5th

BM Re-Certification Committee

Chair: Emmanuel Gaultier

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Dear All,

The members of the Re-Certification Committee join me to wish you a Happy New Year !

2016 Recertification

During 2016, 6 diplomates needed to be recertified. The process of recertification is ended positively for 5 of them, and one still needs some verification.

The College’s Policies and Procedures have to be amended in order to fulfil the criteria for EBVS accreditation. Our internal procedures in particular emphasise the need for each diplomate seeking re-certification to submit two letters from peers certifying their position. There is also a need to amend the scores for involvement in the College’s

activities.

RCC Webpage

A totally new webpage presenting the Committee's activities was written during our last meeting in Cascais and uploaded a few days after.

The goal was to give practical information to help diplomates through recertification process:

1. What is recertification for ?
2. Who will evaluate who ?
3. How? Standard Procedure for Re-Certification
4. Important information about minimal requirements

Some documents may also be downloaded from the webpage:

1. A recertification timeline with names and dates corresponding to the year of recertification of all diplomates from 2016 to 2025.
2. Timeline and dead-lines for the recertification process
3. BM Re-Certification form in .doc and .pdf formats

This webpage appears to be a good starting point but still needs to be improved during 2017.

The Committee 2016-2017

Two diplomates left the RCC and were replaced during November. This was because Tiny and Sagi accepted new positions within the College and they decided to focus on their new activities.

Anouck Haverbeke and Manuela Michelazzi volunteered to join the RCC. So we give them a special welcome!

Their first job was to give their feed-back about the webpage and the tools for recertification: what is good, what is not so good, and how could we improve the process to make it easier ?

Outlook for 2017

During 2017, 6 diplomates and 2 associate members will need to be recertified:

- AMAT Marta
- GARCIA-BELENGUER Sylvia
- LANDSBERG Gary
- NORMANDO Simona
- PALACIO Jorge
- SIRACUSA Carlo

Associate members:

- PLUJIMAKERS Jolanda (2016 recertification)
- SCHILDER Mathias (2017 recertification)

Each member of RCC except chairman will evaluate 4 applications, and in this way each applicant will be evaluated by two RCC member. The Chairman will supervise the process, and helping in the evaluation if needed.

A new schedule of recertification reminders, decided in 2016, will apply for 2017 and we hope it will ease and accelerate the process!

Cheers

Emmanuel

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BM EXAMINATION RESULTS 2016

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Manuela Michelazzi
Chiara Passalacqua
Angela Gonzalez

who successfully passed the 2016 examination

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)

Thursday 14 Sept Board meeting 16.00 h – 19.00 h

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.



Dear All

Apologies for the mass e-mail - I hope you are all well warmer than I am in London, brrr ;)

I'm getting in touch to ask for your help in spreading the word about some new posts we are advertising at Dogs Trust. We are looking to recruit fantastic people to three new positions - two research posts and one veterinary residency role. I would be massively grateful if you could pass on information about these roles to any contacts who you think may be interested. Further information about the roles, and job descriptions are on-line at <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/jobs/> but I have done a brief summary of each advert below:

Canine Research Manager

We have an exciting opportunity for a Canine Research Manager to join our team, and manage internal research activity across a range of Dogs Trust departments. This includes reviewing published research and managing the collection and analysis of data from activities such as rehoming centres and Dog School. The post holder will have demonstrable experience and knowledge of research methods, including experimental design, data collection, conducting systematic reviews and scientific reporting. To be successful in this role, you will have previous experience in managing research teams and projects, excellent interpersonal and organisational skills and the ability to manage work load and deadlines. You must have a high level of computer literacy and expertise in data analysis, hold a qualification in veterinary science, animal behaviour or a related subject and ideally a postgraduate research qualification. A UK manual driving license is essential as travel is required with this role.

Research Officer

Dogs Trust is committed to ensuring best practice to optimise the welfare for the dogs in our care. We have an exciting opportunity for a Research Officer to work with the Canine Research Manager in ensuring that policies and practices within Dogs Trust are based on recent evidence and best practice. This includes conducting data collection and analysis for small research projects conducted internally, gathering information about best practice within the sector, and reviewing research evidence. The post holder will have demonstrable experience, enthusiasm and knowledge of research methodology and analysis, and hold a qualification in veterinary medicine, animal science, animal behaviour or a related subject. To be successful in this role, you will have excellent interpersonal and organisational skills and the ability to work effectively in a team. You must have a high level of computer literacy and expertise in data analysis. A UK manual driving license is essential as travel is required with this role.

Resident in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine

We are seeking a Resident in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine on a fixed three year training position. The Resident will work in re-homing centres and Dog Schools across the UK developing proficiency in conducting behaviour consultations under the direction of the Director of Canine Behaviour and Research. As part of the role, the Resident will be expected to develop written and on-line support materials in veterinary behavioural medicine, assist the Director of Canine Behaviour and Research and Clinical Animal Behaviourist(s) in making recommendations for treatment protocols, and provide support and training to other members of staff in operations, behaviour and veterinary teams. To be successful in this role, you will have good knowledge of dog behaviour, training and welfare, a veterinary qualification with two years postgraduate experience as a veterinary surgeon. You will have excellent communication skills (written and verbal), be well organised, empathetic and able to mentor Dogs Trust staff.

Thanks very much for your help!

Cheers
Rachel

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AWSELVA NEWS

The Journal of Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law is an open access, scientific and academic journal aimed at facilitating cross-disciplinary discussion on matters relating to animal welfare, animal ethics or animal law, in keeping with the aims of AWSELVA and ECAWBM. It is not restricted to veterinary authors or audiences and new articles are open access. The Journal accepts the following types of articles for peer-review:

- ❖ Original research papers may be theoretical or based on field or laboratory studies. Original papers should be up to 5,000 words (excluding references).
- ❖ Reviews address fundamental issues relating to animal welfare, animal ethics or animal law and provide new insights. Reviews should be up to 6,000 words (excluding references).
- ❖ Essays address fundamental issues relating to animal welfare, animal ethics or animal law and provide new insights, allowing authors to express personal opinions (e.g. to provide personal ethical viewpoints or suggest developments of the field). Essays should be up to 6,000 words (excluding references).
- ❖ Letters and Commentaries provide a short comment or response to previous papers or letters (including online first articles under corrections). Letters and Commentaries should usually be no more than 700 words, although longer articles may be considered as other article types.

All papers are refereed. JAWSEL is proud to have a double blind peer review process. Authors should submit manuscripts via email tojames.yeates@rspca.org.uk noting "AWSELVA Journal" in the email subject heading.

The journal has recently changed its publication strategy to publish individual papers online first, as open access papers while inviting peer commentary. This should allow speedy publication of accepted papers and additional academic debate. More information can be found at <http://www.awselva.org.uk/journals> (ISSN 13575540)

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE SOUP KITCHEN MONEY IN BRISTOL?!



Stories from the Central Station # 12

Anyone who has visited us at the main train station recently has surely encountered the men with turbans wrapped around their heads, standing behind huge pots of cooked food and ready to use the big scoops they hold. Everyday they come to the main train station to help, sometimes even more than once. And everyday, they do the same thing: distributing about 4000 to 5000 portions of food to refugees with a stoic calmness and a friendly smile.

Being asked about why they're helping us out, Manjid answers: "Because we love to help". Manjid is clearly the patriarch of the group with his impressive silver-coloured beard. He has also thought us about the first Guru that has ever lived: Guru Nanak. Alive about 500 years ago, he helped the hungry while only owning 20 Rupees himself. This duty to help those in need has since then become a vital duty of every Sikh. "One does what one can", says Manjid. "And we can cook. Every human being needs a belly full of warm food in order to think clearly again."

Sikhs strictly keep to a vegetarian diet. Today they cooked a delicious lentil and beans stew, spiced up a little by cardamom, cloves, and a bit of cinnamon. Basmati rice will be served alongside. The food is prepared in the Sikh temple in the 22nd district of



Kommentieren ...



The Korean Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)

are hosting the 33rd World Veterinary Congress jointly with the World Veterinary Association (WVA) plans to award 30 grants to recognize national veterinary medical associations in presenting quality posters. The posters should describe the main activities in the field of "One Health" and their association's introduction. Each travel grants valued at USD 1,000 will be offered to a recipient along with his/her free registration.

Eligibility

- The associations submitting application forms with poster contents should be a member of the WVA or the FAVA.
- The associations are encouraged to recommend one person out of their national delegations as a recipient of the travel grants.
- The recipient of travel grants must be registered at a college of veterinary medicine as a student or a veterinarian under the age of 40, those born after 1976. The KVMA would preferably offer the grants to those who cannot afford to cover all the expenses for attending the Congress.

Application

The association must submit by April 10 from February 1, 2017 the following to the Congress Secretariat in order to be considered as a candidate:

- 1 Please enquire the application form first to the secretariat (info@wvc2017korea.com)
- 2 Completed Application Form with Poster Contents related to "One Health"
- The application form will be sent an e-mail by the end of January, 2017 to WVA and FAVA members.
- 3 A Recommendation Letter of the president of national veterinary medical association

For more information: http://wvc2017korea.com/05_social/social03.htm

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