



**Annual General Meeting 2022 of ECVCN members**  
University of Basel, 06/09/2022,  
18h00-19h30CET

The members of the European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition were invited to take part in the Annual General Meeting scheduled on the 06<sup>th</sup> of September at 18h00 CET, at Basel University, to discuss the points of the Agenda enclosed to this report.

The AGM was chaired by the Board, composed of the President (Annette Liesegang), the vice President (Anne Mösseler), the Secretary (Ana Lourenço), the Treasurer (Ronald J Corbee) and the Past President (Cecilia Villaverde).

The presence of the members of the AGM was registered and reported by the Secretary in a list enclosed to this report. A total of 35 ECVCN members took part in the AGM 2022.

The President (A. Liesegang) opened the AGM and presented the following points:

### 1<sup>st</sup> point:

- **welcome to the new diplomats:** Elena Pagani, Isabelle Ruhnke, Eva-Maria Saliu Sarah Dodd and Moran Tal Gavriel
- **welcome to the new associate member:** Annette Zeyner
- **Acknowledges to the members of all the college committee's (listed below) and to the intervenients in the Residency class:** Anne Mösseler (organization), residents and Supervisors (content and participation) and Residency class speakers.

Cred. Comm	Ed Comm.	Ex Comm + ad hoc	Nom. Comm	Board
S. Handl	L. Colliard	M. Diez	1 yr before election	A. Liesegang
A. Verbrugghe	N. Priymenko	E. Hagen-Plantinga		A. Mösseler
K. Gerstner	R. Ricci	L. Böswald	Myriam Hesta	A. Lourenco
J. Fritz	C. Bjornvad	M. Hervera	Jürgen Zentek	R. Corbee
M. Clauss	W. Wambacq	E. Valle	Ellen Kienzle	C. Villaverde
	P. Wolf			

### 2<sup>nd</sup> point:

- **Approval of the minutes of the 2021 Virtual AGM:**  
The minutes were approved with no votes against by the attending diplomates.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> point: Overview 2021-till present

#### *ECVCN board update:*

- **President**

#### ➤ **Current members:**

- **President:** A. Liesegang (2020-2022)
- **Past President:** C. Villaverde (2020-2022)
- **Vice President:** A. Mösseler (2020-2022)
- **Secretary:** A. Lourenco (2020-2022)
- **Treasurer:** R. Corbee (2020-2022)

- **The meetings the board held during 2021-2022 were:**

**Board meetings only:** 4 (2021.12.09; 2022.01.25; 2022.07.07; 2022.09.05)

**Board meetings held with Com chairs:** 2 (2022.01.25; 2022.09.05)

Examination: There were problems with exams in overseas and this should be avoided in the future.

**ESVCN and ECVCN boards meeting for common goals held on the 2022.09.05** focus on joint efforts to support Nutrition and to better guide students:

- Support of residency class
- Support for the residents
- Case reports → publication on website and in newsletter (not counted as publication!!) But as case report: **Peer review of the case reports submitted to the ESVCN website will be done by 2 reviewers from ESVCN but includes also a member (Chair) of the credentials committee**
- Activities to promote speciality: we are trying to formulate a questionnaire to share with students to know why Vet students are not interested in Nutrition since Nutrition is so SEXY!!!

- **The EBVS Annual General Business Meeting was in April 27-28, 2022 in Thessaloniki. The important points of their agenda for the ECVCN were presented by Ronald Corbee, because he was the Board member attending the meeting.**

#### ➤ **What was New?**

- Increased costs are for IT-support (new EBVS website and website of Colleges within the project including ours).
- EBVS has successfully applied for an Erasmus grant (100k €) specifically focused on health and wellbeing of residents and Diplomates.
- EBVS has become more professional and therefore has more staff employed (paid).
- The current budget for EBVS is 35k € negative, which is not sustainable.
- EBVS has applied for another Erasmus grant for transversal training of soft skills.

- To be sustainable we vote on increased contribution to EBVS by the Colleges. We now have to pay 2000 € per college and 25 € per Diplomate, this means for our college an increase of 20 € per member.

### ➤ **Considerations**

- Some suggestions we might consider that are seen as best practice from other colleges: Dermatology has replaced case reports by critical appraised topics, they also have a post-exam assessment where candidates can anonymously give feedback to the exam committee with the aim to improve future exams.
- To improve wellbeing of residents, it is suggested that all colleges have representation of 1 or 2 residents as non-voting members of the executive committee.

### ➤ **Flexible pathway to become a Diplomate**

- The people in the flexible pathway are not considered residents until they are ready to submit their credentials.
- The idea is that we provide / grade post-graduate education and give credit points for that. (25-30h is considered 1 credit). A total of 180 credits is needed for credentials (training programme) as well as our other credential criteria. The college can decide which people are considered capable of supervising/teaching these people.
- The flexible pathway also allows for acknowledgement of retrospective training (up to the college to decide to which extent).
- A supervisor Diplomate of the college signs off retrospective credits.
- The flexible pathway must be completed within an 8 years period with possibilities to step out for a while (minimum 6 months, up to 4 years (divided in 6-month periods)).
- After submitting credentials and approval by the credentials committee these people are ready to sit the exam, just like our current standard and alternative track residents.
- We develop/acknowledge training and courses as we wish and also other vets/students can join these courses as well.
- To make it easy for the college, the director of education of EBVS will facilitate the credit point system, so credentials for the 180 required points will automatically be generated for the people in the flexible pathway. This means that the credentials committee has no additional work, other than standard credentials evaluation.
- ECVDI and sports medicine college are currently working on introducing the flexible pathway, as they see the added value.

### ➤ **Decisions**

- We have voted in favour of including a statement by exam candidates that they

are fit to sit the exam (self-declaration by the resident).

- We have also voted in favour of putting on the agenda for the November meeting to drop the requirement of 2 reference letters for recertifications. It turned out that all colleges agreed that this is a pointless and unnecessary complication for Diplomates.
- Reference letters are no longer required from 2023 onwards
- Resident has to sign that he/she wants to sit the exam.

#### ➤ **Further comments from EBVS meeting discussions**

- EBVS is very invested on preservation of the resident's mental health.
- Consider to have a student member in the board to bring the students view input to this entity.
- EBVS wants to become more professional
- EBVS is considering to increase the tax per college and not per member, but this increase will not be high.
- In 2 years, we have to submit the 5 year evaluation
- Consider to have critical appraisals instead of case reports

#### ➤ **ECVCN Strategic Plan**

**Aim:** The objective of the European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition (ECVCN) is to advance the quality of animal health care in Europe by increasing the competency of those who are active in the field of veterinary nutrition.

#### **Goals – how to get there?**

**The College** e.g. make participation in the College easier by simplifying ECVCN's processes – be on board!

**Residents** e.g. create a network of residency training and research opportunities

**Supervisors** e.g. strengthen the support for the supervisors

#### **Nutrition Veterinary Community**

Promote the value of the ECVCN Diploma

Increase the visibility of the College (diplomates doing reviews case studies – for practitioners, webinars as a college. Promote to the universities, to the students, innovative.

Workshops for local veterinarians as post-congress continuing education

Increase attractiveness of ECVCN in countries with national specialty titles

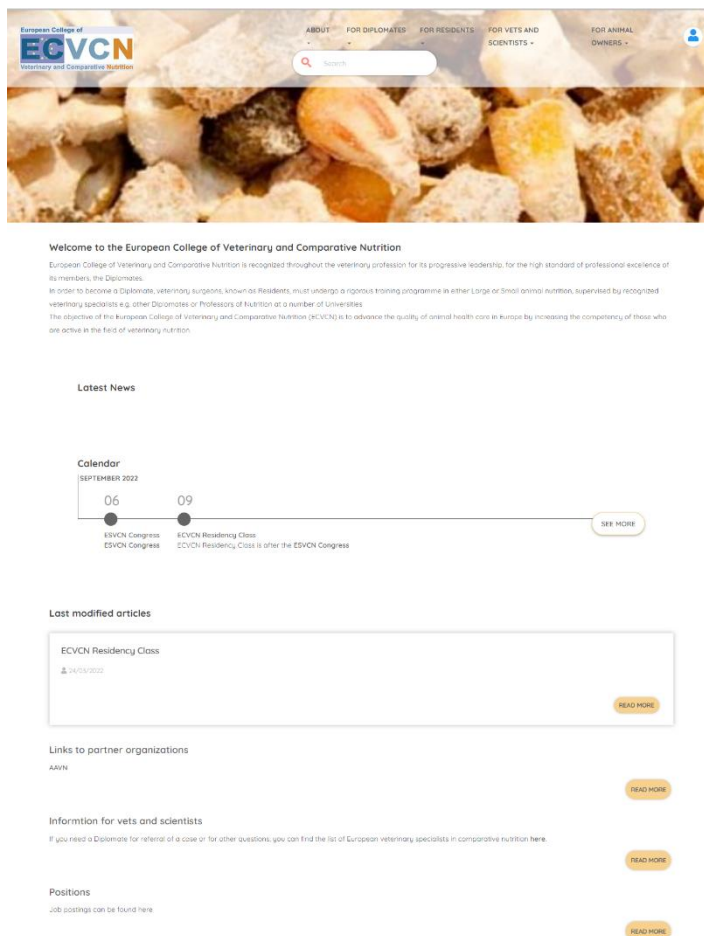
Integrate veterinarians from under-represented countries into ECVCN

#### ➤ **ECVCN Goals 2022**

- Send in strategic plan to EBVS (communication committee will then get active)

→ Annette Liesegang

- Focus on improving resident performance
  - ECVCN newsletter/website online will allow residents to publish case reports there too
  - Limit resident training if X latest candidates not successful?
- Separate website almost launched → common website under EBVS in 2022-2023 (Ron Corbee)
  - Input needed from the board, and refresh content by communication committee
  - The new website will facilitate the input of the Residents and the input of Diplomates
  - There will be downloadable forms and automatic reminders of important dates
  - Although the development of the new website is ongoing it takes time and we need to have a bit more patience.
  - The new website in “privately” running already <https://ebvs-ecvcn.03.prod.cyim.com/>



## ➤ Travel Grant

There is a College Grant for Externship:

500 -1000 euro help for a resident to visit a different institution

## ➤ Residents journal club

There is a Journal Club in Berlin open for all residents, every Friday at 7:00h AM.

This Journal club is organized by Jürgen Zentek, Eva Maria Saliu and Susan Kröger to whom the ECVCN board thanked this initiative.

## ➤ Residency Class

Thanks to sponsors! Thanks to Anne Mösseler☺

- Gold sponsor: Nestle Purina
- Silver sponsor: Royal Canin
- Dinner: Mammaly
- Negotiations with others at the moment

Society (+ usually local organizing committee - not 2021)

**Changes of mail addresses and so on – if residents stop – please report to Ana Lourenço <analou@utad.pt>**

**ECVCN board update:**

- **Vice-President (residency class)**

## ➤ Residency class 2022

- It will be held after the congress and will take 2.5 days.  
The best review will have a slot for presentation at ESVCN 2023  
The best case will have a slot for presentation at ESVCN 2023
- It will have:
  - 28 attendees  
11 case reports  
5 reviews
  - 4 invited speakers: Brigitta Wiechert & Hannah Jung, Robert Pieper (Academy) and Marta Hervera (Private clinic)
  - The Exam Committee will give a talk
    - To all candidates
    - To exam candidates - Mock Exam
- Time schedule of the Residency class:

Friday (09/09/2023)

	09:00 Welcome,	short round of introducing everyone, focus of research etc.							
	10:00 Sandra Bruckner	CBD oil in animal nutrition							
case report	10:40 Tiphaine Blanchard	Dilated cardiomyopathy in a 2 years old Golden retriever eating a grain-free diet							
case report	11:00 Carla Giuditta Vecchiato	Nutritional management of a puppy with a short bowel syndrome							
	11:20 Short break								
Case report	11:40 Carola Ellner	Nutritional assessment of a german dairy farm faced with increased cow mortality and reduced milk yield							
Case report	12:00 Andrea Giorgino	Metabolic investigations and clinical nutrition in an italian sow farm							
case report	12:20 Menniti	Feeding the Fanconi-Like Syndrome Patient							
review	12:40 Panagiotis Xenoulis	Hyperlipidemia: causes and management							
	13:10 Lunch								
	14:00 Brigitta Wiechert & Hannah Junge	EMS in horses - diagnosis and treatment							
	15:30 Exam Committee	Information from Exam Committee							
	17:00 Exam Committee	Mock exam ONLY for last year residents							
	18:30 End of day								

	09:00	Damiani Cavallini	The role of feed additives in reducing the environmental impact of the animals							
review	09:30	Alessia Candellone	Hypernatremia and hyperosmolar syndrome in veterinary medicine: a comparative review							
review	10:00	Livio Penazzi	Toxic plants, an easily forgotten issue							
	10:30	short break								
review	10:40	Erico Ribeiro	Parenteral nutrition in horses							
case report	11:10	Annegret Lucke	Management of a dog with chronic kidney disease and food allergy - a case report							
case report	11:30	Freya Moscosouribe	Protein-losing enteropathy in the dog: A case report							
case report	11:50	Justine Eppe	Osmotic diarrhea in young Holstein calves							
	12:10	campus visit								
	12:45	Lunch								
case report	14:00	Francisco Poblanno	Energy restriction for weight loss using a non-weight loss veterinary therapeutic diet in a feline patient with co-morbidities							
Case report	14:20	Johannes Holthausen	Consequences of including high amounts of cake residues in diets of fattening pigs, vorstellen							
Case report	14:40	Freja nielsen	nutritional management of cats with diabetes mellitus							
	15:00		Discussion / short break							
	15:30	Pieper	<b>undesirable substances in Feed and the Transfer Into Food of Animal origin - the known and the unknown</b>							
	17:00		Discussion of day 2							

	09:00	Marta Herveta	<b>Hot topics in animal nutrition - news from science and their relevance for daily work of a nutritionist</b>							
	10:30	Anne Mößeler	Discussion about synergetic effects between residents / residency programmes / Travel grant etc.							
	11:00		break							
	11:15	Daniel Rodrigues	<b>News from Purina</b>							
	11:45	Purina	<b>Award Ceremony</b>							
			Feedback							
		Time to say Goodbye								

- “volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart”** Elizabeth Andrew

## 6. Important Dates

Item	Deadline	Where to send	Committee
Acknowledgment of internship	Prior to programme initiation	✓ Executive secretary ✓ Chair Education & Residency Committee	Education & Residency
Annual Membership fee ESVCN	Prior to programme initiation	✓ ESVCN Website ✓ Treasurer	NA
Registration within existing Standard Residency Programme	Within 6 weeks prior to programme initiation	✓ Executive secretary ✓ Chair Education & Residency Committee	Education & Residency
Application Alternative Residency Programme	Prior to programme initiation (recommended 6 months prior)	✓ Executive secretary ✓ Chair Education & Residency Committee	Education & Residency
Changes to the Standard or Alternative Residency Programme	Before changes are implemented	✓ Executive secretary ✓ Chair Education & Residency Committee	Education & Residency



Residency class – Confirmation of attendance + proposed title of presentation	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	✓ Vice-president	NA
Residency class - presentation	September 1 <sup>st</sup> (or as indicated by the vice president)	✓ Vice-president	NA
Assessment of performance and progress (including summary from 2 yearly meetings + activity log book + future plans)	June 1st	✓ Executive secretary ✓ Chair Education & Residency Committee	Education & Residency

And also other important Policies and Procedures for them like:

### Literature review

Residents in their final year (second or third year depending on the starting date of the residency) are expected to present a literature review as training for the general nutrition section of the ECVCN Certifying Exam. **If the Resident proposes a title that is species related, a species that is not the Resident's species focus should be chosen.**

**Residents presenting a review will also provide 5 multiple-choice exam questions on the topic of their lecture.** These exam questions should be sent directly to the Chair of the Examination EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY AND COMPARATIVE NUTRITION 14 Committee and will not be used (if approved by the Examination Committee) for the ECVCN Certifying Exam until these Residents have passed the exam.

- A final Challenge was made by the Vice-president: “Lets work together to make ECVCN a great College and especially a place everyone is happy to be involved: Residents, Diplomats but also Board members and Committee members!

**“a smile is the shortest distance between two people!”**

- The ECVCN Best Review and the ECVCN Best case report were presented and it was announced that Purina Institute supports these awards.

**Best Review awardee** will enjoy of a visit to Purina factory in Amiens-France

**Best Case Report awardee** will get a renowned specialised book in veterinary

- The main sponsor (Purina) and the other sponsor (Royal Canin) of the Residency class were acknowledged.



**ECVCN board update:**

- **Treasurer**

➤ **Financial report**

Start 1-1-2021	58153.44		Financial report			Budget	
IN			IN			IN	
Member	3895		40 members	3800		45 members	4275
Exam fees	2400		8 exam fees	2400		5 exam fees	1500
Regular sponsors	22000		Sponsors	12000		Sponsors	12000
Total	28295		Total	18200		Total	18200
OUT			OUT			OUT	
Bank costs	53.51		Bank costs	53.51		Bank costs	80
Board meetings	0		Board meetings	0		Board meetings	2000
EBVS meetings	0		EBVS meetings	0		EBVS meetings	1500
EBVS	2220		EBVS	2220		EBVS	2220
Insurance	1609.5		Insurance	1609.5		Insurance	1609.5
Exams	0		Exams	0		Exams	3000
Website	1363		Website	1363		Website	1363
Total	5246.01		Total	5246.01		Total	11772.5
			Result	12953.99		Result	6427.5
Total IN	28295						
Total OUT	5246.01		Bank account				
Balance	23048.99		1-1-2020	58153.44			
			31-12-2020	81202.43			

- **Overview of the college membership:**

**2021**

40 active members  
 3 associate members  
 19 retired

**2022**

44 active members  
 1 not paid, so inactive member  
 3 associate members  
 19 retired

- The statement of approval of the financial administration 2021 was presented signed by Geert Janssens and Wendy Wambacq. They agree to be Auditors for 2022 if the members of the college agree.
- **Further comments**
  - Sponsoring is becoming more and more difficult but the college is doing well and that is why the member fee will not be increased this year.

- It was suggested that it should be clear what money the college gets from the Society because till now this is only in the Society side. **This was considered a good suggestion.**
- The 3 associate members should be active/interventive members of the college and Finbar Mulligan will be a very active member at the 2024 ECVCN meeting.

#### *Committees update:*

- **Education & Residency committee report (2021-2022)**

**Rebecca Ricci presented the Education & Residency committee report since the Chair (Laurence Colliard) was not able to attend the meeting.**

#### ➤ **Current members:**

- Charlotte Bjørnvad
- **Laurence Colliard (Chair) – leaving the position**
- Nathalie Priymenko
- Rebecca Ricci
- Wendy Wambacq
- Petra Wolf

#### ➤ **Activity of the Committee:**

- **Standard program reapproval:** Munich, Toulouse, Utrecht, Ghent
- **Standard program to be reapproved this year:** Copenhagen, Guelph (on-going process)

#### ➤ **Residents:**

- 23 Standard + 8 Alternative
- 28 Companion + 3 Farm

#### ➤ **New Residents:**

##### **7 new residents (standard) since Sept 2021**

- Copenhagen\_Freja Kragh Jørgensen
- Ghent\_Marie-Francesca Menniti
- Toulouse\_Tiphaine Blanchard
- Utrecht\_Marco de Mik and Noorman Lonneke
- Zurich\_Annagret Lucke and Freya Moscoso
- Padua\_Davide Stefanutti (standard)
- Munich\_Mirja Wilkens (alternative)

#### ➤ **Individual interviews with Residents:**

##### **7 new residents (standard) since Sept 2021**

- No interviews in 2021: organizational issue
- Next interviews will be held tomorrow (7th of September) for those who were not

attending the congress an online interview (zoom meeting) "will be planned" in the following months.

➤ **Election for a new committee and chair for 2023**

- Charlotte Bjørnvad
- Laurence Colliard
- Nathalie Priymenko
- **Rebecca Ricci (new Chair)**
- Wendy Wambacq
- Petra Wolf
- **Cecilia Villaverde (new Member)**

*Committees update:*

- **Credentials committee report (2021-2022)**

➤ **Current members:**

- Marcus Clauss
- Sarah Dodd
- Julia. Fritz
- Kerstin. Gerstner
- Stefanie. Handl (Chair)

➤ **Residents:**

- **Internship Acknowledgement**
  - 7 Applications received
    - From Germany, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Italy
    - All approved
    - All starting Residency
- **No interviews in 2021 and 2022 interviews will be online this year again**
- **Exam applications**
  - Re-take: received 5
    - All approved
    - 1 cancelled
  - New applications: received 2
    - 1 approved
    - 1 rejected (missing publication)

➤ **Diplomates:**

- **Re-certification applications**

- Received 21
  - 17 on time & accepted
  - 3 late and only after several reminders
  - 1 was missing exam questions
  - 1 did not respond after several reminders – became an inactive diplomate

➤ **It is important that the Credentials committee receives the Exam committee report**

➤ **Call for new members!!**

*Committees update:*

- **Examination committee report (2021-2022)**

➤ **Exams:**

- **Questions and Organization**

**2021**

- Marianne Diez, Angela Gimmel, Esther Plantinga, (+ Patrick Nguyen, Pat Harris and Anne Moessler for oral exam)
- On line exams using Exam Soft (17-18 November)
- 10 candidates in 3 specialities, 9 locations > 4 diplomates

**2022**

- Marianne Diez, Linda Boswell, Esther Plantinga, Patrick Nguyen
- Zurich, 10 and 11 September 2022
- 4 candidates

- **Decisions in 2021 AGM**

- Templates to harmonize the questions - Database
  - QCM, 5 proposals, only 1 correct answer – it was discussed if it should be only 4 options but the 5 option suggestion was maintained.
  - Essay questions: distribution of the points using keywords
  - All the questions must be referenced
- The Ex com has to participate to the residency class – short session to explain
  - What is expected (do/do not)
  - There will be a Mock exam for the last year residents

- **Proposals in 2022 AGM**

- The Examination Committee should be divided in two:
  - A question committee (a wise committee ?)
  - An organization committee

**The proposal to divide the Examination Committee in a Questions Com and an Organization Com was approved by the AGM assembly without any votes against**

- More time to prepare the answers to the oral exam questions (15 minutes) to allow a better structure of the answer
- More questions about exotics, small mammals, birds, farm animal and horses are needed
- The Exam questions should be received by the Examination committee not later than 1<sup>st</sup> of March
- This year template was changed to include the division of the questions in categories: Basic, Normal and Expert
- **Moran Tal volunteered to become an Examination Committee member**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> point: Elections**

- **ECVCN vice-President**

Anne Mösseler will become ECVCN president since 3 years passed by and Annette Liesegang will become past-president and Cecilia Vilaverde will leave the board as past president. A new vice president needs to be elected.

- **Ronald Corbee is proposed to become ECVCN vice-president**

**This proposal was approved by the AGM assembly without any votes against and Ronald Corbee will be the new ECVCN vice-president from 2023 till 2026**

- **ECVCN treasurer**

Ronald Corbee will leave the board as treasurer and a new treasurer needs to be elected.

- **Veerle Vandendriessche was proposed to become ECVCN treasurer**

**This proposal was approved by the AGM assembly without any votes against and Veerle Vandendriessche will be the new ECVCN treasurer from 2023 till 2026**

- **ECVCN Executive secretary**

Ana Lourenço is willing to continue in this position for 3 more years.

- **It was proposed that Ana Lourenço continues as ECVCN Executive secretary**

**This proposal was approved by the AGM assembly without any votes against and Ana Lourenço will continue as ECVCN Executive secretary from 2023 till 2026**

## **5<sup>th</sup> point: Other issues**

Acknowledgements and Farwell of the Past – President Cecilia Vilaverde

Welcome to:

Ronald Corbee as new Vice-President

Anne Mösseler as new President

Annette Liesegang as new Past – President

Veerle Vandendriessche as new treasurer

Rebecca Rici as new chair of the Education & Residency committee

Moran Tal as new member of the Examination Committee

Acknowledgements to All the ones that put their energy and time in making our college a better every day!

Acknowledgements to the College sponsors: Purina and Royal Canin

There were no other issues to be discussed and the Meeting was closed by the President (Annette Liesegang)



The President  
Annette Liesegang



The Executive Secretary  
Ana Lourenço

Presence List ECVCN AGM 2022

First name	Last name	AGM 2022
Adronie	Verbrugghe	Yes
Ana	Lourenço	Yes
Angela	Gimmel	Yes
Anna	Linneva	Yes
Anne	Moessler	Yes
Annette	Liesegang	Yes
Annette	Zeyner	Yes
Britta	Dobenecker	Yes
Cecilia	Villaverde Haro	Yes
Charlotte R.	Bjornvad	Yes
Christian	Visscher	No
Christine	Iben	No
Diana	Vergnano	Yes
Domenico	Bergero	No
Elena	Pagani	Yes
Ellen	Kienzle	Yes
Emmanuella	Valle	Yes
Esther	Hagen-Plantinga	Yes
Eva-Maria	Saliu	Yes
Francis	Enjalbert	No
Géraldine	Blanchard	Yes
Ilias	Kyriazakis	No
Isabelle	Ruhnke	Yes
Josef	Kamphues	No
Julia	Fritz	No
Jürgen	Zentek	Yes
Kerstin	Gerstner	Yes
Laurence	Yaguiyan-Colliard	No
Linda	Boswell	Yes
Liviana	Prola	No
Marcus	Clauss	Yes
Mareike	Kölln	No
Marianne	Diez	Yes
Marta	Hervera Abad	Yes
Moran	Tal	Yes
Myriam	Hesta	Yes
Nadine	Passlack	Yes
Nathalie	Priymenko	No
Patricia	Harris	Yes
Patrick	Nguyen	Yes
Petra	Wolf	No
Rebecca	Ricci	Yes
Ronald Jan	Corbee	Yes
Sarah	Sander	No
Sarah	Dodd	Yes
Stefanie	Handl	Yes
Veerle	Vandendrische	Yes
Vincent	Biourge	No
Wendy	Wambacq	Yes



Total presences  
Total Absences

35
14



## Annual General Meeting Invitation

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Date: September 6, 2022   Time: 18h00-19h30 CET   Location: University of Basel

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### Agenda

Welcome & Acknowledgments (President)

Approval of the minutes of the 2021 AGM Virtual (in attachment with presence list)

Overview 2021-till present

ECVCN board update:

- President
- Vice-President (residency class)
- Financial report (vote for auditors)

Committees update:

- Education & Residency committee report
- Credentials committee report
- Exam committee report

Election of ECVCN vice-President and treasurer

Other issues

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