



July 30th 2021

Dear residents and supervisors,

During the past months, the ECAR exam committee has worked a lot on the plans for the exam under the special conditions which bother us all. The larger number of candidates taking the exam being doubled compared to previous « normal » sessions of the ECAR examination made the organization even more complex. Moreover, of course, we have to take into account the sanitary situation and its evolution, which nobody can really foresee. Today our plans are as follows and we hope that they can become reality:

I. The examination will take place in Vienna (Austria) at the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (Vetmeduni).

- Examinations will be taken on Faculty's computers, equipped with the candidate's keyboard. You will have to come at the Faculty **on 15th November afternoon** (2 to 5 pm) into the examination room, to install and check your personal keyboards.

- The examination will begin **on the 16th November at 08h00 AM and end on the 17th November at 01h00 PM.**

Candidates are in charge of travel and accommodation. ECAR will provide coffee breaks between exam sessions and lunch on the 16 and 17 November.

Sanitary conditions related to COVID-19

- Candidates have to comply with Austrian sanitary rules for tourism that will be in force at the moment of travelling and during their entire stay in Austria. For more information with regard to travel restrictions into Austria, please visit the Website of the Austrian Ministry for Social Affairs (<https://www.sozialministerium.at/en.html>).
- Candidates have to be covered by an EU COVID certificate or provide a negative PCR test of less than 72 hrs (= sample collected the 13th at the earliest). These documents will be checked on the 15th November 2021. In case of no presentation of one of these two documents, the candidate will not be allowed to take the exam.
- During the whole duration of the exam, including 15th afternoon and breaks, candidates will have to wear a FFP2 mask. During the exam sessions, they will be allowed to switch to Type II or Type IIR mask (European Norm EN14683). Masks will not be provided by ECAR.
- Candidates will sign a document indicating that they accept all the sanitary measures applied by ECAR and that they take the exam under their own sanitary responsibility.

2. In case travel to Vienna would not be possible because of sanitary reasons

The ECAR exam committee will build **an exam session to be held in a University of the candidate's country.**

- **This option will be offered ONLY if regulations forbid travelling or enter into Austria to the candidates for sanitary COVID-related reasons.** It will not be allowed if a candidate cannot travel because not covered by an EU COVID certificate, not covered by a negative SarsCov2 PCR test, or because SarsCov2 PCR positive before departure, or because of a quarantine required at the entry of Austria or at his/her travel back to his/her own country.
- According to the requirements of EBVS, during the whole exam the candidate(s) must be supervised by an invigilator. If several candidates join on the same site for the examination, one invigilator per 2 candidates will have to present at one time, with another one for replacement for all candidates.
- **Each candidate** will be asked to provide the names of two EBVS non ECAR diplomates agreeing to be his/her invigilators during the exam and a certificate for access to a University computer. Only one invigilator will be required at one time. The documents to be signed by the invigilators will be provided with the email confirming the allowance to sit for the exam. They will have to be sent to the ECAR secretary (Dr. Christiane Otzdorff: secretary@ecarcollege.org; c.otzdorff@lmu.de) **before 15th October 2021 at 23h59 CET.** We strongly recommend that you send the form in advance – as a “just in case measure”.
- The candidate will be responsible for the quality of the Internet connection during the whole examination.
- As soon as any candidate will reach the conclusion that he/she will not be able to travel to Vienna because of COVID, please inform ECAR secretary.
- In case of any specific situation, do not hesitate to inform ECAR as early as possible.

We hope that you are doing well and that these decisions concerning the exam organization will help you to plan and be motivated for your exam preparation.

Best regards, yours

ECAR exam committee