

ECAR Newsletter

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Welcome to the new ECAR diplomates!

After the ECAR examinations that took place in November 2018 in Vienna we are happy to welcome the following 11 new ECAR diplomates to the college: Karin Albers-Wolthers (small animals), Lamia Briand (ruminant reproduction and herd health), Teresa Conze (small animals), Pouya Dini (biotechnology), Kaatje Ducheyne (equine), Etienne Furthner (small animals), Wiebke Garrels (biotechnology), Constanze Hartmann (small animals), Natascha Ille (equine), Rosanna Serafini (equine) and Margot van de Velde (equine)

Dragos Scarlet sat the exam in small animals which is his second speciality.

Well done to all!



The new website has now been live for nearly a year. If you haven't registered as a user yet please do so as very shortly we will have register user content only in the form of webinars, more info on that below. Registered users also have access to the discussion forums, which can be used for announcements or to ask questions to others!

Payment of the fee is now also available via the website.



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ECAR?

*European College of
Animal Reproduction*

*The ECAR is an
organization of
veterinarians who have
gone through a specific
training to become
specialists in animal
reproduction*

*Any veterinarian can
become a specialist in
animal reproduction
provided that s/he*

*- has a strong
interest in the discipline,
- has more than*

*12 months of post-
graduation working
experience as*

*veterinarian working in
a clinical field or in a
biotechnology laboratory*

*- has done a 1-
year rotating internship*

*- has been
accepted as a Resident*

*and has successfully
completed a Residency
Program approved by
the ECAR*

*- has passed the
ECAR exam*

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website at ecarcollege.org

A digest of our bylaws, based on the FAQs ...

That's it ! You have reached the end of your program ! Either 3, 4 or 6 years of hard work according to the program you went for. When your program finishes you are expected to meet the requirements to sit the exam. If for some reason you don't meet the requirements at the end of your program, you should apply for an extension with a letter from your supervisor including plan to do so within the extra granted time.

The requirements are stipulated in the bylaws. Namely, you must have completed your caselog and various scientific activities. These include : attendance to scientific meetings, presentations (2, either oral or poster) at international congresses and authorship or co-authorship of at least two original full papers in a branch of animal reproduction published in a peer-reviewed journal of international repute. As for the publications, they have to be original but it only means that they have to be your own work, not necessarily a full original research work ! The journals that are accepted must be in English and peer-reviewed. Practically, an impact factor of 0.7 is used as a cut off as this is what has been set for the every five years recertification of diplomates.

Your annual caselog and the certifying letter from the supervisor must be sent before March 31st in the requested format. If these documents are received within 30 days after the deadline, extra fees will be charged for examination admission. Uncomplete reports or caselogs sent after the deadline are prone to get lost or undergo delayed analysis... Unfortunately a 50€ has had to be imposed on some residents this year... The feedback you and your supervisor receive every year is meant to help you monitoring your progress and identifying the potential weaknesses that would need special attention. When some categories of cases happen not to be seen in your own institution, externships or collaborations are strongly encouraged.

We hope this little bit of a digest will help and wish you the very best for 2019 !!!

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Preparations are now well under way for the ECAR2019 conference which will be held in Vienna from the 4-6th of July 2019. The conference will be preceded by the ECAR summer school. Deadline for submission of abstracts is the 1st of March 2019.

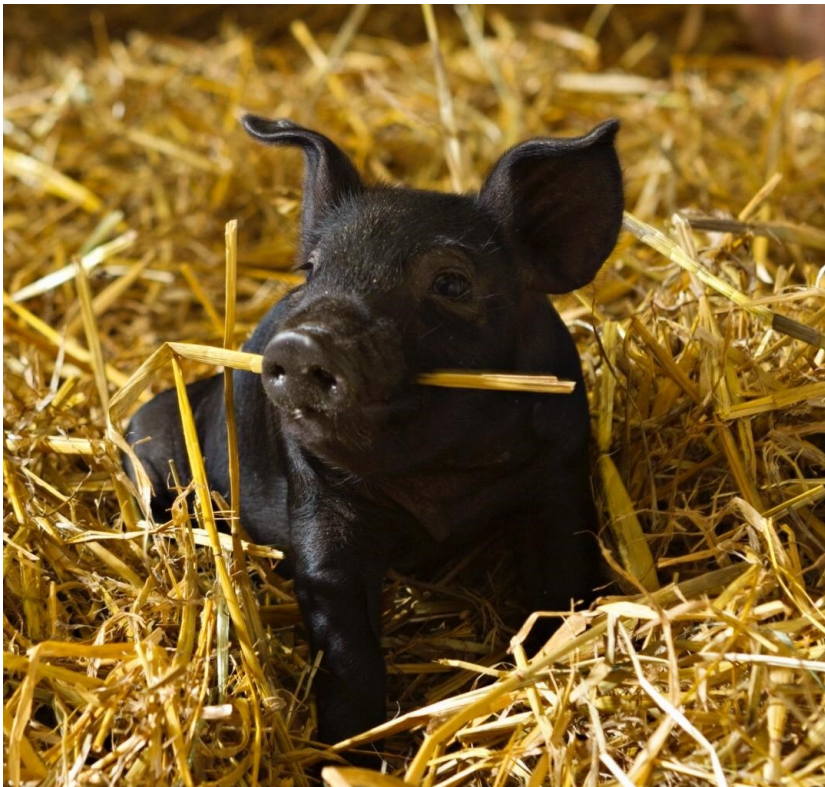
How can we enhance the training and education of our residents?

Opportunities for training in pig reproduction

About 5 years ago we launched the ECAR summer school for the first time with the intention to bring residents together and provide them an opportunity to collect new information & skills and discuss their knowledge on animal reproduction. Since then, it has been a pleasure to see how the summer school got better each year and how the residents actively network together and organize study groups and share their cases. This is very valuable for enhancing our veterinary specialization. Still, it is important to realize that everyone learns in different ways and that it is beneficial to provide a variety of resources to aid residents with differing learning styles. Therefore we have exciting plans for 2019 afoot to further improve the availability of different options for training and education. From now on, we will annually organize an intensive course on pig reproduction. The first course will take place in Helsinki / Finland 25.2. – 8.3.2019 and consist of different lectures (12h), interactive teaching (12h), hands-on workshops (6h) and 3 full-time pig herd visits for practical training. Further information will be uploaded to the ECAR website. In addition, we will publish quarterly an online-lecture about a certain topic on pig reproduction. This lecture will always be available via UniTube of the Helsinki University and will be linked to the ECAR website together with a short written summary of the lecture. In other words, whenever you would like to learn something new about pig reproduction, choose a quiet moment, relax, get yourself a nice drink and watch one of the lectures.

Happy New Year!

Stefan Björkman



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AND CONFERENCES
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