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## ECAR Newsletter

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Welcome to the new ECAR diplomates!

After the ECAR examinations that took place in November 2019 in Liege we are happy to welcome the following 5 new ECAR diplomates to the college: Ulrika Hermansson (small animals), Jenny Uhlmann (small animals), Juliette Roos (small animals), Tiago Pessanha Guimaraes (equine) and Pawel Kordowitzki (biotech)

Well done to all!

# Overdue fees

A large number of diplomates had outstanding 2019 membership fees. As the membership fee is our main source of income and therefore directly affects the future of the college, we sent out a reminder to all those we haven't received payment for just before Christmas. Thanks to all those who responded and if you haven't but are not sure if you have paid we would appreciate it if you can check your records and contact [treasurer@ecarcollege.org](mailto:treasurer@ecarcollege.org) if you have not.

The 2020 call will go out shortly, please pay promptly to be able to avail of the early bird option!



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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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In 2020 we will have elections for the main ECAR board as well as for other committees and working groups. Keep an eye out for the calls and nominate either yourself or a colleague who wants to get more involved!



In 2020 it is time for another round of recertification of diplomates! We will be doing this via an online form as before and you will be sent a link via email that will bring you to this form directly once we have it ready.

**The second ECAR conference will be held  
at the University of Veterinary Medicine  
in Budapest between the 6th and 8th of  
August 2020.**

A Summer School will be organized for residents between August 5th and 6th, just before the ECAR-2020 Conference. The Summer School is organised by ECAR together with the team of the Department of Reproduction and Obstetrics at the University of Veterinary Medicine Budapest.

More information can be found about the registration and the program of the 2nd ECAR-2020 Conference and the Summer School here: <https://univet.hu/en/ecar-2020/>

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Ideas / contributions always welcome for consideration for publication.

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# Change in resident case log evaluation

Over the last number of years the workload of the ECAR ERC has massively increased. This increase in work has led to delays in responses to residents about registrations, case logs and exam admittance, but also to diplomates about recertification and institute registration. The introduction of a more synchronised Excel for the caselogs has helped somewhat, but with more than 100 residents we need to look at a way to decrease workload while increasing efficiency. To this extend a subcommittee has looked at the workings of the ERC with regards to case log evaluations and has come up with a few recommendations that will hopefully make the whole process smoother and lead to less frustration on both the resident and diplomate as well as the ERC side.

Changes in case log evaluation starting in 2020:

Increased involvement of the supervisor in the case log evaluation:

- The **resident supervisor** comments on the case logs in the first years and state which areas are covered well already and which ones will be (and how) in the following months of the residency in an annual report.
- This means the supervisor has more responsibility for the progress of the resident and the completeness of the case log evaluation and has to state (or not) that the number of cases seen during the year is sufficient to reach the goals described by the ECAR credential committee in reasonable time.
- The supervisor should also discuss the residency progress and seen cases directly with the resident.
- Thereafter, the resident can seek cases she or he needs to see without time elapse.
- This means that the ERC does not need to check all case logs again but only the annual report and the comments of the supervisor.

To spread the workload of the ERC more evenly over the year the proposal is to have dedicated timepoints during the year for submitting applications. The year retrospective recognition will remain. These changes will be included in the updated C&B which will be circulated to all diplomates for voting. Dedicated timepoints during the year for voting will allow a quicker turnaround of applications. A summary of all dates during the year important to the residents is in the table below:

RESIDENT ACTIVITY	DATE		
Case log submission	March 31st		
Exam application	May 15th	Earlier date to facilitate work of EC	NB C&B change needed for this
Deadline for acceptance of papers	October 1st		
New residency applications spring date	1 <sup>st</sup> of February	Result in March	
New residency applications autumn date	1 <sup>st</sup> of October	Result in December	