

Minutes of the ECPHM AGM 2022

Date: May 11th, 2022 / 17:40 - 18:40
Place: Budapest Congress Center - Bartok Room
Online attendance - via Teams
Apologies: No longer needed since AGM has become a hybrid meeting

1. Welcome & opening of the ECPHM Annual General Meeting H. Nathues

Heiko Nathues (HN) welcomes the attendees and opens the ECPHM Annual General Meeting. HN introduces the Annual General Meeting Agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM 2021 H. Nathues

Minutes of the last online AGM2021 via WebEx have been submitted to the Diplomates and are available in the reserved area of the ECPHM website.
No comments have been received on the minutes.

Action: Minutes of the last AGM approved

3. Update reports

3.1 President's report H. Nathues

HN informs the attendees that since the last AGM in 2021, the ECPHM has lost two members of the PHM family Prof. Dr. Karl Heinz Waldmann and Dr. Noel Kavanagh. Minute of silence is observed.

HN acknowledges the commitment of the Board and Committee Members. Meetings during the past 12 months:

- **Board meetings**
June '21, Oct '21, Feb '22 & May '22
- **Committee Chairs meeting**
Feb '22
- **Meetings with all interested Residents and Diplomates**
Sep '21 - Workshop dedicated to the Teaching & Assessment in the ECPHM,
Oct '21 – Workshop dedicated to Flexible Pathway to become Diplomate.
This topic will be discussed later on, during the C&B changes point
- **Meeting with the EiC of PHM**
Dec' 21
- **Several Meetings with the LOC of IPVS&ESPHM 2024**

Important things during the last 12 months:

- COVID-19 ‘management’
 - Turning physical meetings into virtual and vice versa
 - Assuring a summer school in 2021 and an exam in 2022
 - Continuing with college business
- Improving the learning & assessment in the ECPHM
- Establishing new ways to become a Dipl. ECPHM
- New contract with BMC for PHM journal
- Follow up of future ESPHM editions (2023-2026)

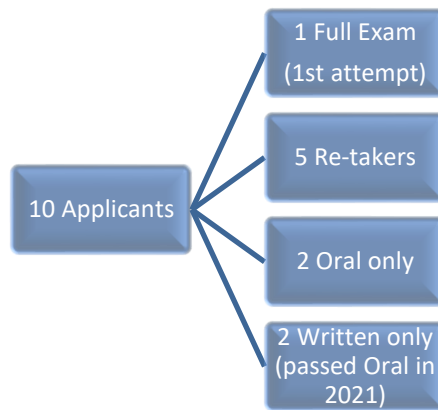
3.2 Report from the Credentials Committee

R. Morgenstern

HN invites Rebecca Morgenstern (RM) to present the Credentials Committee Report.

• **Exam applications**

The Credentials Committee has evaluated the applications for the exam. Ten applicants passed the Credentials review.



• **New Residents**

Six new residents have been approved since the last AGM.

Name of the Resident	Training Institution	Type of Residency	Start of Residency
Joana Ceia	Barcelona/Zaragoza	A	08/2021
Marit Gaastra Maaland	Oslo/Uppsala	S	09/2021
Steffanie Senf	Munich, Germany	S	03/2022
Sophie Gumbert	Munich, Germany	S	03/2022
Pauline Deffner	Munich, Germany	S	03/2022
Andrei Ungur	Cluj-Napoca, Romania	A	05/2022

- **Diplomate re-evaluations 2022**

Total number 10

All Diplomates are re-certified

Diplomates changing status within ECPHM since last AGM

Name	Change to	Reason	Date	Previous status
Uwe Rösler	Non-certified Diplomate	Choose for alternative primary College	04/2021	Certified Dipl.
Karl-Heinz Waldmann	Leaving ECPHM	Deceased	06/2021	Certified Dipl.
Karl-Heinz Lahrmann	Leaving ECPHM	No interest in membership after retirement	07/2021	Certified Dipl.
Noel Kavanagh	Leaving ECPHM	Deceased	12/2021	Certified Dipl.

3.3 Education Committee Report

H. Nathues

HN gives an update on the Education Committee activities.

- **Residents**

In total 51 Residents listed

- 18 active residents
- 21 eligible applicants
- 12 senior residents
- 4 residents started since last report (Oct 2021)
 - Sophie Gumbert**, Standard residency program, Germany
 - Steffanie Senf**, Standard residency program, Germany
 - Pauline Deffner**, Standard residency program, Germany
 - Andrei Ungur**, Alternative residency program, Austria/Romania

- **E-learning events**

Education Committee was active in continuing the organisation of the e-learning events. After two modules on Epidemiology and Statistics and on Immunology and Vaccinology they proposed the third module on Pig Nutrition which is still ongoing.

- Introductory session: “nutritional anamnesis” by Edgar Garcia, 24 Nov 2021
- “Feeding of gestating sows” by Clara Hartung, 18 Feb 2022
- “Feeding of Improvac® vaccinated boars” by Dana Schubert, 04 Mar 2022
- “Feeding of finishing pigs” by Bernd Reckels, 01 Apr 2022
- “Feeding in relation to welfare” by Volker Wilke, 06 May 2022

Further talks (dates to be confirmed)

- Water supply, acids, hygiene by Josef Kamphues
- Feeding of lactating sows by John O'Doherty
- Feeding the pre- and post-weaning piglets to increase post-weaning intake and lifetime growth by Peadar Lawlor
- Liquid feeding of grow-finisher pigs; optimising growth and feed efficiency by Peadar Lawlor
- Mycotoxins by Regiane Santos
- Nutritional strategies to reduce AMU and to remove ZnO by Francisc Molist

HN informs the attendees that some questions have been received in regards to the Diplomates attending the e-learning sessions. This has been discussed in the Board, however it has not been approved in order to keep Residents in their comfort zone.

However, it has been discussed in the Board that we will use the video-recordings without the discussion part so that only the content delivered by the speaker is still on the stream and these videos would be placed in the dedicated part of the website.

- **Summer School**

5th ECPHM Summer School

20/25 September 2021 in Vienna (Austria)

- New format
 - PBL sessions
 - Better preparation and work-up of farm visit

10 Residents attended – very positive feedback

- **Resident Workshop**

11th ECPHM Workshop for Residents

09/11 May – Budapest

- Residents presented clinical cases
- New residents who started in March were invited to participate without presenting
- 2 keynote speakers
 - Timm Harder on swine influenza
 - Adrian Balaban on African swine fever virus

3.4 Examination Committee Report

M. Heinonen

MH reports on the Examination Committee activities in the past 12 months

Meetings:

- Examination Committee Meeting in Parma (Italy), January 21-February 1 to prepare the Exam
- MH attended the Committee Chairs Meeting on February 02

Actions:

- In order to make Residents and potential candidates familiar with the system, the Mock Exam has been held online on December 1-2, 2021. Participation from home with Resident’s own computer (18 participants)
- The ECPHM Exam 2022 has been held in Athens (Greece) from April 04-06, 2022. MH presents the outcome.
 - 10 participants, 2 participated only in the oral part
 - 4 candidates passed the whole examination
 - 3 candidates passed parts of the examination
 - 2 participating only in the oral part, passed the oral part

CANDIDATE	ORAL	MCQ	E	PSE	EXAM TOTAL	Passed parts
I						Oral and E (2021)
II						Oral (2021), MCQ
III						All passed
IV						MCQ
V						All passed
VI						All passed
VII						MCQ
VIII						All passed
IX						Oral
X						Oral

4. Secretary Issues & EBVS news

Elena Canelli

EC gives a quick overview of the ECPHM Diplomates and compares the number of De Facto Diplomates vs Diplomates by Exam in 2008 vs 2021. The ECPHM has now 21% of Diplomates by examination, very important date for the college, it provides evidence of growing.

In 2021 the construction of a new website together with the EBVS has been completed. New tools and features are available.

This year for the first time, payments of the annual fees are collected through the website.

In addition, all revised and approved forms have been uploaded to the website.

EBVS news

EC reports on the latest news from the EBVS

- Annual fee increase from 1500 to 2000€/college and from 18 to 25€/Diplomate

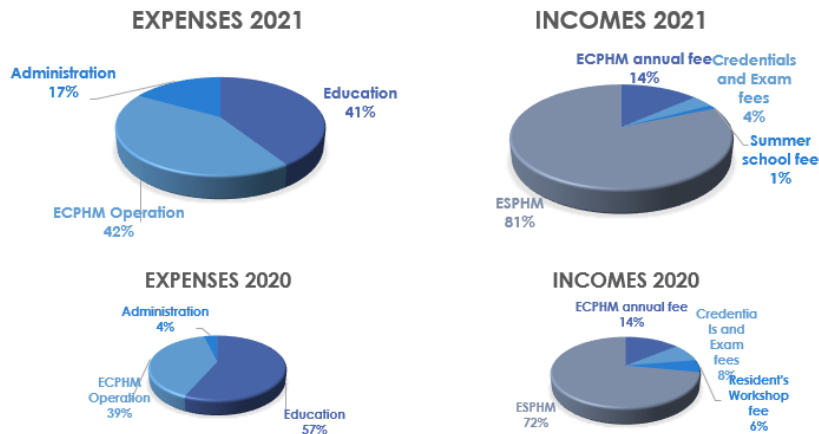
- Residents initiatives: involve Residents within the Board or having the Residents Committee
- Establish a ECC (Extenuating Circumstance Committee)
- New IT support (T.Susmelj) and communication/social media support (F.Worsman)
- 2022: 5-year report for re-evaluation of ECPHM due in November

5. Treasurer’s Report

H. Nathues

HN explains that Treasurer’s report has been prepared by Monica Balasch the ECPHM Treasurer. Unfortunately MB was not able to join in presence, thus the report would be presented by the President.

HN compares incomes and expenses for the year 2020 and 2021.



The EC is constantly increasing the expenses for educational purposes. The report from financial auditors has been received on March 16. Alfonso López and Frédéric Vangroenweghe have reviewed all books and confirmed a correct management.

HN briefly shows the Estimated Budget 2022. The ECPHM is in a very good standing. HN asks whether there are any questions from the floor. No questions arise.

The attendees are asked to approve the Treasurer’s report. 72 votes have been received – 70 yes / 0 no / 2 abstention

Action: The Treasurer’s report is approved by the assembly.

Both Voting Auditors, Frédéric Vangroenweghe and Alfonso López confirm the results of the voting.

MB is leaving the Board and HN thanks her for all hard work done in the past years.

6. Amendments of the Constitution and Bylaws

H. Nathues

HN highlights the two main changes in the C&B

- “Internationally recognised specialists” (some criteria to be fulfilled, in the Bylaws a long list of what defines the Internationally recognised specialist is available)
 - Can submit the credentials
 - Once approved -> eligible to sit the exam
- Flexible Pathway
 - Can collect EC during 8 years (accredited/approved by ECPHM)
 - Once 180 EC have been collected ->can submit credentials
 - Once approved -> eligible to sit the exam

HN informs the attendees that once this has been approved the Board would start working on details and would be supported by the EBVS.

HN asks whether there are any comments or questions to address before voting.

Dominic Maes asks to explain better the EC. HN explains that one European credit stands for 24 to 30 hours of learning activities.

Voting is open - 77 votes have been received – 73 yes / 2 no / 2 abstention

Both auditors confirm the voting results.

Action: The amendments to the constitution and bylaws have been accepted.

7. Nominations & election

P. Martelli

PM explains to the audience that the open positions were announced approximately 3 months before the AGM, as the nominations should be received minimum two months before the AGM.

Paolo Martelli gives an overview of the Board members and reports on the open Board position.

PM points out that this year we have a very important election, the Vice-President needs to be elected. In addition Doris Höltig, elected last year will replace definitely Monica Balasch in a position of Treasurer.

PM informs the attendees that a new Vice-President will become ex officio member of the Credentials Committee, the Education Committee and the Examination Committee.

In addition two new members of the Examination Committee are needed.

Mari Heinonen will leave the position of the Chair of the Examination Committee and will be replaced by Marianne Oropeza Moe.

Two financial auditors need to be elected. Both Alfonso López and Frédéric Vangroenweghe can be renominated and re-elected.

- **Board Position - Approval by AGM for Vice-President**

1 position -> 1 candidate **Carl Andreas Grøntvedt** nominated by Elisabeth grosse Beilage and Mari Heinonen

The nominee is asked to briefly introduce himself.

Voting results: 79 votes – 72 yes / 0 no / 7 abstentions.

PM welcomes the new Vice-President to the Board.

- **Examination Committee Positions**

Two open positions in the Examination Committee and two candidates:

Alexander Grahofer nominated by Mari Heinonen

Elisabeth grosse Beilage nominated by the ECPHM Board

Voting result:

Alexander Grahofer receives 77 votes - 73 yes / 1 no / 3 abstentions.

Alexander Grahofer is a new member of the Examination Committee.

Elisabeth grosse Beilage receives 80 votes - 70 yes / 3 no / 7 abstentions.

Elisabeth grosse Beilage is a member of the Examination Committee

- **Appointment of two Financial Auditors**

Two financial auditors need to be elected from the floor for one-year position. The duty is to evaluate the financial issues of the College from the past year. The volunteers are needed from the floor.

PM has already asked Alfonso Lopez and Frédéric Vangroenweghe whether they are available for the next year and they both accepted.

Action:

Alfonso Lopez and **Frédéric Vangroenweghe** are appointed for one-year Financial Auditor position.

PM thanks two financial auditors for serving the college.

8. PHM Journal - 2021 Publisher's report

J. Segalés

JS provide some metrics of the PHM Journal .

In 2021 Porcine Health Management continued to increase its impact, ranking us 16 out 146 journals in the Veterinary Sciences Journal Citation Reports category.

Speed - N.36 days from submission to first decision (2021)

N.17 days from acceptance to online publication (2021)

Usage - 1.05M downloads (2021)

1,723 LinkOut Statistics (2021)

Impact - 3.048 Impact factor (2022)

JS thanks all past Editors-in-Chief for their commitment and all those who contributed to PHM.

9. **Q&A Session** **H. Nathues**
No questions arise.
10. **Any other business** **H. Nathues**
HN thanks all officers leaving the Committees and the Board and all team behind everything for their support and commitment during the years.
11. **Date and place for the next AGM** **N. Rose**
The next AGM will be held on May 31st 2023 in Thessaloniki (Greece).
NR thanks everyone for attending the AGM.

End of the ECPHM AGM
