

**EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF
SMALL RUMINANT
HEALTH MANAGEMENT
(ECSRHM)**

INTERIM RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Article 1: Appointment of invited specialists

1.1. During the organisational period of the College, veterinarians specialising in small ruminant health management have been selected in order to help in the establishment of the *European College of Small Ruminant Health Management* (ECSRHM) with the formation of an initial Organising Committee.

1.2. The initial Organising Committee has been nominated at the 6th International Sheep Veterinary Congress (17-21/June/2005), which took place in Hersonissos, Greece, by a unanimous approval of the 680 delegates of the Congress. This Committee will propose and evaluate the invited specialists. The invited specialists will then be approved by the Executive Board of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) and have to meet the relevant criteria described in the Bylaws (article 2, paragraph 1, clause a). The invited specialists will then become the initial Founding Diplomates of the College. There will be a minimum of four (4) initial Founding Diplomates.

1.3. These initial Founding Diplomates (invited specialists) will act as inaugural Board of the College. They will also act as evaluators for veterinarians who wish to be considered as *de facto* appointed specialists. *De facto* appointed specialists will also become Founding Diplomates of the College.

Article 2: Appointment of *de facto* appointed specialists

2.1. Evaluation and appointment of the *de facto* appointed specialists will be carried out exclusively by the invited specialists.

2.2. Application for registration of *de facto* appointed specialists is possible for up to five (5) years after formal approval of the College by the EBVS. Specifically, such applications will be accepted until 30 June 2013 (postmarked date of the application).

2.3. Interested veterinarians should submit their application to the President and the Secretary of the College. The application dossier must include the following:

- a) A detailed *curriculum vitae*;
- b) Clear evidence of fulfilment of all the criteria set forth in the Bylaws (article 2, paragraph 1, clause b) (e.g., list of publications, degrees, supporting documents etc);
- c) Indication as how clinical expertise in small ruminant health management has been acquired.

From this information it should become clear whether the applicant meets the relevant criteria in the Bylaws.

2.4. Initially each application will be considered by at least three invited specialists. On the basis of the information submitted, the three rapporteurs should make a proposal if the applicant meets the criteria for recognition as *de facto* appointed specialist of the College. The application and the proposal will be forwarded to all initial Founding Diplomates (invited specialists) for a final decision. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the initial invited specialists is required for admission of candidate as a Founding Diplomate.

2.5. The whole procedure should be completed within six months after submission of the application.

2.6. The procedure for appeal against an adverse decision, i.e. a refusal to accept a person as a *de facto* appointed specialist by the College, is described in detail in the Bylaws (article 8, paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4).

2.7. The *de facto* appointed specialists will not participate in the evaluation and appointment of any further *de facto* appointed specialists.

2.8. Evaluation and appointment of the *de facto* appointed specialists will be continued to be carried out exclusively by the invited specialists, even after a Board will have been elected and a Credentials Committee will have been subsequently appointed.

2.9. At the end of the period, when application for registration of *de facto* appointed specialists is possible, i.e. in July 2013, it is possible to allow veterinarians who have marginally failed to fulfil the criteria set forth in the Bylaws (article 2, paragraph 1, clause b), to sit the certifying examination procedure of the College. Evaluation of such applications will be performed by the Credentials Committee of the College. Such examination must take place for all potential candidates by the end of 2014. Provisions set forth in the Bylaws (article 6, paragraph 2) apply. In case of failure, no re-application to sit the examination is possible.

Article 3: Inaugural Board and Committees

3.1. The inaugural Board will consist of all invited specialists. Members of the inaugural Board will vote between them to appoint a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Such voting will take place at the inaugural meeting of the Board.

- 3.2. Officers of the inaugural Board will serve for a maximum period of four (4) years after their election.
- 3.3. The inaugural Board will organise subsequent elections according to provisions of the Constitution.
- 3.4. The officers of the inaugural Board shall perform their duties by conforming to the Constitution and the Bylaws.
- 3.5. The inaugural Board shall prepare the definitive organisation of the College, according to the Constitution and the Bylaws.
- 3.6. Specifically for 2008, the official representatives of the College to the general assembly of the EBVS will be selected among the members of the initial Organising Committee, who will decide between them to appoint that person.
- 3.7. Appointment of Committees of the College may be delayed until such time, when there will be a sufficient number of Founding Diplomates (at least 15) to appropriately staff all Committees. The term of service of these Committees will expire when the inaugural Board organises subsequent elections. In the meantime, the inaugural Board will be fulfilling the duties of all Committees of the College.
- 3.8. Specifically for 2008, Founding Diplomates paying the membership fee before the 31st December of that particular year will receive a 20% discount.