

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

FOUNDATION OF A EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF SMALL RUMINANT HEALTH MANAGEMENT [ECSRHM]

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Following an organisation period of two years, the European Board of Veterinary Specialization approved the establishment of the European College of Small Ruminant Health Management [ECSRHM]. The speciality refers to: a) Husbandry, internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics and reproduction, as applied to epidemiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, therapy, control of diseases of small ruminants (sheep, goats); b) Individual patients or flocks/herds; c) Quality and safety of products from small ruminants; d) Control of transmitting zoonoses.

Objectives of the College are: a) Acting to qualify veterinarians as specialists in small ruminant health and production; b) Developing graduate teaching programmes in small ruminant health and production; c) Developing and supervising continuing education programmes; d) Encouraging its members to pursue original scientific investigations and to contribute to the relevant literature; e) Defining and describing the speciality; f) Supervising the professional activities of its members; g) Promoting collaboration.

Members of the College will be designated as “Dipl. ECSRHM” and will be appointed either as de facto Diplomates (up to April 2012) upon experience and academic achievements or alternatively by examination after following a defined period of training (residency).