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## ECSRHM December Newsletter 2024

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## ECSRHM DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

As 2024 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the highlights of the past year, celebrate our collective achievements, and share exciting updates for the year ahead.

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### ECSRHM 5-Year Recertification



*EBVS General Assembly, 11-12th April 2024, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj Napoca, Romania*

As you might be aware, to be part of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) and therefore being recognized among the highest quality of veterinary providers in Europe, each College is required to submit a detailed report of its status and activities at 5-year intervals. Our recertification was due at the end of 2023, and we are pleased to have successfully passed with only minor recommendations.

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### ECSRHM Annual Conference and AGM

We had a very successful and engaging ECSRHM Annual Conference and AGM in Turin. It was a fantastic opportunity to host our annual gathering in my hometown and I would like to thank again our hosts, the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Piemonte Liguria e Valle d'Aosta (IZSPLV) and the Istituto Beccari, which provided us with some amazing local delicacies. During the AGM, we approved the proposed amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws. These revisions improve clarity, streamline the documents, and implement key updates. A special thank you to our Secretary, Paula Menzies, and the entire Board for their hard work behind the scenes.



*ECSRHM Annual Conference and AGM. 4-5<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Turin Italy*

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## **CPD - Sheep Ultrasound**

In November, we held our first face-to-face CPD for Residents since 2019. It was an invaluable opportunity for Residents to learn directly from experienced colleagues and connect in person. We aim to continue offering these annual sessions and encourage Residents to propose topics and Diplomates to consider hosting future events.

A big thank you to Phill Scott and Delia Lacasta for their contributions to this successful CPD event.



*CPD – Diagnostic ultrasound of sheep, November 2024. Attended by ECSRHM Residents. Lead by Diplomates Phil Scott & Delia Lacasta*

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## **Webinars**

Our annual webinar series will resume in early 2025. The first webinar will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 19:00 UTC (20:00 CET). Professor Neil Sargison (University of Edinburgh, UK) will discuss “The challenge gastrointestinal parasites pose to small ruminant production across a range of global contexts”.

Many thanks to Kim Hamer and Teresa Navarro for their past efforts in managing the webinar series, and to Sebastian Mignacca and Mike Evans for stepping up in the coming year.

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## **Diplomate Recertification 2024**

In 2024, the Credentials Committee under the guidance of Chair Jaroslaw Kaba, did excellent work on behalf of the College. The Committee updated the procedures for Diplomate Recertification including instructions and templates. This greatly helped those Diplomates applying in 2024 for recertification.

Of those due for their 5-year recertification as Diplomates, 18 applied and all were successfully recertified. Congratulations!. One Diplomate, due to a career change, elected to move to non-certified status. Four Diplomates retired.

In 2025, twelve Diplomates are due for recertification. Instructions and templates are posted on the ECSRHM website. All documents are due on or before July 31, 2025.

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## Residents Journal Club

The ECSRHM Residents Committee, chaired by Alberto Luque Castro, has organized an excellent educational opportunity to present and discuss important topics in small ruminant health management. Below is the current schedule. All meetings are to be held at 20:30 CET. Supervisors, please encourage your Residents to attend and participate.

DATE	DAY	PRESENTER 1	PRESENTER 2
2024.12.19	Thu	Hélène	Hannah
2025.01.13	Mon	Eva	Maria
2025.02.25	Tue	Nina	Rheinailt
2025.03.26	Wed	Sebastian	Adrian
2025.04.24	Thu	Aija	Alberto
2025.05.26	Mon	Beth	Charlotte
2025.06.24	Tue	Emily	Eva
2025.07.30	Wed	Hélène	Hannah
2025.08.28	Thu	Maria	Nina

*Schedule for Residents' Journal Club*

### **Reminder - 2024 Logbooks & Supervisor Progress Reports due January 15, 2025**

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### **Bluetongue, PPR and Sheep & Goat Pox**

On less positive note, 2024 has seen small ruminants in Europe affected by devastating transboundary diseases:

**Bluetongue Virus (BTV):** while vaccination has improved the situation, the disease continues to affect ruminants across Europe.

**Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR):** after reappearing in Europe, PPR has caused significant problems in Greece, Romania, and now Bulgaria.

**Sheep and Goat Pox (SPGP):** this disease has also been detected recently in Greece, compounding the challenges faced by small ruminant producers.

Reminder: These diseases can present with similar clinical signs. If you encounter a large number of animals with fever, nasal discharge, or unusual oral lesions, consider all exotic notifiable diseases and consult the official veterinary services promptly.



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## Save the Date - Annual ECSRHM Conference & AGM



*University of Agricultural Sciences  
& Veterinary Medicine, Cluj-  
Napoca, Romania*

Mark your calendars! Our next Annual ECSRHM conference and AGM will take place in **Cluj-Napoca, Romania, on 4-6th June 2025**. A big thank you to Adrian Potârniche for organizing this exciting event. More details on the program and how to book will be available soon.

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Finally, as we close this year and look forward to the next, I want to express how truly honoured I feel to be part of this small, but incredibly dedicated and passionate community. As we celebrate this festive season, I hope you can take time to rest, recharge, and cherish special moments with family and friends. I look forward to seeing many of you and to be working together in 2025, for the benefit of our remarkable small ruminants.

As usual, if you have any concerns or just need to contact us, please do so through our official email address [ecsrhm.eu@gmail.com](mailto:ecsrhm.eu@gmail.com)

Valentina Busin, President



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