

CONSTITUTION

European Society of Veterinary Endocrinology

Article 1 – Name

This organisation shall be known as the “European Society of Veterinary Endocrinology” (ESVE).

Article 2 – Objectives

The ESVE, designed below as ‘the Society’ will function exclusively as a non-profit making organisation within the meaning of the Tax law of the country where the Society is registered. Use of the funds of the Society must be solely for purposes associated with its objectives as laid down in the Constitution.

The objectives of the Society are:

- i) To further scientific progress in comparative endocrinology, especially aspects concerning companion and domestic animals.
- ii) To co-ordinate research in comparative endocrinology.
- iii) To provide an organisation for persons dedicated to research, teaching, or practice in the field of comparative endocrinology.
- iv) To further education by:
 - a. Encouraging adequate training in comparative endocrinology
 - b. Disseminating information by means of scientific meetings, seminars and courses in comparative endocrinology.
- v) To encourage and promote improved methods of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of endocrine diseases of animals.
- vi) To provide an affiliation with the ECVIM-CA congress foundation for the purpose of exchanging information on comparative endocrinology.

Article 3 – Membership

Section 1

The Society will be comprised of Full Members, Affiliated Members and Honorary Members:

Section 2

Qualifications for membership:

- a. Full Members are to be considered as active members and may be any veterinarian or member of an academic profession who is interested in the objectives of the Society. Full membership shall be open to those persons dedicated to research, teaching or practice in the field of veterinary endocrinology and who the Executive Board of the European Society of Veterinary Endocrinology considers eligible as members because of their special contribution or training in endocrinology.
- b. Affiliated Members are fully paid-up members of the Society of Comparative Endocrinology (SCE), without being Full Members of the ESVE. The objectives of SCE are complementary to those of ESVE. Affiliated memberships of ESVE by SCE members will be permitted as long as the objectives of the SCE and ESVE remain complementary and SCE maintains a reciprocal affiliated membership agreement. Affiliated members shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the ESVE, with the exception of the president of the SCE, and shall be excused from payment of the ESVE membership fee.
- b. Honorary Members are those who achieve special recognition by the Society and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting following a proposal from the Executive Board. Honorary membership is the highest award that can be made by the Society and shall be reserved for those who have made major contributions to the advancement of veterinary endocrinology. Honorary members shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the Society and shall be excused from payment of the membership fee.

Article 4 – Officers

Section 1

The officers of the Society shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2

The term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section 3

The President can not hold office for concurrent terms. It is usually expected that the Vice President will succeed the President after his/her term of office is complete.

The Secretary and Treasurer may be re-appointed for a second term of office.

Section 4

The Vice President shall become acting president to fill out the unexpired term if for any reason the President shall be unable to fulfil the duties of office.

Section 5

Other vacancies, which might occur shall be filled by the Executive Board from qualified members.

Article 5 – Executive Board

Section 1

The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers, the immediate past president, and two other members elected at the annual meeting, and the president of the Society of Comparative Endocrinology.

Section 2

This Board shall be the Executive body of the Society and shall have the responsibility of administering society affairs.

Article 6 – Meetings

Section 1

An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be called by the Executive Board.

Section 2

Special meetings may be called by the president at his/her own direction.

Article 7 – Amendments

Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be signed by at least three (3) members and submitted to the Executive Board for its consideration. The proposed amendment with the recommendation of the Executive Board will be announced to the membership at least sixty (60) days in advance of any regular or special meeting at which the proposed amendment may be discussed. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership present, from a quorum of at least 10 members, shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.

BY-LAWS

European Society of Veterinary Endocrinology

Article 1 – Membership

Section 1

Application for membership shall be made to the secretary upon the official application form provided by said officer. Acceptance shall be determined by a simple majority of the Board.

Article 2 – Elections

Section 1

The Officers and Executive Board members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Section 2

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board two (2) months prior to election and shall recommend at least one (1) member for each Office. In addition, nominations of members for these Offices may be made from the floor.

Article 3 – Duties of Officers

Section 1

The President shall preside at all meetings; shall serve as chairman of the Executive Board; and at the conclusion of his/her term of office shall serve for two years as a member of the Executive Board.

Section 2

The Vice President shall:

- a. Become acting president to fill out the unexpired term if for any reason the president shall be unable to fulfil the duties of his/her office.
- b. Act as chairman of the ESVE program committee and would liaise with the ECVIM-CA congress program committee as required.

Section 3

The Vice President shall also:

- a. Assume the duties of the president in his/her absence or at his/her request.

Section 4

The Secretary shall:

- a. Be responsible for maintaining permanent and complete minutes of the General Meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board
- b. Be the custodian of the corporate records and the seal of the Society
- c. In general, perform all duties incidental of the office of secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the president or by the Executive Board

Section 5

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Be the custodian of all funds of the Society and be responsible for the proper accounting for all receipts and disbursements of the Society.
- b. Present at each Annual General Meeting a detailed report of the financial status of the Society and such additional financial reports as members of the Executive Board may require.
- c. In general, perform all duties incidental to the office of treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Executive Board.
- d. Maintain the Membership List.

Article 4 – Duties of the Executive Board

Section 1

The Executive Board shall be the governing body of this Society; shall give majority approval to the payment of all bills; shall recommend membership; and shall meet to conduct society business as requested by any officer.

Section 2

A majority of the members of the Executive Board must be present to constitute a quorum, otherwise voting on any decision will be invalid.

Article 5 – Meetings

Section 1

The General Meeting of the Society must be convened annually by the Executive Board.

Notice of the Meeting including the Agenda must be received by the members in writing at least one (1) month prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2

Special meetings may be called by the President.

Article 6 – Dues

Section 1

An initial membership fee of 35 € shall be paid by each member. This fee shall take the place of the annual dues from the time of acceptance of the member until December 31 of the current year.

Section 2

The annual dues shall be 35 € and shall be remitted to the Treasurer.

Article 7 – Amendments

Proposed amendments to the by-laws shall be signed by at least three (3) members and submitted to the Executive Board for its consideration. If approved by the Executive Board, it shall be voted upon at the regular meeting of the members and adopted by the majority vote of the members present. The proposed amendment with the recommendation of the Executive Board will be announced to the membership at least 30 days in advance of any regular or special meeting at which the proposed amendment may be discussed. If the proposed amendment receives unfavourable recommendation from the Executive Board, 2/3 majority must approve adoption.

Article 8 – Dissolution of the Society

The dissolution of the Society may only be determined at a General Meeting provided that a majority of two thirds of the votes are in favour.

Two liquidators will be appointed at the General Meeting to wind up the affairs of the Society.

Upon dissolution of the Society, lapse thereof or alteration or discontinuation of its present purpose, any properties of the Society shall revert to a public corporate body of similar tax-exempt corporation for the purpose of promoting science and research.

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