

## ECSRHM Re-certification Guidelines

The attached table must be completed thoroughly in order to provide all required information. Only fully completed application forms will be reviewed and some score in all sections will be necessary. In case you do not reach 100 points in this format, you may also submit clinical activities that can add up to a maximum of 10 points. Please see later in the document for more details.

Each section of the table should contain sufficient rows to obtain the maximum number of points. Only a limited number of rows may be added. If you want to add more activities in individual sections, please submit that information on an additional excel sheet.

Please read each title carefully to see what you need to fill in. The titles will explain how points are calculated. Although it is not said in all the titles, all activities have to be related to the speciality. In the majority of cases you will need to fill in the number of points. For example:

**ii. Participation in committees provided by the bylaws of the College (full-term) (20 points)**

Please write '20' in the designated column behind each committee you participated in.

Some questions will ask for a number, hours, weeks or years. In this case the calculation is embedded in the excel sheet. For example:

**iii. Supervision of veterinarians in ECSRHM-approved programs (each year equals 15 points)**

Please write in the number of years in the designated column, the excel sheet will calculate your points.

**Please feel free to contact one of the recertification committee members if you have any problems!**

The **template** has the following five sections:

1. **Active participation and contribution in the affairs of the college.** It is compulsory to attend one AGM at least in the last three years.
2. **Professional development.** To be a recognized specialist is necessary to continue training in courses and conferences related to the specialty. For that reason some score is necessary in this section. Please write down the name of the conference, the venue and the date.

3. **Dissemination of knowledge.** As a specialist in small ruminant health and management is crucial to disseminate our knowledge. Training activity in the speciality, in either ECSRHM-approved or non-approved programs (related to the speciality), will be evaluated. The number of training hours must be indicated. Supervision of veterinarians in ECSRHM-approved or non-approved programs will be also scored. In this case, points will be given for each year of supervision. If a ECSRHM resident is hosted, this activity will be also scored. This is designed to encourage the movement of our residents throughout Europe to improve their knowledge of different production and health management systems. There will be a space on the ECSRHM website where diplomates can advertise offers to host a resident. The offer needs to state the amount of time possible, the suggested time of year and the specific topics that will be addressed during the training period. In case this is offered and no resident applies during the recertification time, the diplomate will receive 1 point for offering the opportunity.
4. **Publications and Presentations.** Full length articles in internationally refereed or non-refereed journals, review papers in a peer-reviewed journals and book chapters will all be evaluated. Editing activities such as books, chapters or journals will also be scored. Reviewing activities in peer reviewed journals will be scored. However, as this is an anonymous activity, the journal's name and the year in which such review was completed will only be required. Presentations at national or international conferences, such as keynote presentations, communications or posters will also be evaluated. Please keep in mind that you must write down the IF that applies at time of publication, not recertification!
5. **Clinical activities.** For diplomates that work predominantly in private veterinary practice it may be difficult to obtain enough points, as scientific work is often not supported. In case a diplomate does not gain the minimum points through the excel sheet there is an opportunity to submit evidence of high quality clinical work. This can be done through a summary of selected clinical activities in the format of an extended abstract (maximum 1 A4 page each). These will be evaluated individually and will count for 1 point each. A maximum of ten abstracts can be submitted.