

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGISTS SPECIALITY: VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY

### *General Process to become a Charter Diplomate*

1. Potential applicants should fully understand the criteria for election as a Charter Diplomate and obtain an application form from the Chair of the Charter Diplomate Committee or the AAVP website (<https://www.aavp.org/>).
2. A fully completed (signed and dated) application and supporting documentation should be sent to the Chair of the Charter Diplomate Committee (see name listed below). The application must be received by the end date of the application period which is **31 July 2009** to be considered. Applications after this date may be accepted, but obtaining charter diplomate status might be challenging because of ABVS policies.

The completed application form and supporting documentation can be sent via hard copy (mail or fax) or electronically as a signed scanned pdf attachment to an email to the Charter Diplomate Committee Chair:

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3. The Chair and members of the Charter Diplomate Committee will review the Application for completeness. Incomplete applications will be returned to the Applicant.
4. Fully completed Applications will be forwarded to the Organizing Committee for review.
5. Election of each candidate as a Charter Diplomate shall be accomplished by majority (2/3) secret ballot of the organizing committee (this same procedure will be used for the Organizing Committee Members who desire to become a Charter Diplomate) after review of their personal written application.
6. The candidate will be notified by the Chair of the Charter Diplomate Committee of the decision of the Organizing Committee. Any individual who is not selected to be a Charter Diplomate may still apply and sit for the formal examination process for the speciality of veterinary parasitology once it is established by the ACVM.

### ***Eligibility criteria to become a Charter Diplomat***

In order to establish a new speciality of veterinary parasitology within the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM), Founding (Organizing Committee Members) Charter Diplomates will need to be identified and elected.

Anyone wishing to apply to become a Charter Diplomat should read and follow the application process described below.

#### ***Charter Diplomates***

Applicants should meet the following criteria. These criteria are a combination of what is required by the ACVM to be a Diplomat within this College as well as what is required by the American Board of Veterinary Specialities (ABVS).

Definition (ABVS): *Charter diplomate*—Charter diplomates are not required to submit to examination to become diplomates. Charter diplomate status may be granted to a small number of individuals at the time a specialty college or board is established. This distinction should be reserved for only the most distinguished and experienced members of the field

To qualify and become a Charter Diplomat, speciality veterinary parasitology, within the ACVM, they must:

- Become an **active** participant and member of the organizing committee;
- Have achieved **distinction** in the field of veterinary parasitology and have qualifications far exceeding those proposed as necessary for candidates desiring to take the certifying examination of the organization.

#### **AND**

- Be a diplomate of the parent (=ACVM) recognized veterinary specialty organization (RVSO), **or**
- Be a diplomate of another RVSO recognized by the AVMA, **or**
- Have demonstrated competency through teaching, research, or practice of the veterinary specialty and meet the criteria for members of an organizing committee as specified in section II, part D1 of the Policies of the ABVS and as summarized below:
  - Be recognized as a qualified specialist by peers, **and**
  - Have at least 10 years' experience in the specialty, with no less than 75% of his/her professional time in each of the last five years being devoted to the specialty, and by teaching, research, or practice have contributed substantially to the development of the specialty, **or**
  - Be a full professor of the specialty in a college or department of veterinary medicine, and have contributed substantially to the development of the specialty, **or**

- Have advanced training (PhD or equivalent\*) in the specialty; have demonstrated competency through teaching, research, or practice in the specialty to which the individual devotes most of his or her professional time; and be an author of important publications resulting from research or practice in the specialty.
- Have satisfactory moral and ethical standing in the veterinary profession;
- Graduated from a college or school of veterinary medicine accredited by the AVMA; or possess a certificate issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG); or are legally qualified to practice veterinary medicine in some state, province, territory, or possession of the United States, Canada, or other country.

**\*equivalence to a Ph.D. is defined as:**

1) You must have earned the Master's degree with major emphasis in veterinary parasitology and have met either one of the following criteria:

(a) gained sufficient additional experience relevant to veterinary parasitology to equal or exceed the experience of a candidate who has completed a Ph.D. degree. Experience relevant to veterinary parasitology may be obtained through teaching, research or service that concentrates on veterinary parasitology. The experience should, in the opinion of the Charter Diplomate Committee, be sufficient to make the candidate proficient and an expert in the practice of veterinary parasitology. Examples of acceptable experience are: (i) full-time practice in a diagnostic laboratory run by a university, state, or commercial organization; or (ii) full-time practice in research in a university, state, not-for-profit, federal or commercial organization; or (iii) fulltime teaching at the undergraduate (baccalaureate) and graduate levels in a university (most of the courses taught should be in veterinary parasitology; at least one course each year should be at the graduate level; and teaching at non-degree institutions does not qualify); or (iv) a combination of the above three points performed on a full time basis.

(b) gained sufficient additional experience through full-time participation in a structured clinical training program with emphasis on multiple aspects of veterinary parasitology. Such a training program must go beyond the coursework and research curriculum of a typical master's degree program. Examples of structured clinical training programs are designated residency programs in clinical veterinary parasitology. These programs will include all elements of a traditional master's degree program (i.e. coursework and research) plus clinical work involving cases and rounds. These programs will include coordinated and mentored study, preferably by an ACVM charter diplomate, in veterinary parasitology, along with specialized laboratory training and experience.

2) Subsequent to earning the DVM, VMD, or equivalent professional degree, you must have sufficient professional experience relevant to veterinary parasitology, with increasing responsibility over this period to equal or exceed the experience of a candidate who qualifies by routes described above. Please attach a description of the learning experiences that are equivalent to that required for a Ph.D.

Selection will be made by the organizing committee members on the basis of a submitted application including satisfactory evidence of the above mentioned criteria. All suitably qualified persons interested in furthering the aims of the ACVM-speciality Veterinary Parasitology, are invited to apply for Charter Diplomate status by means of a personal application outlining the above mentioned requirements.

**Appendix 1**  
**APPLICATION TO BECOME A CHARTER DIPLOMATE OF THE ACVM:**  
**SPECIALITY – VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY**

**Each candidate should provide evidence that they fulfil all criteria listed here-in**

**Name:**

Degrees:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Current Primary Job Role: Please check one box.

Academia; Industry; Government; Other (list)\_\_\_\_\_

1. Did you graduate from a college or school of veterinary medicine accredited by the AVMA; or possess a certificate issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG); or are legally qualified to practice veterinary medicine in some state, province, territory, or possession of the United States, Canada, or other country?

YES / NO

*Please outline your professional education and qualifications below*

2. Are you recognized as a qualified specialist by peers as described above?

YES / NO

*Please outline your graduate education or relevant experience below*

3. Do you have at least 10 years experience in Veterinary Parasitology?

YES / NO

*Please list your current and past employments below*

4. Do you currently spend at least 75% of your time in Veterinary Parasitology?

YES / NO

*Please write a brief statement below to justify this answer*

5. Are you or are you willing to become a member of the organizing committee?

*The expectation is that an organizing committee member will play an active and essential role in the conduct of the business of the veterinary specialty in order to achieve provisional approval by the AVMA/ABVS.*

YES / NO

6. Are you a diplomate of the parent (=ACVM) Recognized Veterinary Specialty Organization (RVSO)?

*List the speciality (ies) within ACVM that you are currently certified in: \_\_\_\_\_*

YES / NO

7. Are you a diplomate of another RVSO recognized by the AVMA?

YES / NO

List the AVMA recognized RVSO that you are a diplomate  
of: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Please provide further details on a separate sheet under the following headings:

- EDUCATION (professional and graduate)
- CURRENT AND PAST EMPLOYMENTS
- EXPERIENCE IN VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY
- YOUR PRESENT INVOLVEMENT IN VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY
- PUBLICATION LIST

The procedure is as follow:

1. The candidate must present an application form as given in Appendix 1 to the Chair of the Charter Diplomat Committee (*see page one*).
2. The Chair and members of the Charter Diplomat Committee will review each application for completeness and will return if not complete. Fully completed applications will be sent to each member of the organizing committee for review prior to voting.
3. Election requires a favorable secret vote by at least a 2/3 majority of the total ballots cast.

The candidate will be notified by the Chair of the Charter Diplomat Committee of the outcome of the voting. Any individual who is not selected to be a Charter Diplomat may still apply and sit for the formal examination process once it is established by the ACVM.

*Applications for Charter Diplomat Status should be received by **31July2009**.*