



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the European Wildlife Disease Association (EWDA) and the European College of Zoological Medicine (ECZM)

Introduction

- The European Wildlife Disease Association (EWDA) and the European College of Zoological Medicine (ECZM) share several goals and concerns.
- The EWDA is the European Section of the Wildlife Disease Association. The Wildlife Disease Association's mission is to promote healthy wildlife and ecosystems, biodiversity conservation, and environmentally sustainable solutions to One Health challenges. The EWDA seeks to provide a forum for the exchange of information on wildlife diseases and their management. Through the provision of opportunities for networking, collaborative research and training, the EWDA seeks to raise the profile of wildlife disease research and management.
- The ECZM is a college of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation. The European Board of Veterinary Specialisation's mission is to ensure the highest quality of veterinary medicine in Europe by specialisation for better quality of life of animals and people. The ECZM's mission is to promote excellence in zoological medicine internationally through education, science, and the certification of veterinary specialists.
- Both the EWDA and the ECZM have a commitment to excellence in wildlife health. Many members of both organisations have similar backgrounds and veterinary training as well as professional and philosophical interests and commitments. For those reasons, the board members of the EWDA and the ECZM are committing their respective organisations to the following Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- Beginning in 2024 and renewable in 3-year increments thereafter, the EWDA and the ECZM will jointly support a formal relationship outlined in this MoU.



Aim

- The aim of this MoU is to optimise the impact of both the EWDA and the ECZM on their common aim of promoting excellence in wildlife health.

Cooperation

- The ECZM recognises the EWDA's role in providing a forum for the exchange of information on wildlife diseases and their management. Through the provision of opportunities for networking and collaborative research, the EWDA seeks to raise the profile of wildlife disease research and management. The ECZM also recognises that the EWDA represents a wide range of veterinarians with a core focus on wildlife health amongst scientists from a variety of related disciplines.
- The ECZM will actively promote and support EWDA's events and work in improving standards of wildlife health across this wide range of countries and disciplines. The ECZM will encourage membership of EWDA.
- The EWDA recognises ECZM as the European specialist body which delivers the training and certification of European Veterinary Specialists in Wildlife Population Health under the auspices of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation.
- The EWDA will actively promote the ECZM accredited residencies through advertisement and offering of postgraduate opportunities through EWDA Student Chapter events.
- The EWDA will provide opportunities for ECZM diplomates and residents to present research at its scientific meetings in accordance with its general policies for selection of manuscripts and peer review so as to meet ECZM's accreditation requirements.



- The organisations will attempt to organise joint conferences, and/or conferences with linked meetings (hosted by EWDA and/or ECZM, but organised in affiliation), where feasible.
- The EWDA and the ECZM will share information on conferences, meetings and opportunities with the other that they are aware of which might be of interest to the other's members.
- Each organisation will inform the other of their conference times and locations as early as possible. In the years that the EWDA and ECZM are not participating in a joint conference, every effort will be made to ensure that there is ample time between conferences to prevent a conflict of scheduling dates.
- Each organisation will make every effort to consult the other in good time on decisions or position statements that are likely to have significant impact on the other.

Further agreements

- The EWDA and the ECZM will continue to work together with other allied organisations with whom they share interests.
- Both organisations commit to the open and mutually supportive exchange of ideas as outlined above and to work together to resolve any conflicts that may arise.
- This MoU is intended to further the mutual professional and philosophical interests of the EWDA and the ECZM. However, both organisations are and continue to be separate and independent legal entities. Neither organisation, their servants nor their members shall act or represent themselves as representatives of the other. This MoU does not establish or imply any duty or responsibility to the other



pertaining to the internal operation of the other; neither organisation can enter oversee the finances of the other. Neither organisation is liable to third parties for acts or omissions of the other organisation. Neither organisation can formally use the name of the other, except as when mutually agreed.

- The liability shall be interpreted according to each organisation's constitution and the law under which that the constitution is enabled.
- This MoU can be ended by either organisation by providing 60 days advance written notice to the other.

Signatories

In Berlin,

In... Cluj-Napoca.....

On May 21st 2024

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On... May 22nd 2024.....

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EWDA Chair (Gudrun Wibbelt)

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ECZM President (Andrei D. Mihalca)