

## **Announcement of AiCVO Diplomate Examination Application 2021**

Dear Veterinary Colleagues,

December 14, 2020

The AiCVO is pleased to announce the news of new AiCVO Diplomate selection in 2021. The Asian College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (AiCVO) was established in Oct 2011. The Diplomate examination will be held in Bangkok in July or November 2021 (depending on situation of pandemic). The details of examination information, such as the format and schedule, and suggested reading list are announced in the AiSVO website,

### **Requirements and qualifications of candidates:**

Candidates who wish to apply for Diplomate examination should fulfill the following requirements/qualifications:

1. Be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in an Asian country.
2. Be of good moral and ethical standing in the profession.
3. Have at least 6 years of experience in veterinary ophthalmology, including clinical, academic, research and/or teaching, devoting at least 70% of their time to the practice of clinical ophthalmology (the last 3 years of which must have log book documentation).
4. Have over 200 new ophthalmology cases/year. Simple cases, such as only lens nuclear sclerosis, should not be included.
5. Have at least one published hypothesis-based original research full paper(s) in ophthalmology as the first author or corresponding author in peer-reviewed journals cited by Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) (SCI-listed journals) within recent 5 years. Case reports, letters, and proceedings are not included.
6. Have presented one or more oral or poster presentation as the first author at annual scientific meeting of Asian Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology (AiSVO), American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO), European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO), or Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) within recent 5 years.

### **Application Materials/Documents:**

Veterinarians meeting these requirements and wishing to apply for Diplomates examination should submit the following documents in English:

1. Cover letter indicates to apply for Diplomates examination of AiCVO.
2. A "conventional" format of curriculum vitae, which should include:
  - a. Education and employment history
  - b. The training received in veterinary ophthalmology (Institute, mentor etc)
  - c. Record of participation and presentation in national and international veterinary ophthalmology meetings

- d. Peer reviewed articles and book chapters authored by candidate
  - e. Teaching of veterinary ophthalmology by the candidate
  - f. Lectures in veterinary ophthalmology by the candidate in continuing education courses
3. The complete attached Excel file of records, which should include a detailed case log book for the past 3 years (note that the file has 6 worksheets)
  4. Two reference letters. At least one letter is from mentor or/and supervisor of past/current job/study. The letters should address the candidate's good moral character and ethical standing, and confirm the accuracy of all application documents/records submitted by the candidate.

Also, the candidate should also submit:

1. An electronic copy (PDF file) of his/her license to practice veterinary medicine. If the license is not in English, append a translation.
2. Electronic copies (PDF file) of the first page of all book chapters, peer-reviewed articles and meeting abstracts authored by the candidate and published in English.

### **Payment of Examination Fees:**

This should be paid into the AiSVO/AiCVO bank account in Korea at application. The fees include 2 parts paid at 2 respective stages:

1. Examination application fee: USD200 for credential review of candidates' qualification.
2. Examination fee: once the candidate's application has been approved by the Credential Committee, the candidate will be notified by AiSVO/AiCVO to be eligible to attend the Diplomate examination. Then the new candidate should pay for the Diplomate examination fee of USD2000 to the AiSVO/AiCVO bank account before attending the Diplomate examination.

The re-examination candidates should confirm the examination fee amount with the AiCVO/AiSVO before the payment. The USD2000 of examination fees include 3 portions of Diplomate examination, 1) the Image Recognition and Histopathology examination, 2) the Written examination, and 3) the Practical examination. The re-examination candidates may pay for re-taking the failed portion(s) among 3 portions.

### **Application Submission:**

The deadline of Diplomate examination application and payment of USD 200 for document review is on **February 28, 2021**. Electronic copies (and hard/printed copy) of all application materials must be received by the Chairperson of Credential Committee, Dr. Kumiko Kato ([55kumi.k@gmail.com](mailto:55kumi.k@gmail.com)) by email **no later than February 28, 2021**.

In four weeks later, the document review is informed by e-mail from the Credentials Committee of AiCVO. For those applicants passing the credential review, the payment for

sitting the Diplomate examination (USD2000) is required by **May 30, 2021**. Late payments are not accepted for taking the examination..

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