

## **ASIAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY**

### **THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE (INDIVIDUALISED RESIDENCY PROGRAMME**

The Alternate Route (AR) residency to the AiCVD Diploma examination is designed to allow those individuals, who cannot enroll in a Formalised or Individualized Residency Program, to start a training program and sit the AiCVD Diploma examination.

The AR residency implies part-time tuition, training and case exposure in institutions different to the candidate's clinic/practice under the responsibility of an AiCVD Diplomate or equivalent figure.

An AR must spend a minimum of 250 days of observation and supervised study in the training institution and must have primary involvement with clinical cases for more than 50% of the approved training time. AR residents must provide an annual progress report and credentials at the end of their residency, to be able to sit the Diploma examination. These include a case log, an activity log, a presentation log, a case book with detailed description of two cases and two publications in peer reviewed journals.

Alternate route programmes must be presented to and approved by the Education Committee before the programme start.

### **THE ALTERNATE ROUTE RESIDENCY PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION**

#### **The Institutions**

The training periods should be conducted at veterinary schools or other institutions under the direct supervision of a Diplomate of Asian, European, American or Australasian in Veterinary Dermatology or Pathology (for the dermatopathology training). The institution must supply adequate space, facilities and have sufficient cases guaranteed during the Candidate's stay. Cooperation in the training process with the other institutions or clinics (including medical dermatology departments) is allowed. The institution must provide all equipment required for the examination, diagnosis and management of patients. A complete medical record must be maintained for each case and these records must be retrievable.

#### **The Candidate's Advisors**

The training at a recognized facility must be under the direct supervision of a Candidate Advisor (one for each institution), who is responsible for the direction

and the evaluation of the Candidate during his/her stay at the institution. The Advisor should write a proposal of the training period prior to the Candidate's registration, fill in the yearly progress report and a final evaluation of the Candidate's training.

### **The Candidate**

The Candidate wishing to perform an alternate route to specialization must:

- be a veterinary graduate - have a license in veterinary medicine
- have completed a minimum of 1 year recognized general clinical training programme or satisfactory practice equivalent
- have a satisfactory moral and ethical standing in the profession and the community
- Clinical dermatology, dermatopathology and dermatological research

### **Clinical dermatology**

The clinical and dermatopathological training periods must total at least 250 days. Direct supervision is a fundamental requirement for AR, however, distance learning by a weekly report via e-mails and/or skype/facetime should not exceed 125 days. The Candidate should spend at least 50% of his/her time dealing with dermatology.

However, it is advised that 25% of the total time should not be spent in clinical setting but should be devoted to academic development and/or research.

Clinical training includes time spent taking histories, examining animals, carrying out diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, reviewing diagnostic material, liaising with veterinarians and owners and contributing to rounds.

The Candidate must have primary responsibility of at least 500 patients and 750 re-evaluations seen under supervision. The Candidate may be considered to be the primary clinician when that individual can demonstrate a significant role in all of the following: history taking, physical examination, determination of the diagnosis including appropriate diagnostic tests, selection and administration of appropriate therapy and sufficient follow up. A case log must be maintained for these patients.

### **Dermatohistopathology**

A histopathological study period is strongly advised, for a minimum of 15 days

of the total study period. The training requirements are the same as for the Standard Residency program. The Candidate is expected to review his/her own cases.

### **Dermatological Research**

A Candidate must conduct and complete a research project of veterinary dermatology. The Candidate must be the principal investigator in the project. Basic research and original clinical investigations are acceptable. The outline of research project should be submitted, in English, in the form of a grant proposal, not exceeding two pages of A4, to the Education Committee. The proposal should be submitted as soon as possible in the training period, but in any case not later than one year after the stated starting date.

### **Activities**

AR residents are strongly advised to attend a minimum of 4 weeks (equivalent to 140 hours) of courses on dermatology. AR residents are strongly advised to have attended a minimum of three Annual Meetings of AMAMS or International/National Dermatology Meetings of equivalent status during a training period.