

# ECPHM

EUROPEAN COLLEGE  
OF PORCINE HEALTH  
MANAGEMENT

**Full name:** The European College of Porcine Health Management Ltd.

**Abbreviation:** ECPHM

**Website:** [www.ECPHM.org](http://www.ECPHM.org)

**Description:** The ECPHM is a non-profit organization within the European Board of Veterinary Specialization (EBVS). EBVS recognizes new speciality Colleges and maintain a register of European veterinary specialists (Diplomates); moreover, EBVS encourage and promote the enhanced utilization and availability of speciality services to the public and the veterinary profession. Therefore, the ECPHM is the College that works for the advance of health oriented porcine production management in the herd context in Europe and the increase of the competency of those who practice in this field. Major objectives of the ECPHM include:

- Establishing guidelines and standards of training for postgraduate education and experience prerequisite to become a specialist in the speciality of porcine health management.
- Examining and authenticating veterinarians as specialists in porcine herd health management to serve health and welfare of the animals, the economic outcome of the herd, and the production of safe quality products for consumers in a sustainable animal production by providing expert care for pigs.
- Encouraging research and other contributions to the science and practice of porcine herd health management including husbandry, reproduction, epidemiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, therapy, prevention, and control of diseases directly or indirectly affecting pigs and the maintenance of healthy and productive pig herds. Porcine health management also includes the impact on quality and safety of pork and gives special consideration to herd health and production, production systems and targets and the management of pig populations.
- Promoting communication and dissemination of knowledge

The ECPHM is organized through different bodies that take care of the different activities performed:

- Board: represents the College and it is its main government body
- Education Committee: educational issues for the residents, including organization of the pre-symposium workshop and the summer school
- Examination Committee: exam preparation and examination of residents
- Credentials Committee: review and approve the candidacy of applicants to sit the exam, to set a new residency program, and re-accreditation of the diplomates

- Nominations Committee: receive and manage the proposals for nominates at the different committees and board