

ECVN Diploma Examination 2020

Location:

School of Veterinary Medicine – University of Bologna, Ozzano Emilia (Bologna), Italy
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ECVN Diploma Examination 2020 – preliminary information

Candidates can meet at 8.30am on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at the Reception of the Eurogarden Hotel where they will meet an appointed person who will walk with them to the Faculty and show where the candidate's room and the examination rooms are located.

The Examination Committee members will meet the candidates and introduce themselves at 9.00 am on Tuesday 4th February 2020 in the candidate's room. The chairperson of the Examination Committee will provide all the information regarding the logistic and procedural details of the exam and will answer questions from the candidates.

The written parts of the examination, except the MCQs, (parts 1-5) will be in the computer room of the faculty on the ground floor. The MCQs part will take place in a larger lecture room (Aula Messieri).

Candidates sitting only part/s of the examination can come to the Veterinary School at the relevant time, as outlined in the examination schedule below. These candidates are strongly recommended to inform the Examination Committee on the date and hour of their arrival in order to facilitate their welcome.

ECVN Diploma Examination Timetable

The exam will take place over two days for all candidates taking the exam

Day 1: 4th of February 2020

General introduction 09:00-09.30

- Short answer questions 09.30-12.30
- Videos 13.30-15.00
- Neuropathology 15.30-17.00

17.00 Intro to DICOM viewer

Day 2: Wednesday 5th of February 2020

- Neuroimaging 9.00-11.00
- Electrophysiology 11.30-13.00
- MCQ 14.00-16.00

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Short answer questions

This will last 3 hours for 18 questions. Neuro-anatomy (embryology, applied and structural neuroanatomy), neurophysiology, neuropharmacology and different aspect of clinical neurology (including treatment and diseases) will be examined in this section. Question format may comprise: extended match questions (EMQ), tabulated answers, complete the sentence, true/false, and short answer.

MCQ

This will last 120 minutes and consists of 75 questions. Candidates will be asked to select the best answer for a question from four or five options. . Each question will represent 1.33% of the total mark of this section. All areas of neurology and neuroscience may be examined in this section.

Neuro-imaging

This will last 90 minutes and consists of six (6) clinical cases and four (4) theoretical questions. The six cases will be presented with a DICOM viewer (Onis viewer 2.5) on the computer (<http://www.onis-viewer.com>). It will examine the candidates' abilities to recognize, describe and interpret lesions (anatomical level, orientation, type of imaging modality used, lesion characteristics), list special anatomical landmarks and to form a differential diagnostic list and main diagnosis. Four theoretically based questions on imaging will also be included. Candidates are expected to know basic imaging features in small and large animals. Basic knowledge is defined as what is included in general diagnostic imaging textbooks and articles. Question format may comprise: EMQ, tabulated answers, complete the sentence, true/false, and short answer.

Neuropathology

This will last 90 minutes and consists of 10 clinical cases. Questions provide some background information on the case and use gross (macroscopic) and histopathological (microscopic) images. You may be asked to interpret images (describe pathological changes), outline the pathogenesis, state additional diagnostic tests, provide pathological/morphological and/or the aetiological possibilities. Question format may comprise: EMQ, tabulated answers, complete the sentence, true/false, and short answer.

Electrodiagnostics

This will last for 90 minutes and consist of three questions. It will examine the candidates' abilities to perform an electrodiagnostic exam, their knowledge of the underlying electrophysiological events that generate common waveforms, their interpretation of normal and abnormal waveforms and their ability to form differential diagnoses from these tests.

Video based practical questions

This will last 90 minutes and consists of several videos of clinical cases. The main emphasis is on lesion localization and assessing the most likely differential diagnosis or diagnoses. Question format may comprise: EMQ, tabulated answers, complete the sentence, true/false, and short answer.

Question formats in the sections short answer questions, neuropathology, neuroimaging, electrophysiology and video based practical questions:

- • Extended matching questions (multiple choice but with more choices or more complex choices)
- • Tabulated answers – complete tables with answers selected from a list, or candidate specified answers comprising just a few words
- • Complete the sentence question: A sentence has a blank space(s) left in it, which the candidate adds their own answers.
- • True/false questions
- • Questions requiring a phrase or one or two sentences

- A simple diagram may be requested to supplement a descriptive answer
- Images may be used to support the question.

LOGISTIC INFORMATION and MAP HOTEL

EUROGARDEN HOTEL: via dei Billi, 2/a, 40064 Ozzano Emilia (BO), Italy - +39 051 794511

Eurogarden Hotel is a 4 stars Hotel very close to the Veterinary School. Prof. Gandini has arranged rooms at discounted fee (Single room 65 Euros; Double room 70 Euros) for the examination candidates. Please, mention Prof. Gandini's name and the ECVN examination 2015 when you make your reservation.

HOW TO GET TO BOLOGNA

BY AIR

Bologna international airport is named Guglielmo Marconi. The airport is very close to the city at about 6 km and is very well serviced by European flights as well as low cost airlines. The second nearest international airport is located in Forlì some 70 km southeast of Bologna. Both airports are well serviced by buses and taxis to and for the city centre. A special shuttle (Aerobus) connect the Airport of Bologna (Marconi) to the city, leaving from Bologna Train Station every 15 minutes from early morning (5.30) to at around 11.00 pm (23.00) at night.

Should you require further information, please read the web page of the airport:

<http://www.bologna-airport.it/template/contenuto.asp?IDFolder=164&LN=UK>

TO & FROM THE AIRPORT

BY BUS

AEROBUS - BLQ shuttle service (Terminal-Raiway Station) Ticket Fare: Euro 7. Ticket may be purchased on the bus Airport-station travel time: about 20 minutes

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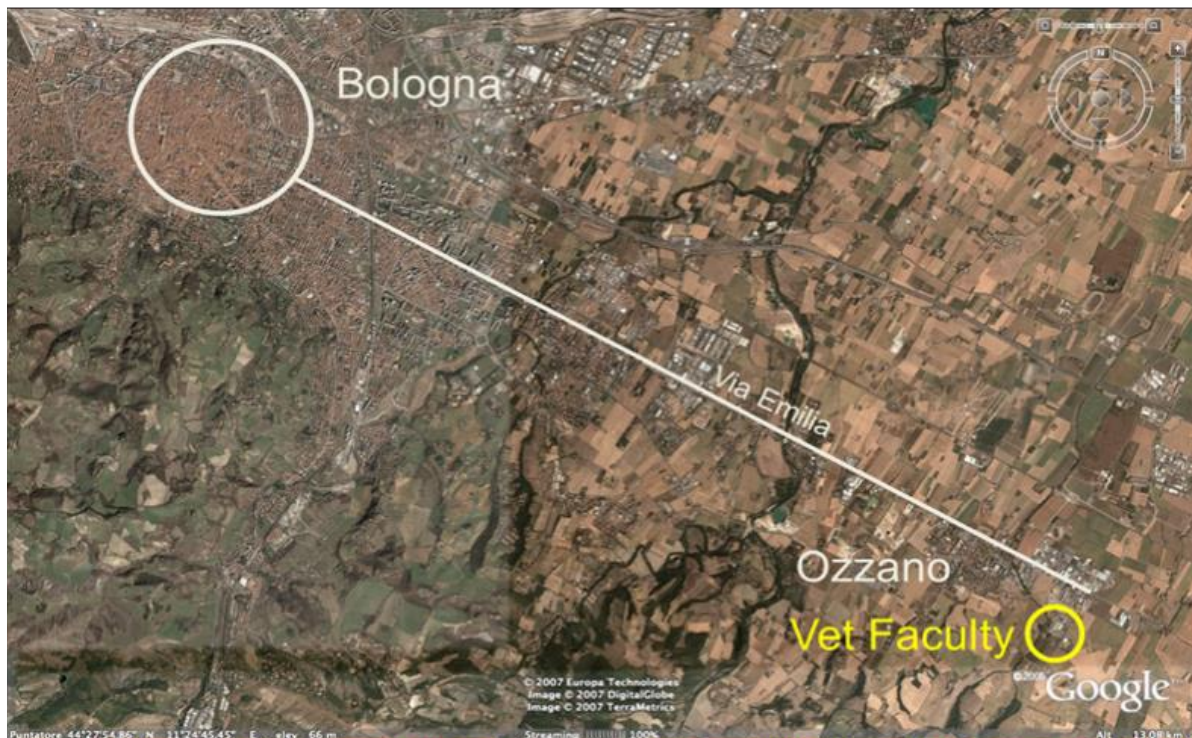
For further information on buses, visit this site: ATC SpA

BY TAXI

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The address of the School of Veterinary Medicine is: Via Tolara di Sopra, 50 40064 Ozzano dell'Emilia BO – Italy. The School is located in the periphery of Ozzano dell'Emilia and is 12 km from the centre of Bologna.

How to reach the School of Veterinary Medicine:

BY CAR

From Bologna driving on “via Emilia” in direction south-east;

From the motorway A14 exit BOLOGNA-San Lazzaro di Savena, at the exit turn to the left and take via Caselle and, immediately after, turn to the right to proceed on the “COMPLANARE SUD” till the exit of Ozzano Emilia - Ponte Rizzoli; in the roundabout take the direction Ozzano-Via Emilia, in the next roundabout take the right on “Via Emilia” and after 200m turn to the left following the indications for the School of Veterinary Medicine (Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche Veterinarie).

BY TRAIN

Line Bologna-Imola: trains every 30' (grossly at 5 and 35 minute of each hour) from 06,00 to 24,00.

BY BUS

Line 90C from Piazza Cavour direct line to the School of Veterinary Medicine; Line 101 from the Bus station every 30 minutes.

BY TAXI

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PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS

Every visitor to Italy must have a valid passport and a visa if required. Visas are not required from the USA, Japan, EU and most other European countries. If in doubt, please confirm if you need one with your travel agent or Italian consulate.

For further information, please visit the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at <http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/default.htm?LANG=EN>

CLIMATE

The weather in Bologna during February is usually cold (9 °- 3 °) and rainy.

CURRENCY

The official currency in Italy is the EURO. Foreign currency, traveler's cheques and Eurocheques can be exchanged at the airport upon arrival, as well as at all the major banks located through Bologna.

BANKING & SHOPPING HOURS

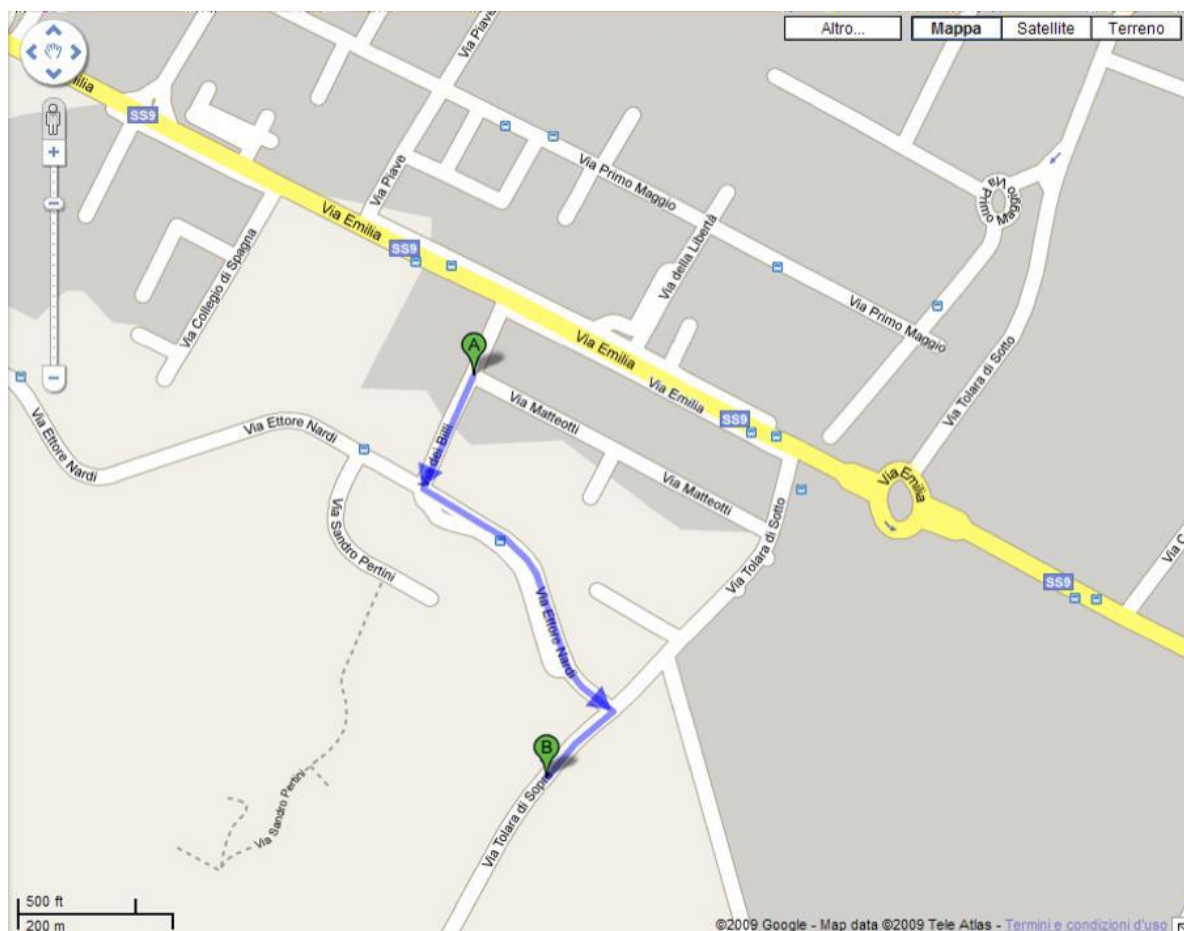
Banks open from: 08.20 -13.20 and from 14.35 -16.05 Monday to Friday

Shops open from 09.00 to 12.30 and 16.00 to 19.30 Monday to Saturday and from 09.00-12.30 on Thursday.

ELECTRICITY

An adaptor is necessary for electrical appliances in Italy (220 volts AC, 50 cycles).

MAP



from Eurogarden Hotel (Ozzano) to the School of Veterinary Medicine (0,6 km ± 5 min.walk)

A= Hotel Eurogarden

B= School of Veterinary Medicine