

AiCVS

Asian College of Veterinary Surgeons

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Dr. Satoshi Takagi, interim chairperson of the Asian College of Veterinary Surgery (AiCVS), and Dr. Kenji Tani, president of the Asian Society of Veterinary Surgeons (AiSVS), we are delighted to announce the second recruitment of De Facto diplomates of the Asian College of Veterinary Surgeons (AiCVS).

Background (<https://www.aisvs.org/establishment.html>)

In 2018, the Asian Board of Veterinary Specialties (AiBVS) approved the drafted constitution to establish AiCVS. Upon approval, Dr. Ryohei Nishimura, President and Executive Committee member of AiSVS, assigned Dr. Kei Hayashi, an executive advisor, to invite members of the External Credential Committee, marking the first step in establishing a veterinary surgery specialty in Asia.

In 2019, five world-renowned veterinary surgeons from the US, Australia, Switzerland, and Canada were invited to join the External Credential Committee of AiCVS. The Committee then selected six Invited Specialists with Asian nationalities to form the Committee of Invited Specialists, tasked with selecting de facto specialists from Asian countries.

In 2023, the first de facto members were selected from South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Japan. The list of de facto Diplomates is available on our website (<https://www.aisvs.org/aicvsmembers.html>).

We are now excited to announce the second call for de facto members, who will play a pivotal role in advancing veterinary surgery in Asia. These de facto members will collaborate with other founding members to inspire a new generation of Asian veterinary surgeons.

The mission of De Facto Diplomates

Every de facto Diplomat of AiCVS must demonstrate enthusiasm for founding and supporting this nascent college. Alongside invited specialists, all diplomates will serve as founding officers of AiCVS, responsible for formally establishing and sustainably managing the college. They will also launch the residency training program and appropriate board examination system for the future AiCVS.

Responsibilities of De facto Diplomates

1. Pay membership fees of 100.00 USD annually (<https://www.aisvs.org/aicvsmembers.html>)

2. Participate in meetings and provide input
3. Establish, manage, and sustain the residency system
4. Collaborate in examinations and certifications

Application Criteria

Candidates must show enthusiasm and leadership in managing the residency program for future surgeons in Asia.

They must fulfill the following criteria.

I. The Diplomates of ACVS/ECVS or ACVAA/ECVAA:

1. Be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in an Asian country. Asian descendants who are working or plan to work in Asia.

II. The Other Surgeons and Anesthesiologists:

1. Be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in an Asian country. Asian descendants who are working or plan to work in Asia.
2. Have **at least eight years of clinical experience** teaching and researching veterinary soft tissue surgery, orthopedics, or anesthesiology and pain management in companion animals.
3. Maintain a **case log for the past three years**. Applicants must have **at least 300 surgical/anesthesia experience for three years** as a surgeon/anesthesiologist or teaching assistant, excluding neutering and minor biopsy procedures.
4. Have published at least two original scientific articles in English in refereed journals as the first or corresponding author and at least three additional articles (case reports accepted) as a co-author.
5. Have presented (oral or poster) research or clinical work at veterinary symposiums or as a speaker at international meetings, especially at the meeting of the Asian Society of Veterinary Surgery (AiSVS).

Submission Requirements

1. **A cover letter** requesting De Facto Diplomate status in AiCVS, indicating the subspecialty (small animal surgery or anesthesia/analgesia) you wish to apply for, and detailing your intention and the role you wish to play in establishing a veterinary specialty in Asia.
2. **A curriculum vitae (template 1)** including name, gender, birth date, email address, phone number, mailing address, history of education, history of employment, history of specialty training, list of publications in peer-reviewed journals, list of authorship in books or book chapters (if any), participation of local and international veterinary courses, meetings or symposiums and your role. All candidates must choose one of these subspecialties: **small animal surgery or anesthesia/analgesia**.
3. **An electronic copy of your legal license** to practice veterinary medicine in an Asian country: Include a translation if the license is not in English.
- 4*. **A complete case log** for the past three years (**template 2**). Applicants must have at

least 300 surgical/anesthesia experience for three years as a surgeon/anesthesiologist or teaching assistant, excluding minor procedures (ex: neutering, biopsy, etc).

5*. PDF files of the first page of your key publications

- a. Two original scientific articles in English in referred journals as the first or corresponding author
- b. Three additional articles as a co-author (case reports accepted)

6*. A reference letter from your supervisor (e.g., Dean, Clinic Director, etc.) attesting to the candidate's good moral character and ethical standing.

Diplomates of ACVS/ECVS or ACVAA/ECVAA are exempt from submitting documents Nos. 4, 5, and 6.

Not everyone who meets this requirement will be hired. ACVS/ECVS/ACVAA/ECVAA holders and applicants with the highest evaluation scores in each country will be given priority.

Submission Deadline and Application Fee

All documents must be verified for accuracy before submission and electronically submitted from the form on our website by **March 15, 2025**.

The application fee (**300.00 USD**) must be paid on time through our website.

Application website: <https://www.aisvs.org/establishment.html>

Notification of acceptance

The final decision will be announced at the **AMAMS 2025 in Bangkok (June 4th-6th, 2025)**, and **all applicants will be informed by the end of April**.

We look forward to welcoming many enthusiastic surgeons/anesthesiologists and collaborating with them soon. Your role as a de facto diplomate is crucial to the mission of the Asian College of Veterinary Surgeons, and we are excited to have you join us.

If you have any questions, please let us know. De Facto Diplomates in your country are pleased to help you.

Best Regards,

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