

Summary Report of the re-visit of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FVM) for the EAEVE Evaluation System on 15 and 16 October 2007.

An expert team of the EAEVE Evaluation System visited the FVM from 2 – 7 May 2004 for an evaluation of the Veterinary Education.

The expert team , under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Ir. Martin Tielen, made some recommendations in the evaluation report (version 20 March 2005) who provoked the FVM to invest considerable effort to improve the quality of the course of veterinary medicine. The dean of the Faculty , Prof. Luis Tavares, summarised this improvements in a “*Report to EAEVE/FVE JEC appending the request to a visit of JEC to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine for reappraisal of deficiencies identified in the 2004 report*”.

Improvements

In this report it was mentioned, that:

- The number of large animals seen in house clinics was greatly improved. The average number of animals followed by each student during the practicals in the clinics was stated as 121 animals. The total livestock case load is now 20.49 animals.
- The objectives for the facilities for large animal clinics are in the last phase of development or completely achieved.
- Poultry and swine production training was seriously improved by a reorganisation of the students visits to the Zoötechnical Institute (EZN), industrial farms and the strict organisation of the participation of students in the ambulant clinics activities.
- The horse equine clinical activities has greatly improved in the last years. The case load (about 100 horses in 2006/2007) has greatly improved based on signed protocols with some important institutes in Portugal
- The organisation and farm visit frequency of the ambulatory clinics are greatly improved by fixed contracts for regular clinical assistance to several farms , beside of the incidental calls for expert visits by farmers

Revisit

The JEC of EAEVE decide to call the chairman of the evaluation team to execute a re-visit to evaluate the report of the FVM. For special reasons, the president of EAEVE requested to accompanying the chairman in this revisit.

In the morning of 15 October we visit the clinical facilities and made one farm visit to a farm were the students went for a regular visit. In the afternoon we had discussions with the staff members of the different departments to clarify the recommendations in the evaluation report. Finally we re-visited some clinics on Tuesday morning to attend special classes in surgery and necropsy.

Conclusions

- The FVM has realised clear improvements in regard to the facilities in the clinics, the patient load , the organisation in and the quality of the education to the students in the clinics and is meeting now clear the requirements for sufficient veterinary education in that regard..
- There is a much better understanding and cooperation between practitioners, institutes and private farms.
- There is a much better atmosphere and cooperation between the staff members of the different departments within the Faculty
- Students are clear positive about the new curriculum and the organisation of the veterinary education in the Faculty.
- Most of the suggested improvements in the FVM-report were verified during the visit

Advise

My final advice to the Joint Education Committee is to approve the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine to be included in the positive list of establishments of approved Faculties.

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