



## European Coordination Committee on Veterinary Training Update on activities

The FVE President, Dr Christophe Buhot, chaired the second meeting of the year of the European Coordination Committee on Veterinary Training (ECCVT). The meeting took place on 30 September at the FVE headquarters in Brussels. Prof. Frank Gasthuys is the new member of ECCVT representing EAEVE. He has replaced Prof Hans Henrik Dietz, who had successfully completed his last term of office. Additionally, ECCVT members decided that the EAEVE Director of the Evaluation System, Prof Pierre Lekeux, would attend all the meetings of the Committee in the future as an observer.

This year, ECCVT has reviewed the [Terms of Reference](#) (ToR) governing the establishment and functioning of the Committee. The new rules have been agreed by the ECCVT members and officially adopted on 30 September 2014.

ECCVT members have closely followed the implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive and look forward to providing their input when discussion on secondary legislation starts. Veterinarians are important for the protection of citizens within the European Union; therefore the Community expects quality in Education so that it can trust veterinary services and have confidence in free movements within the single market. ECCVT indicated some time ago the need to establish a common standard for ensuring the quality of veterinary undergraduate education throughout the Union, which will guarantee that veterinary graduates are able to provide the same high-level veterinary services in all member states.

In order to address these concerns, the veterinary profession has a unique responsibility and has

established a European System for the Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT), which has run for nearly 30 years. EAEVE, together with FVE, keep on improving the visitations scheme by the development and refinement of rigorous operating procedures and putting in place standardised training for the inspectorate, based on compulsory e-learning courses as well as tutorials for the experts during the visitations.

FVE presented to the ECCVT members the [FVE policy paper on education](#), which was later adopted by the

FVE General Assembly. ECCVT is also looking into developing a robust policy paper setting out the ECCVT position on veterinary education and the way forward. This item will be a particular focus in the coming year.

With reference to the teaching of lab-animal medicine at undergraduate level, EAEVE has now set up a group of experts to work on establishing the minimum

criteria within the veterinary curriculum, which will fulfil the requirements for the role of the Designated Veterinarian according to the EU Directive 2010/63. FVE and EBVS will also provide input to this group.

Moreover, EAEVE and FVE continue collecting robust information on the teaching of subjects related to laboratory animals, aquatic health and bee health in Europe. Three individual reports will be developed in due course, once the data have been collected and analysed.

ECCVT continues to closely follow the discussions in the EU Commission's group on the European Skills, Competences and Occupations taxonomy (ESCO).

### ***ECCVT Activities***

- ***Adoption of ECCVT ToR***
- ***Directive 2013/55***
- ***ESEVT***
- ***Education and training for the Designated Veterinarian***
- ***EAEVE-FVE Survey***

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