



6th Meeting of the

European Coordination Committee on Veterinary Training

Friday 11 April 2008, 10.00-16.00h

FVE Office, 1 Rue Defacqz, Brussels

Draft MINUTES

The meeting was attended by:

For **EAEVE**: Marcel Wanner (president), Liljiana Pinter

For **EBVS**: Frank Gasthuys (president), Jens Arnbjerg, Riitta-Mari Tulamo

For **FVE**: Walter Winding (president), Karin Östensson, Christophe Buhot, (replacing Rémi Gellé); Nancy De Briyne (secr)

1. Welcome and opening

M. Wanner opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. Riitta-Mari Tulamo and L. Pinter arrived later.

Apologies were received from S. Romagnoli (EAEVE & EBVS) and R. Gellé (FVE) who was replaced by C. Buhot.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Report 5th meeting ECCVT

Point 9: K. Östensson requested adding the name of Prof. Dan Larhammer as expert in the EBM matter

Point 10: The abbreviation CPD should be fully written (general principle). K.

Östensson requested to add that criteria must be developed for CPD courses.

F. Gasthuys remarked that an enquiry should be done on the CPD across the EU. C.

Buhot answered that UEVP had done a survey 5 years ago which showed that this is

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a complex issue where it is not easy to get data. He proposed to update this survey. All agreed.

☞ C. Buhot to update the survey on CPD and to forward this information to all ECCVT members for discussion during the next ECCVT meeting.

The minutes were adopted with the corrections mentioned. M. Wanner expressed his thanks to J. Vaarten for the minutes.

4. Current Developments in the field of Veterinary Training

➤ **EAEVE** by M.Wanner

M. Wanner reported on the latest EAEVE activities:

- EAEVE has now an official office in Vienna in the premises of the Austrian Veterinary Chamber. Francesca Popescu, a Romanian veterinarian, works 50% for EAEVE and the evaluation system (secretary).
- EAEVE continued working on the new SOP, especially on stage II. This will be discussed and hopefully adopted by the EAEVE GA. If adopted, EAEVE will contact ENQA to apply for membership.
- Many revisits have been done in the last months with 3 full evaluations. Hanover was evaluated with the new SOP, however the report will not be examined during the next JEC meeting as the indicators still have to be adopted.

➤ **EBVS** by F. Gasthuys

F. Gasthuys reported on the latest EBVS activities:

- Certain colleges within EBVS do not function well enough and some of them have an unbalance between the numbers of diplomats and/or residencies. Criteria were set by the EBVS Executive Committee and a letter was sent to all colleges. This will be discussed in the EBVS GA on 12-13 April together with the new applications.
- In France, the government will recognize all specialists from fully recognized colleges. Which country recognizes which colleges can be seen on the EBVS website.
- The recognition between American and the European Specialisation systems was discussed.

➤ **FVE** by W.Winding

W. Winding reported on the MRSA conference of 3 days earlier. This was a very successful conference with full attendance (>200 persons), constructive discussion and extremely well chaired by J.F. Gremmels. FVE plans to update the FVE leaflet on prudent use of antibiotics. Congratulations were given to FVE for organizing this conference.

L. Pinter remarked that in Croatia a meeting is planned in Zadar from 20 to 24 September 2009 on the same topic. She asked if somebody of FVE could come there to present the main conclusions of the Brussels MRSA meeting. W. Winding said FVE was certainly willing to do so.

5. Legal base for the evaluation system

(see documents by C. Buhot)

C. Buhot reported on his activities regarding the legal base for the evaluation system. He had met many Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to discuss this. All reacted very sympathetically and seemed keen to give their support. Several amendments regarding official recognition of the evaluation system were tabled on the Community Animal Health Strategy (CAHS) report, which were adopted on Committee level. Adoption in plenary will take place in May. Once the report of the EP on the CAHS is adopted, the Commission and Council need to take into consideration the amendments tabled. Attention should be taken that they do implement the adopted amendments.

Amendment 155: Esther De Lange

Motion for a resolution

34. Stresses the need for **economic operators**, veterinary surgeons, **control bodies and other competent authorities** to be provided with effective training in prompt detection of animal-related threats and for support for such training at EU level, together with measures to ensure its consistency; **in this regard an European accreditation system of veterinary schools could help reaching the objective of a high level veterinary education;**

Amendment 156 Bogdan Golik, Bernadette Bourzai

Paragraph 34

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Amendment 157 Jan Mulder

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34. Stresses the need for veterinary surgeons to be provided with effective training in prompt detection of animal-related threats and for an update of EU minimum standards on veterinary training, **together with measures to ensure their implementation;**

F. Gasthuys also mentioned that the EBVS will discuss a proposal to accept only residents from approved veterinary faculties. He asked whether residencies are evaluated in the Stage II accreditation. M. Wanner said that so far the SOP did not include this.

All members of the ECCVT applauded the work done by C. Buhot and thanked him for the excellent results. They gave him wholeheartedly a mandate to further follow this issue.

C. Buhot asked whether a short presentation of the school visitation system could be prepared in order to have it ready when meeting with MEPs, DG, and so forth.

☞ Office to prepare short presentation of school visitation system

6. Meeting with EU Commission, planned for 6 October 2008

N. De Briyne explained that the idea had grown to plan a meeting with European Commission representatives to discuss issues regarding professional recognition of veterinarians and the evaluation system. The aim is to invite DG Sanco, DG Market and

DG Education, EBVS, EAEVE, FVE, C. Roy or C. Rondeau (statutory bodies), L. Hill (RCVS), C. Buhot (UEVP) and some MEPs. Possible agenda points include the update of the minimum training requirements and the legal base for the accreditation system. It was decided that first a short meeting should be held (without the Commission and the MEPs). To show the veterinary profession is speaking with one voice, it was decided that every organization should send a couple of PowerPoint slides to present their organization but that all of them would be presented by one person. The meeting was welcomed by ECCVT members.

- ☞ FVE to prepare a draft agenda for the meeting on 6 October and circulate for comments
- ☞ EAEVE, EBVS and FVE to prepare 5 slides to present their organization and to forward them to the FVE office.

7. Up date Annex V Directive 2005/36

F. Gasthuys

- Inspection and control of animal food of animal origin including environmental chemistry ()

The updated list was discussed (see Annex I):

- “ethnography” is deleted
- The first sentence on food safety was changed to “Inspection and control of food and feed including environmental chemistry” (according to the feed to fork principle).
- It was decided to add “communication skills and management”
- The separate heading for animal production was discussed, which has an historic background. For example herd health control is closely related to preventive medicines. Veterinary hygiene is also not only important in the view of animal production. In some faculties, animal production deals only with farm animals; in others it also includes companion animals. All agreed that a separate heading might not be necessary but it would be advisable to be able to update this annex be through comitology.

The updated Annex V will be placed for discussion on the agenda of the meeting of 6 October.

8. Up date European Code of Conduct.

F. Gasthuys and W. Winding gave an update on the European Code of Conduct. The draft Code will go for adoption to the next FVE G.A.. Catherine Roy is the Chair of the FVE Working Group for the European Code of Conduct. When adopted, it will be forwarded to EBVS and EAEVE for information

9. Brainstorming about common goals of the three organisations in ECCVT

It was decided that the first common goal should be to get a legal base for the evaluation and accreditation system. Second goal: to let the three organisations speak with one Voice!

F. Gasthuys proposed to only send students for an Erasmus exchange to visited and approved faculties. This idea was welcomed.

10. AOB

1/ European Society on Feline Medicine

F. Gasthuys told that EBVS had been contacted by the European Society on Feline Medicine. C. Buhot explained that he knew this organisation very well and that they were a very respectable organisation doing very good CPD.

2/ European School for Advanced Veterinary Studies starting a “European Master of Small animal veterinary medicine”

F. Gasthuys announced that in Luxemburg the “European School for Advanced Veterinary Studies” is starting a “European Master of Small animal veterinary medicine”. All were very concerned that the title ‘master’ is used, found this confusing and even misleading. It was agreed that a formal letter should be drafted in name of all ECCVT members. F. Gasthuys will take the lead in this issue and will draft a letter after discussing it with the EBVS Annual Meeting. C. Buhot will discuss it during the FECAVA meeting.

For more information:

http://www.uni.lu/formations/fstc/european_master_of_small_animal_veterinary_medecine

3/ W. Winding reported on the communication tool FVE is developing together with DG Sanco named the “EU Veterinary Week” on the topic of promoting the community animal health project and specifically on “biosecurity”.

11. Next meetings

Next ECCVT meeting: Tuesday 7 October 2008, FVE chairing

Agenda (outcome meeting 6 October, conclusion minutes of GA’s, enquiry on CPD)

Info:

EAEVE GA 13-15 May 2009 Hanover

EBVS AGM 17 April 2009 Brussels

ANNEX I

Proposal for Directive 2005/36: Annex V

Second version (11/04/08)

A. Basic subjects: orientated towards veterinary medicine

- Physics
- Chemistry (inorganic and organic sections)
- Animal biology, zoology, cell biology
- Feed plant biology and toxicology
- Biomedical statistics and information acquisition

B. Specific subjects related to main domestic animal species

Ba. Basic sciences

- Anatomy, histology, embryology and topography
- Physiology
- Biochemistry
- General and molecular genetics
- Pharmacology, pharmacy and pharmacotherapy
- Toxicology
- Parasitology, bacteriology, mycology, virology, prion diseases and zoonoses
- Immunology
- Epidemiology and environmental health
- Professional ethics

Bb Clinical sciences

- Obstetrics, reproduction and reproductive disorders
- Pathology, pathological anatomy, necropsy, and teratology
- Clinical medicine and surgery including anesthesiology
- Clinical training
- Preventive medicines and vaccines
- Medical imaging
- Veterinary state medicine and public health
- Veterinary legislation, forensic health and certification
- Therapy
- Propaedeutics
- Animal nutrition
- Immunopathology
- Animal ethology and welfare

C. Animal production

- Animal production and breeding
- Herd health management and economics
- Animal husbandry
- Veterinary hygiene

D. Food quality and safety

- Inspection and control of food and feed (according to the feed to fork principle) including environmental chemistry.
- Food hygiene and technology including analytical chemistry
- Practical work in places for slaughtering and processing of food

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