

ECCVT – European Co-ordinating Committee of Veterinary Training

1. Introduction

The three organisations the “European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education” (EAEVE), the “European Board for Veterinary Specialization” (EBVS) and the “Federation of Veterinarians of Europe” all have a strong interest in the training of veterinarians in Europe.

To coordinate their goals and actions, it was decided in a meeting of EAEVE, FVE and the European Board of Veterinary Specialization (EBVS) on 24 November 2004 to involve EBVS in the work of the Joint Education Committee (JEC). As a result, a new committee named the European Coordination Committee for Veterinary Training (ECCVT) was created which is supervised by their executive committees/boards (which meet about twice a year).

2. Objectives

To benefit the progress of the veterinary profession and to ensure a comparably high standard of pre- and postgraduate veterinary training, the ECCVT shall assist the 3 founding organisations (EAEVE, EBVS and FVE) to coordinate their policies on veterinary pre- and postgraduate training.

All matters relating to pre- and postgraduate training and recognition of the professional are dealt with.

This is achieved by:

- Exchange of information about the content, level, training methods and structure of theoretical and practical courses.
- Overseeing the functioning of EBVS, by reviewing the minutes and recommendations from EBVS General Assemblies.
- Promoting quality assurance.
- Making recommendations for definitions of final attainment levels for knowledge and skill levels in pre and post graduate veterinary training.
- Making recommendations for the approval of procedures for the recognition of veterinary postgraduate training;
- Making recommendations for the harmonisation of veterinary pre- and postgraduate training;
- Making recommendations to both the Executive Committee of EAEVE and the Board of FVE about the operation of the evaluation system.
- After approval by the Boards and Executive Committees of the founding organisations, making representation to relevant European and international bodies with respect to veterinary postgraduate training.