

Report of the Committee for Internal Quality Assurance

General Assembly of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE)

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The Committee for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) is a standing committee of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE). The activities of CIQA are defined in the “CIQA Rules of Operation”:

“The mission of the EAEVE is to evaluate, promote and further develop the quality and standard of Veterinary Medical Establishments and their teaching within, but not limited to, the member states of the European Union (EU).

The vision of the EAEVE is to be the official accreditation agency of veterinary training in Europe. The evaluation system gives assurance to the public, to the current and future students and to the Veterinary Establishment itself that the veterinary education at the establishment reaches pre-defined quality standards and that appropriate quality assurance (QA) mechanisms are implemented in order to maintain the level of training. Since the internal quality assurance of an accreditation agency is a precondition of trustworthy, reliable and transparent evaluation, EAEVE has a Committee of Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA). The main task of CIQA is checking the procedures of EAEVE from a QA point, giving suggestions for improvement and providing guidance on QA.”

CIQA has been working according to “CIQA Rules of Operation. Since CIQA was created and its members were nominated by the General Assembly (GA), CIQA reports to it every year. The present document summarises CIQA’s work in the recent year.

1. Dates of CIQA meetings

- 16th CIQA Meeting 29th May, 2018, Hanover
- 17th CIQA Meeting 25th October, 2018, Vienna
- 18th CIQA Meeting 28th May, 2019, Zagreb

2. CIQA internal issues

- Summary of EAEVE activities 2014-2018 were evaluated.
- CIQA Quality Improvement Action Plan 2015-2018 was evaluated.

- Oversight of EAEVE activities (ExCom, Office, ECOVE, CIQA) was provided to ExCom.
- CIQA Quality Improvement Action Plan 2019-2021 was discussed.
- CIQA reports to GA were agreed and accepted.

3. Action points completed

- A proposal with the involvement of IVSA about students' training was prepared.
- Drafts of SOP were commented.
- A General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was suggested.
- New Post-Visitation Questionnaires were produced.
- Procedure on handling third party suggestions and complains was prepared.
- Expert Competency Framework was evaluated and commented.
- Future Quality Assurance trainings were suggested.
- A new feedback form for current E-learning course was created.
- Guidelines for GA organisation were discussed.

4. Regular activities of CIQA

- Evaluation of feedback from GA 2018
- Evaluation of EAEVE yearly activities
- Evaluation of Team Composition 2018
- Evaluation of Post-Visitation Feedback 2018
- Evaluation of outcomes of the ESEVT 2018
- Evaluation of E-learning Feedback

Conclusions of CIQA

- EAEVE is working along the standards and rules.
- The majority of the suggestions of CIQA were accepted by ExCom.
- Feedback from GA 2018 was generally positive; group meetings were suggested by some participants.
- All teams were assembled according to the rules; the experts successfully completed the E-learning course and declared lack of conflicts of interest.
- The vast majority of the post-visitation feedbacks were positive.
- All experts passing the E-learning platform were satisfied; some of them had useful remarks that can be utilised when updating the system.

Overall, CIQA is happy to confirm that activities of EAEVE meet the rules declared in the documents of the association.

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