

VETCEE General Assembly meeting

Brussels, 14 May 2019



VetCEEⁱ General Assembly took place in Brussels on 14 May. Full and Associate Members decided on the actions for next year and elected the new president and treasurer.

VetCEE had the pleasure to welcome Prof Frederik Pille (University of Ghent) and Prof Annemarie Kristensen (University of Copenhagen) to share their experience from the establishment and evaluation of their middle tier veterinary programmes. They provided interesting feedback and had a lively exchange with the audience. Both speakers highlighted the value of the VetCEE Approval for their establishments and for the veterinarians they graduate from those programmes.

The establishment of a new board took also place during this year. The board is currently composed by Dr Andrew Robinson (president), Dr Marjan Tacer (treasurer). Prof Frank Gasthuys (EAEVEⁱⁱ), Prof Jimmy Saunders (EBVSⁱⁱⁱ), Dr Rafael Laguens (FVE^{iv}) and Dr Kenelm Lewis (UEVP^v).

Over 2019, VetCEE Board will look into optimisation of the overall management of the organisation and proceed with actions that will ensure the fulfilment of the VetCEE goals. Additionally, the board

will seek to work in close collaboration with all the members to increase visibility of the organisation to the relevant audiences. They will also continue the work towards a tiered approach in post-graduate veterinary training in close collaboration with the veterinary specialists.

Standard and Dossier of Competences have to be regularly reviewed to ensure that they are fit-for-



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purpose and up-to-date. This will be another priority for the organisation this year. Currently the dossier of competences in porcine health management is under review and the updated version is expected soon. The subcommittee working on this project is jointly supervised by EAPHM^{vi} and ECPHM^{vii}.

VetCEE will soon launch the process for the revision of the Standard, which has to be completed in 2021. A consultation among all members and other stakeholders will be organised as part of the overall process.

The next dossier of competences to be reviewed will be the one in laboratory animal science and medicine (2020) and then in companion animal practice (2021). The supervising organisations will be invited in due course to establish the respective subcommittees to work on those projects.

In the meantime, VetCEE has given the official mandate to the Subcommittee, which works on the development of a new dossier of competences in veterinary public health. The subcommittee is supervised by five organisations^{viii}. This is work in progress.

VetCEE continues this year with the ERASMUS+ programme **HERMES - Harmonisation & Recognition of LAS education and training in MEmber States**. The project looks into creating a framework model for training requirements of professionals as required by article 23 of the Directive 2010/63/EU. VetCEE has been involved to share its expertise in this area of quality assurance and accreditation of training.

Finally, VetCEE is currently preparing a [new modern website](#). In the meantime information is available on the [old webpage](#).

ⁱ VetCEE: Veterinary Continuous Education in Europe

VetCEE is a joint initiative of EAEVE, EBVS, FVE and UEVP. It has developed a Standard for structured continuing professional development and mutual recognition across Europe.

ⁱⁱ EAEVE: European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education

ⁱⁱⁱ EBVS: European Board of Veterinary Specialists

^{iv} FVE: Federation of Veterinarians of Europe

^v UEVP: Union of European Veterinary Practitioners

^{vi} EAPHM: European Association for Porcine Health Management

^{vii} ECPHM: European College of Porcine Health Management

^{viii} EASVO - European Association of State Veterinary Officers,

ECVPH - European College of Veterinary Public Health,

UEVH - Union of European Veterinary Hygienists,

EVERI - European Veterinarians in Education Research and Industry,

FAO AGAH - Animal Production and Health Division - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations